

Academic Rank

- Assistant Professor

Qualifications

- ☐ Holds Ph.D in Art, Design and Humanities, De Montfort University, Leicester, UK.
- ☐ Holds MSc. in Sustainable Design of The Built Environment – Indoor Air Quality. The British University in Dubai, UAE.
- ☐ UAE Bachelor Degree in Interior Design. Ajman University, UAE.

Courses Taught

- ☐ Sustainability in Interior Design
- ☐ Interior Design I
- ☐ Interior Design II & III
- ☐ Lighting & Acoustics in Interior Design
- ☐ Working drawing I & II
- ☐ Graduation Project II

Professional Experience

- ☐ **2020 – till date** Ajman University –Head of Interior Design Department
- ☐ **2024 – till date** Ajman University – Assistant Professor
- ☐ **2013-2024** Ajman University Lecturer
- ☐ **2008 – 2013** Ajman University – Teaching Assistant
- ☐ **2007-2008** Interior Designer (Clive Christian-Dubai). Interior Designer for all projects and site supervision, (palaces and villa's). Marketing for company brand in Europe and Middle East.
- ☐ **2004-2006** Site Engineer (Al-Yarmouk Décor-Sharjah) as a part time. Office and site work, including designing and site execute for all projects.
- ☐ PROJECTS:
 - KARASI Students Textile Art Exhibition-Dubai Mall, organized by Ajman University 2012 (Participated in the installation and event setup).
 - UAE National Day ceiling installation, Ajman University 2013.
 - UAE National Day Event setup, design and execution, Ajman University 2017.
 - UAE National Day Event setup, design and execution, Ajman University 2018.
 - Communities Day, design, setup and execution, Ajman University 2018.
 - Ajman University 2018 Global Day event design, setup and execution

- Students Club Fair design, setup and execution, Ajman University, 2018 & 2019.
- Mentoring students, Solar Decathlon competition, Dubai 2018.
- Students poster presentation, the “Renewable Energy Competition 2019”, organized by the Arab-German Young Academy of Science and Humanities and the American University of Ras Al Khaimah
- Lighting Lab setup and fitout work Ajman University, 2019.
- Global Day event design, setup and execution, Ajman University 2019 & 2020

Other Contributions and Achievements

❖ EXHIBITIONS/WORKSHOPS

- **2021-2022** Joint Lecture with Darmstadt University in the German Pavilion, Expo 2020, Dubai
- **2021** NATIONAL PAVILION UAE, Biennale Italy. Submitting proposal.
- **2021** Public lecture about lighting design, Abu Dhabi University
- **2020** Public transportation competition, France. Students submitted projects related to the course of Sustainability for Interior Design.
- **2019** The “Renewable Energy Competition 2019”, organized by the Arab-German Young Academy of Science and Humanities and the American University of Ras Al Khaimah. AU Student Earns 3rd Spot in Poster Presentation Contest
- **2018** Solar Decathlon Middle East, Dubai
International Conference on Energy, Water and Environmental Science AURAK, American University of Ras Al Khaimah – UAE
Index Exhibition, Dubai world Trade Center, Dubai.
Hotel Show, Dubai world Trade Center, Dubai.
Darmstadt university joint workshop with Ajman University
- **2017** Sustainable City Students Workshop, Dubai
MADE Expo, FIERA MILANO RHO, Italy
Joint workshop with Darmstadt University and Ajman University, Ajman
- **2015** Light Show Exhibition, Sharjah Art Foundation, UAE
Joint workshop with Darmstadt University and Ajman University, Frankfurt
Sustainability Summer School, The British University in Dubai, Dubai
INDEX International Design Exhibition, Dubai World Trade Center, UAE
Green Week Exhibition, World Trade Center, Dubai.
Darmstadt university joint workshop with Ajman University
- **2014** Zook Exhibition and Competition, Ajman University.
Sustainability Summer School, The British University, Dubai.
Bench Mark, the Jamjar, Dubai, UAE November 2013

❖ ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Member of the CAA Review team summer of 2024.
- Head of the CAA Accreditation Committee & Comprehensive program specifications
- Head/Representative of Students Affair Committee in Interior Design Department
- Committee of Lighting & Acoustics Lab
- Head of Course Coordination Committee
- Head of Effectiveness Program Committee
- Head of International Accreditation Committee – National Association of Schools of Art & Design (NASAD)
- Head of Moderators Committee
- Member of the search Committee
- Member of the College Council Committee

- Head of the Curriculum and Development Committee
- Using the Moodle to conduct open book in theoretical courses using objective question to give a new method of assessment to the course.
- Allowing the students to evaluate their peers - Sustainability for ID course).
- In design courses we use the VR and sketch-fab app to allow student to evolve in presentation and learn a new tool.
- Provide Rubric for the assessment and comments for each section on the shared platform to exchange
- knowledge and information, in addition to sharing any other resource online.
- Guest Lecturer in Abu Dhabi university about daylight and artificial light calculation. April, 19th 2021
- Jury Member Panel – Abu Dhabi University, summer of 2022.
- Final Panel member at Abu Dhabi University for Design V Project. June 2021.
- Guest speaker – online, De Montfort University, College of Architecture December 4th, 2020.
- Follow up with all other committees in the department (Material Library, Coloring Lab, Alumni File, Overload, Adjunct and graders schedule, Training file and claims, Advisory Board, Alumni File, Media/Online Insta and student procurements)
- Co-Chair Facility Enhancement Committee
- Inviting 12 External members for the graduation project Panels- online from UK, US, Romania, UAE, Canada. This includes Academics, Senior designers, Company owners and Social media bloggers.
- Working with the career services unit for graduates' market placements.

Research field(s)

- ☐ Building Skins, thermal comfort, human comfort
- ☐ Indoor Environment Quality, Air quality, user's health and Well-being.
- ☐ Interior Design commercial office, Open-plan offices
- ☐ Retail

Publications

Recent Journal Publications

- Irene Pasina, Emanuela Corti, Taher Eldanaf, Dalal Abdullah, Empowering the next generation of women in interior design in the United Arab Emirates through competitive education: a curriculum review, Journal of Architectural Research, Jan 2024, doi: DOI 10.1108/ARCH-09-2023-0256
- Performative Architectural Skins: Towards a Performance-Oriented Theory, Journal of Design & Built Environment, Dec 2024,
- Ayman Kassem Jihad Awad Taher Eldanaf, From Museumification to Performativization. A Performative Approach to Heritage Reuse. Cases from the United Arab Emirates, Future Cities and Environment, Mar 2024, doi: 10.5334/fce.228
- December 2016 THE FLOATING HOUSE, SKINS & SPACES DUBAI (UNITED ARAB EMIRATES) – PALM JUMEIRAH by Taher Salah and Dr. Hanan Taleb © Ideal True Scholar Journal (2016), (ISSN: 2067-7720)

Under Review

- ·Taher S. Eldanaf, Pavol Stefanic, Rawya Dagher, Omnia Altemnah, Riad Saraiji, Sarka Langerc, Gabriel Beköe (2024). Indoor air quality in primary school classrooms in Sweden, Slovakia, and the United Arab Emirates. Journal of Building & Environment. (Q1 Scopus indexed journal). (Under Review).

Conferences

- Measured and perceived IEQ in schools in Sweden, Slovakia and the UAE. 18th Conference of the International Society of Indoor Air Quality and Climate, INDOOR AIR 2024 - Conference Program and Proceedings, 2024
- April 2018 THE ROLE OF THE INTERIOR DESIGN TO PLAN A HAPPY HOME WITH A LOW BUDGET – SHEIKH ZAYED HOUSING PROGRAMME (AJMAN) by: G. Elsayed Ali Elsamanoudy, T. Eldanaf, O. Eltemnah, A. Azmy, D. Abdulaziz
- July 2018 THE ELEMENTS OF NATURAL CONCEPT IN SUSTAINABLE BUILDING SKINS by: Taher Salah, Omnia Mohamed, And Akram Azmy Conference name: EURO-MED-SEC-2: The Second European and Mediterranean Structural Engineering and Construction Conference – The American University of Beirut Copyright © 2018 ISEC Press, ISBN: 978-0-9960437-5-5
- December 2013 SENSORY POLLUTION FROM TREATED WOOD PANELS ON PERCEIVED AIR QUALITY AND HUMAN COMFORT Submitting a conference paper and presenting to SB 13 Conference in Knowledge Village, Dubai

Conferences Under Review

- Measured and perceived IEQ in schools in Sweden, Slovakia and the UAE. Submitted to the the Indoor Air 2024 conference.