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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced Islamic Studies Lecturer with a deep passion for fostering a comprehensive understanding of Islamic culture, history, and theology. Proficient in creating an engaging and inclusive learning environment for students of diverse backgrounds, utilizing a dynamic teaching approach that combines academic rigor with practical relevance. With a robust academic and professional network, I am well-connected within the field, enabling collaboration with scholars and institutions worldwide. Committed to promoting intercultural understanding, critical thinking, and religious scholarship, I am seeking to contribute my expertise and enthusiasm to a reputable academic institution. My goal is to empower the next generation of scholars and bridge cultural divides through education.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

2021 **Ph.D. in Islamic Studies (*Fiqh & Usul*)**
University of Malaya, (top 100 Universities), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2008-2009 **M.A. (Master of Art) in Islamic studies.**
University of Gloucestershire, UK.

2007-2008 **Postgraduate Diploma in Islamic Studies in English Language**
Alfateh Islamic Institute, Damascus, Syria.

2006-2007 **High Diploma in Islamic Jurisprudence.**
Faculty of Islamic Law, Damascus University, Damascus, Syria.

2005-2006 **Diploma of Educational Qualification**
Faculty of Education, Al-Baath University, Homs, Syria.

2000-2004 **B.A. (Bachelor of Art) in Islamic Law.**
Faculty of Islamic Law, Damascus University, Damascus, Syria.

Key Skills

- **Subject Matter Expertise**
Deep knowledge of Islamic studies, including a strong understanding of the Quran, Hadith, Islamic jurisprudence, theology, history, and contemporary issues.
- **Teaching Apagogical Skills**
Developed and delivered engaging lectures on Islamic culture, Civilization, theology, and ethics, fostering a classroom environment that encouraged critical thinking and active participation.
- **Interdisciplinary Approach**
Incorporated sociological and historical perspectives into Islamic studies courses, offering students a broader context for understanding the development of Islamic thought and practice.
- **Bilingual Proficiency**
Fluent in Arabic and English, enabling the interpretation of classical Islamic texts and facilitating communication with students from Arabic/English-speaking backgrounds. Translated and analysed Arabic manuscripts to support research and enhance course materials.
- **Cultural inclusivity**
Dedicated to implementing teaching strategies that encourage open dialogue and critical thinking about the complex issues within Islamic studies, nurturing an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding.
- **Research and Publications**
Published peer-reviewed articles in leading academic journals of Islamic Studies on topics related to contemporary Islamic law, thought and culture. Participated in International conferences in Islamic Studies.

CAREER HISTORY

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| 2018- Present | Lecturer of Islamic Studies Ajman University, College of Humanities and Sciences, Ajman, UAE. |
| 2020-Present | Course Leader of Islamic Culture and Civilization Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Ajman University, UAE |
| 2013-2018 | Head of Islamic Studies Department Dubai English Speaking School |
| 2010-2012 | Head of Islamic and Social Studies Department. |

Int. School of Creative Science, Sharjah, UAE

- 2010 **Visiting Lecturer of Islamic and Modern Arabic Language**
The Islamic European Faculty, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2010 **Visiting lecturer of Islamic & Arabic for non-Arabic Speakers**
ISAR, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2009-2010 **Acting research associate**
Tabah Foundation, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2009 **Co- translator and researcher**
Al-fatih Islamic Institute, Damascus, Syria
- 2008 **Islamic Studies Instructor for non-Arabic speakers**
Darul-Arqam Educational Trust, Leicester, UK
- 2005-2007 **Instructor of Islamic Studies**
Al-Ibaa' Al-Arabi Secondary School, Damascus, Syria

TAUGHT COURSES

- ❖ Islamic Law and its Principles (*Usul Fiqh*)
- ❖ Islamic Theology (*Aqeedah*)
- ❖ Hadith Studies
- ❖ Analytical Interpretation of the Holy Quran
- ❖ Worship Studies (*Fiqh al-Ibadat*)
- ❖ Arabic Language for non-Arabic Speaker
- ❖ Islamic Culture for Arabic Speaking Students
- ❖ Islamic Culture for English Speaking students
- ❖ The prophet's Biography
- ❖ Islamic Civilization (English)
- ❖ Islamic Family Law
- ❖ Emirates Studies
- ❖ Fqih of contemporary Financial and Banking Transactions
- ❖ Islamic Criminal Law

COMPLETED RESEARCHES

- The Significance of Fatwa and the Jurist qualification in the jurisprudence of Contemporary events. 11th International conference of Islamic Law, October 18-19, 2022. Malaya University- Malaysia.
- Democracy: An Islamic perspective- Al-Anbar University Journal for Islamic Studies. 2020.
- Authentic grounding of the rules of declaring another Muslim as non-believer: a juristic analytical study. Malaysian Journal of Sharia and Law (Scopus indexed journal). 2020.
- The impact of Fanaticism on Society and its remedy. Journal of research and Islamic Studies. Egypt- 2020.
- Establishing the Ratio point in declaring disbelief on the ground of loyalty to Non-Muslims. Journal of Historical and cultural studies. Tikrit University-2020.
- The Status of Dhimmis in Islamic Law, comparative study with secular Law (MA dissertation).
- Establishing foundational legal rulings on Takfir in Islamic jurisprudence and their applications by fanatics in the Contemporary Context. (In press).

Membership of Professional and Academic Committees

- Member of MA and PhD Thesis Examinations committee, Fiqh & Usul Department, Academy of Islamic Studies, Malaya university, 2024.
- Advisory Board committee, College of Humanities and Sciences, Ajman University, 2023.
- International Academic Affairs Committee, College of Humanities and Sciences, Ajman University, 2023-present.
- Member of the College of Humanities and sciences' Council, representing the Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies. Ajman University, 2021-present.
- *Masar* Career Excellence Committee, providing students with the relevant tools and knowledge to meet the current and future needs of the regional job market, 2023-present.
- Academic Advisor in the department of Psychology, Ajman university, 2019-present.

- Committee Member of developing Teaching Arabic Language for non-Arabs Program at Ajman University. 2022.
- Committee member of Translation and Editing at Ajman University, 2019-2022.

COURSES & WORKSHOPS

- Durham Islamic finance Summer program, 2024, Durham University, UK.
- Designing a High-Quality Student Centric Course Syllabus, August 2024, Ajman University.
- Manuscript editing, 2023, Juma AI-Majid Centre for Culture and Heritage, Dubai, UAE.
- Assessment and Evaluation in Online Learning, 2023, Qaspir Foundation for soft skills.
- Course Planning, 2023, Qaspir Foundation for soft skills, (6 Contact Hours).
- Writing Learning Outcomes, 2023, Qaspir Foundation for soft skills, (6 Contact Hours).
- The lecture, Purpose and Strategies, 2022, Qedex Platform for Institutions and Educators, (6 Contact Hours)
- Post Modernity thinking workshop, 2020, University of Malaya, Malaysia.
- Islamic Studies Symposium, 2018, AUD, Dubai
- Standardized Islamic Assessment, 2017, HDTC, Dubai
- Islamic Studies Assessment and rubrics, Razi group and BSME, 2013, Dubai. UAE.
- Workshop on Effective Instructor, Sharjah Educational council, 2012, Sharjah, UAE.
- Short course in Instructor self-improvement, Instructors Society, 2011, Sharijah, UAE.
- Interfaith Dialogue (The Concept of Monotheism Abrahamic Religions), August, 2009, St. Philip Center, Leicester, UK.
- Guest Speaker on the topic of “Christian Muslim relations in Syria”, July, 2009, St. Philip Center, Leicester, UK.
- Conference on Global Recession: Islamic Perspective & Solution, March, 2009, Moat Community College, Leicester, UK.
- Workshop in the conference of Christians & Muslims, side by side, face to face (Living in a Multi-faith Society), June.2009, Derby, UK

- Presentation on the topic of “The emergence of legal Muslim schools of thought”, March, 2008, Leicester, UK.
- Course in Faith Community Development, November 2008, St. Philip Center, UK.
- Workshop in International Educational Forum (Teaching Skills), April 2008, Leicester, UK.
- Workshop on “Shariah in the work place”, May, 2008, Norton Rose Foundation, London, UK.

Research Interests

- Historical Development of Islamic Jurisprudence and its Principles (Fiqh & Usul)
- Islamic Education and Knowledge Transmission
- Higher Objectives of Islamic Law (*Maqasid al-Shariah*)
- Islamic Family Law and Modern Legal Systems
- Interfaith and intercultural dialogue
- Islamic Jurisprudence of Financial Transactions
- Combating Fanaticism
- Deconstructing Extremist Discourse

REFEREES

- ❖ **Dr. Abdullah Sahin**
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