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CAREER SUMMARY

- 2 ½ years University EFL Instructor
- Founder & Coordinator, Arab-American Writing Partners
- 1 year KSAALT-TESOL Riyadh Chapter Secretary
- 11 years Higher Education ESL Lecturer
- 6 years IEP ESL Lecturer
- 6 years Adult Education ESL Instructor
- 2 years Coordinator, Intermediate Level Instruction
- 1 year Editor ESL student publication
- 4 ESL presentations

EDUCATION

M.A. TESOL 1987
WILLIAM CAREY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Certificate TESOL 1983
WILLIAM CAREY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Credential Elementary Bilingual Teaching 1981
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

B.S. General Studies 1980
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

August 2014-Present Full-time EFL Lecturer *Alfaisal University* Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

- Taught all levels, all skills Academic English in University Preparatory Program.
- Coordinated Intermediate Level English Instruction.
- Coordinated Arab-American Writing Partners.
- Served on Faculty Development and Curriculum Committees.

August 2011-July 2013 Adjunct ESL Professor *Northern Virginia Community College* Alexandria, VA

- Taught Intermediate, Advanced Speaking, Reading, Writing.
- Served on Social Committee.

May 2011-May 2012 Adjunct ESL, Civics Instructor *Montgomery College* Wheaton, MD

- Taught Intermediate, Advanced Life Skills English, U.S. Civics.
- Assessed student mastery with CASAS instrument.

April 2009-July 2011 ESL Instructor *English Now!* Bethesda, MD

- Taught all levels, all skills of Life Skills English.
- Acted as Interim Executive Director.
- Trained visiting Chinese EFL teachers.
- Revised Needs Assessment form, Placement Test.
- Organized and presented at in-house Professional Development workshop.
- Conducted market research of ESL programs at colleges and universities in greater DC area.

October 2007-August 2008 ESL Lecturer *Pacific International Academy, Marylhurst University* Portland, OR

- Taught all levels, all skills Academic English in IEP.

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September 2005-March 2008 ESL, Civics Instructor *Adelante Mujeres* Forest Grove, OR

- Taught Life Skills English, U.S. Civics to low-income Hispanic women.
- Assessed student mastery with CASAS instrument.
- Honed teaching skills at quarterly CASAS conferences.
- Developed multifaceted relationships with program participants through celebration of Hispanic culture and regular program retreats.

September 1996-August 2005 Adjunct ESL Lecturer *Portland Community College* Portland, OR

- Taught all levels, all skills Academic English.
- Served as Editor, 2004/05 Fall, Winter, Spring editions “The Ambassador,” PCC’s quarterly publication of outstanding student essays, artwork.
- Tutored writing at all 4 campuses.

January 1987-August 1992 Adjunct ESL Lecturer *Lewis and Clark College* Portland, OR

- Taught all levels, all skills Academic English in IEP.
- Taught content electives: American Culture, Math, Drama, Health in the U.S.
- Wrote new curriculum, piloted course, “Health in the U.S.”

AWARDS

- Excellence in Service and Teaching *Portland Community College* May 2007

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Professional Societies

- KSAALT-TESOL (Riyadh Chapter Secretary)
- TESOL Arabia
- TESOL International
- WATESOL
- ORTESOL

Publications

- “Boston in the Wake of Newtown,” WATESOL Newsletter, Winter 2014

Presentations

- KSAALT-TESOL Riyadh Chapter Workshop “It’s Greek to Me! A Demonstration of how to Introduce Stems & Affixes to Students,” Winter 2017
- English Now! Workshop “Using Songs to Teach ESL,” Spring 2011
- ORTESOL Conference “Songs in Second Language Pronunciation Learning: Research Findings and Pedagogical Applications,” Spring 1987
- PCC Workshop “Using Art to Reduce Classroom Anxiety,” Winter 1983

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Values and Aspirations of College Women in Saudi Arabia

CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

- MS Office (Word, Excel, Outlook)
- Learning Management Systems (Moodle, Blackboard)
- Other (Smartboard, ELMO)

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Overseas Student, USC Extension. Madrid, Spain
- Student Ambassador, Beverly Hills Lion’s Club. Toyohashi, Japan

