

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- **PhD in Applied Linguistics Education, November 2019. University of Exeter, United Kingdom.**

Dissertation: "Towards Learner Centeredness in Higher Education: Exploring English Language Classrooms in the UAE".

- **M.A. in English Language and Communication Research, September 2006, Cardiff University, United Kingdom.**

Dissertation: "A Content Analysis of the Portrayal of Older Adults in Magazine Advertisements in Malaysia".

- **B.A. Honors in English Language, February 2004, University Putra Malaysia, Malaysia.**

Minor in: English Literature.

- **Secondary Education in Awatapu College, Palmerston North, New Zealand and Subang Jaya High School, Malaysia.**

- **Primary School Education, (1986-1991), West End Primary School, Palmerston North, New Zealand.**

UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

- **Ajman University**, Ajman, UAE. Lecturer, TEFL Department, College of Education and Basic Sciences (February 2016 – currently).
 - ❖ Teaching four courses a semester including; Discourse Analysis, Advance Academic Writing, Advance Listening and Speaking, Technology in the Language Classroom, English Writing Skills, Language Learning and Teaching Strategies, Introduction to Literary Genres and Children Literature.
 - ❖ Promote inclusive teaching strategies that implement active learning approaches in the language classroom.
 - ❖ Develop the speaking, reading, listening and writing skills of students through critical strategies both inside and outside of the classroom.
 - ❖ Simulate real world situations like conference settings, trips to literary events, writing and speaking competitions and classroom debate to motivate and engage students.
 - ❖ Facilitate dialogic classrooms whereby students are responsible for their own learning in a mediated and enriching environment.
 - ❖ Use Moodle, YouTube, Google Docs, CiteMe.com, amongst others in promoting interactive and collaborative learning.
 - ❖ Connected Classroom via Stevens Initiative, taught a virtual exchange class with Portland University titled Ideation.
- **American University of Sharjah**, Sharjah, UAE. Instructor, Department of Writing Studies (Fall 2008 to August 2015).
 - ❖ Teach four writing courses per semester, which includes academic critique, argument synthesis research essay, cause-and-effect, Toulmin argument and APA stylistics and citation.
 - ❖ Promote critical thinking and reading materials that relate to the multicultural, multilingual student population.
 - ❖ Develop students' writing skills in the areas of critical reading, argument and idea analysis, rhetorical strategies, argumentation, APA documentation, and academic research.
- **American University of Sharjah**, Sharjah, UAE. Adjunct Instructor, Department of English Language (May 2008 - July 2008).
 - ❖ Taught public speaking and advance academic writing, which included critiquing two or more articles, a process orientated academic research essay, theories and practices of public speaking.
 - ❖ Taught advance critical thinking and analytical skills, encouraged ethical research methods and data collection, improved students research skills and rationales regarding academic research topics.

- **English Language Instructor, Ittihad University**, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE, (Spring 2008).
 - ❖ Taught Academic Writing and Research Strategies. Focus on academic essays, and APA documentation.
- **Assistant Lecturer**, Department of English Language, Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication, University Putra Malaysia (2006-2008).
 - ❖ Taught Public Speaking, Critical Thinking and Advanced Academic Writing.
 - ❖ Improved students' analytical, argumentative writing skills, developed students point of view and position on academic research topics, promoted cross cultural communication and research in writing and speaking.
 - ❖ Improved students' Internet research skills and APA documentation.
 - ❖ Participated in curriculum development, oral and written student feedback.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE

Doctoral Courses on Educational Research and Teaching Practices (University of Exeter, U.K.)

- **The Nature of Educational Research** (Doctoral Student, University of Exeter, Completed 2012).
Title of Study: "Research Approaches in Classroom Pedagogy".
- **TESOL Classroom and Pedagogy: Theory and Practice.** (Doctoral Student, University of Exeter, Completed 2013).
Title of Study: "Remedial Writer Identities: Labeling Multilingual Writers through Placement Tests".
- **Doing and Using Educational Research.** (Doctoral Student, University of Exeter, Completed 2014).
Title of Study: "A Critical Analysis of Educational Research in the Writing Class".
- **Critical Issues in Teaching English.** (Doctoral Student, University of Exeter, Completed 2014).
Title of Study: "Participatory Feedback: Critical action research on dialogic writing classrooms in the Middle East".

- **SPSS and Statistics for Graduate Research.** (Doctoral Student, University of Exeter, Completed 2014).
- **Qualitative Data Analysis for Graduate Research.** (Doctoral Student, University of Exeter, Completed 2014).
- **The Meaning and Practice of Professionalism.** (Doctoral Student, University of Exeter, Completed 2015).

Title of Study: "New or old?: An investigation on language teacher's identity experiences in adopting the 'participatory' approach to pedagogy through active learning spaces in writing classrooms".

Workshops Presented/Organized/Attended at Ajman University:

- Completed workshops on teaching and learning through virtual exchange under Steven's Initiative Connected Classrooms. (08/2020).
- Presented workshop titled 'TOLERANCE AS A HUMAN VALUE', at Ajman University, (05/2019).
- Organized "Brown Bag Dialogue Series: Talking about Teaching". (10/2019).

Faculty Development Committee (FDC) Workshops Attended at AUS

- "'Geographies Matter: Building a Culture of Writing at NYUAD". Workshop presented by members of NYUAD Writing Program. 2015
- "Using EndNote for Research". Presented by AUS Library. 2015.
- "Administering Exams Via iLearn". Presented by Walid Alieldin, Course Management System Administrator, Office of Academic Computing, AUS. 2012.

Writing Center Workshops Presented at AUS

- Delivered Writing Center Workshop titled "Writing the Essay Exam", at American University of Sharjah, (05/2013).

- Delivered Writing Center Workshop titled “Writing Counter Arguments” at American University of Sharjah, (04/2014).
- Delivered Writing Center Workshop titled “Preparing for an Essay Exam” at American University of Sharjah, (05/2011).
- Delivered Writing Center Workshop titled “Taking the Essay Exam” at American University of Sharjah, (01/2011).
- Delivered Writing Center Workshop titled “Counter Arguments” at American University of Sharjah, (05/2010).

Applied Rhetoric Coaching and Adjudication at AUS

- Coached the AUS Debate Team for the NYUAD Debate and Public Speaking inter University Championship 2014.
- Adjudicated in the Finals, Debating and Public Speaking Competition, at American University of Sharjah, (05/2013).
- Adjudicated in the Finals, Debating and Public Speaking Competition, at American University of Sharjah, (09/2012).
- Adjudicated in the Finals, AUS Debating Championship 2010 at American University of Sharjah, (09/2010).
- Adjudicated in the Finals of 5th AUS Inter-Collegiate Debating Championship, American University of Sharjah, (09/2008).

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

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| 08/21 | Faculty Scholar Stevens Initiative Seed Grant Committee, Ajman University. |
| 09/20 – | Member of Research Team, College of Humanities and Sciences, Ajman University. |
| 08/20 – | Academic Ambassador to Malaysia,
Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness, Ajman University. |

CV/TI

- 07/20 – Chair of Volume I, Self-Study Bachelor of English Language and Literature, DFL, Ajman University.
- 09/19 – 20 Chair, Teaching and Learning Committee, DFL, Ajman University.
- 1/19 – 20 Chair, Curriculum Planning and Development Committee, DFL, Ajman University
- 02/19- 04/19 Task Force with Department of Business Administration, AU
- 02/17 – Currently Advisor. Social Committee, TEFL Department, Ajman University
- 09/12 – 2016 Member of Search Committee, Department of Writing Studies, American University of Sharjah.
- 09/13 - 2014 Member of CAS Research Committee, College of Arts and Science, American University of Sharjah
- 09/12 – 2014 Member of Mentoring Committee, Department of Writing Studies, American University of Sharjah.
- 09/10 - 09/13 Member of the Curriculum Committee, Department of Writing Studies, American University of Sharjah.
- 09/09 – 09/11 Member of the Faculty Development Committee, Department of Writing Studies, American University of Sharjah.
- 2011-2012 Course Coordinator for Reading_Writing across the Curriculum, Writing Studies Department, American University of Sharjah.
- 2009-2010 Debate Society Coach, American University of Sharjah
- 2012-2014 Debate Society Coach, American University of Sharjah.
- 2006-2008 Coach for English Debate and Oratory Society, University Putra Malaysia.

PUBLICATIONS

- S. Al-Qatawneh, N. Alsalhi, A. Al Rawashdeh, T. Ismail & K. Aljarrah, (2019). To E-Textbook or not to E-Textbook? A quantitative analysis of the extent of the use of E-Textbooks at Ajman University from Students' Perspectives. *Educ Inf Technol* 24, 2997–3019 (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10639-019-09912-4>
- *Ismail, T. (2018). "Language Assessment and Learner Identities: Labeling Learners through Placement Tests". HICE Conference Proceedings, hiceducation.org/program/.
- Ismail, T. (2015). "Participatory Feedback: Critical action research on dialogic writing classrooms in the Middle East". HKICEPS 2014. Conference Proceedings.
- Ismail, T. (2014). "Sustaining Writer Identities of Freshman Students in the Middle East". ISHUD 2014 Conference proceedings.
- Ismail, T. (2013). "The Language of Advertising and its Portrayal of Older Women" Athens: ATINER'S Conference Paper Series, No: EDU2012-0228. ISSN: 2241-2891.
- Abusalim, A., Bilikozan, N., Ismail, T., Sayed, S., (Ed.) (2012). *Where I Stand: The Center and the Periphery*. London: Pearson Education.
- Ismail, T. (2011). "Advertising Lingo". IJAS 2011 Conference Proceedings, ISSN: 1943-6114.
- Ismail, T. (2009). "A Content Analysis of Older Adults in Malaysian Magazine Advertisements". INTED2009 Conference Proceedings, ISBN: 978-84-612-7578-6.
- *Ismail, T. (2019). "New or old?: An investigation on language teacher's identity experiences in adopting the 'participatory' approach to pedagogy through active learning spaces in writing classrooms". Submitted for publication to TESOL International Journal, awaiting acceptance.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 04/2018 Paper Presented: "Language Assessment and Learner Identities: Labeling Learners through Placement Tests", at the 16th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 02/2015 Graduate Student Research: "Labeling Student Writers at AUS". University of Exeter Academic Writing/TESOL Graduate Research Seminar, Dubai, UAE.
- 12/2014 Paper Presented: "Participatory Feedback: Critical action research on dialogic writing classrooms in the Middle East", at the 3rd International Conference on Education, Psychology and Society, Hong Kong.
- 04/2014 Paper Presented: "Sustaining Writer Identities of Freshman Students in the Middle East", at the Annual International Conference on Sustainable Human Development, Brunel University campus, Uxbridge, London, United Kingdom.
- 03/2013 Paper Presented: "Media in the 21st Century: An analysis of its association to culture, pedagogy and identities of subgroups" at the International Journal of Arts and Science Conference, University of Nevada Las Vegas, USA.
- 05/2012 Paper Presented: "The Language of Advertising and It's Portrayal of Women" at The International Conference on Education in Athens, Greece.
- 05/2011 Paper Presented: "Advertising Lingo" at The International Journal of Arts and Science Conference in Harvard, Boston, U.S.A.
- 10/2010 Paper Presented: "Older Adults in Advertisements" at The Florida Communication Association Convention 2010 in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, U.S.A.
- 03/2009 Paper Presented: "A Content Analysis of Older Adults in Malaysian Magazine Advertisements", at the International Technology, Education and Development Conference (INTED).

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- 09/2007 Paper Presented: "The Portrayal of Older Women in Comparison to Older Men in Malaysian Magazine Advertisements", at the 6th MICOLLAC 2007, Subang Jaya, Malaysia.
- 04/2006 Paper Presented: "A Portrayal of Older Adults in Malaysian Magazines: A Content Analysis Of" at 5th ASIACALL Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 04/2003 Paper Presented: Environment and Sustainable Development Strategies in South East Asia, preparation and submission of tabled proposal to all South East Asian Governments on the implementation of innovative sustainable measures in tandem with development goals and objectives, at The 6th Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative, (Malaysian Youth Envoy).
- 04/2001 "Young Envoys Environmental Conference 2001: Environmental Sustainability in Malaysia", paper presented at United Nations Environment Program, University of Wollongong, Australia, (Malaysian Youth Envoy, UNEP).

PROFESSIONAL GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Stevens Initiative Faculty Scholar Grant 2021.
- AU Funded Research Grant AY (2021-22 IRG/IDG).
- AUS Research and Conference Grants (2009-2015, 7 total).
- University Putra Malaysia Tutorship Grant for MA program (2004-2006).
- HITACHI Young Leaders Initiative Grant (2003).
- UNEP Youth Envoys Grant (2001).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member of TESOL Arabia 2011- present.
- Member of FCA: Florida Communication Association, 2011-present.
- Member of World Universities Debate Organization, 2004-present.
- Member of HITACHI Young Leaders Program, 2003-present.

APPLIED RHETORIC EXPERIANCE

- 04/2007 Finals Adjudicator in the IMU 6th National Health Sciences Debate, at The International Medical University, Bukit Jalil, Malaysia.
- 09/2006 Deputy Chief Adjudicator in the 10th Royal Malaysian Inter-Varsity Debating Competition, at University of Sarawak, Sarawak, Malaysia.
- 12/2004 Adjudicator in the World Universities Debating Championships 2004/2005, at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.
- 07/2004 **ESL Debating Champion** at the Australasian Debating Competition 2004, University Technology Sydney, Sydney, Australia.
- 05/2004 **Semi Finalists** in the 6th All Asians Inter-Varsity Debating Championships, at Assumption University Bangkok, Thailand.
- 07/2003 **ESL Debating Champion** in The Australasian Debating Competition 2003, Multimedia University, Cyberjaya, Malaysia.
- 12/2002 **ESL Finalist and Top 30 Best Debater** in The World Universities Debating Championships 2002/2003, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.
- 12/2001 Debated in The World Universities Debating Championships 2000/2001, Toronto University, Toronto, Canada.
- 05/2001 **Public Speaking Finalist and Debater** in the 3rd All Asians Inter-Varsity Debating Championships 2001, College of Saint Bernille, Manila, Philippines.
- 04/2000 **Debating Champion** in the ASEAN Environmental Debating Competition 2000, University Malaya, Malaysia.

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