

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Multilingual-Multicultural Education, Florida State University	1994
Ed. S. in Multilingual-Multicultural Education, Florida State University	1988
M. S. in Criminology, Florida State University	1985
B.S. in Law, University of Jordan, Amman	1982

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

<i>Associate Professor of Arabic</i> , Department of Languages, Histories, and Cultures, Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL.	2018-present
<i>Associate Professor of Arabic Studies</i> , Department of Modern Languages, DePaul University, Chicago, IL.	2015-2018
<i>Assistant Professor of Arabic</i> , Department of Modern Languages, DePaul University, Chicago, IL.	2008-15
<i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic</i> , Department of Modern Languages, DePaul University, Chicago, IL.	2006-08
<i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic</i> , Summer Teacher Training Program, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT.	2007
<i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic</i> , Department of Liberal Education, Columbia College, Chicago, IL.	2005-06
<i>Part Time Faculty (online)</i> , Islamic Studies, The Wilmette Institute, Evanston, IL.	2004, 2006, 2010
<i>Part Time Faculty of Arabic</i> , Department of Modern Languages, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL.	2003-04
<i>ESL Instructor</i> , Saudi Arabian International Schools, North Campus School, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	1992-97
<i>Instructor Arabic/ESL/Computer</i> , Presidency of Girls Education, Adult Education, Yanbu Al-Sinnaiyah, Saudi Arabia	1988-91

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS IN ACADEMIA

<i>Modern Languages Coordinator</i> , Department of Languages, Histories, and Cultures. Bethune Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL	2018-present
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Arabic Studies Director , Department of Modern Languages, DePaul University, Chicago, IL	2007-2018
Arabic Program Coordinator , Department of Liberal Education, Columbia College, Chicago, IL	2005-06
Arabic Program Coordinator , Department of Modern Languages, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL	2003-04
Curriculum Consultant , Boys School, Dar Al-Fikr Schools, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	1998-99
Curriculum Director , Girls School, Dar Al-Fikr Schools, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	1997-98
Arabic Extended Program Coordinator , Foreign Language Program, Saudi Arabian International Schools, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	1992-97
Program Coordinator , Adult Education Program, Presidency of Girls Education, Foreign Language & Computer Units, Yanbu Al-Sinnaiyah, Saudi Arabia	1988-91
Associate Project Manager , Vocational Content Test-Bank Project, Center for Instructional Development and Services (CIDS), Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL	1987-88
Associate Project Manager , Adult and Community Education Network, Center for Instructional Development and Services (CIDS), Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL	1985-87

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

Capital Campaign Manager , Baha'i National Center, Treasurer Office, Evanston, IL Managed all aspects of a comprehensive national capital campaign, and raised over \$36 million.	2001-05
Senior Program Consultant , Jeddah Chamber of Commerce, Woman's Training Center, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia Established the Center, created its policies and procedures, held conferences and training sessions, and developed and implemented language and vocational certificates relevant to the Saudi market.	1998-2000
President and Senior Consultant , Global Education and Training Services Inc., Tallahassee, FL Provided education, media, cultural training, and consultation to major Middle East institutions including Jeddah Chamber of Commerce, Jeddah National Guard Hospital, Arab News, the Saudi Gazette, and others.	1997-2001
Education and Training Director , Wazn for Training and Development, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia Managed the education unit, generated and implemented training programs and workshops, consulted with educational institutions.	1996-1997

COURSES TAUGHT

Bethune Cookman University Courses:

MLC 131: Basic Arabic I
MLC 132: Basic Arabic II
CJ 389: Criminology
CJ 131: Introduction to Criminal Justice
HUM 225: Humanities

DePaul University Courses:

Language Courses (Arabic)

- ARB101, 102, 103 – Beginning Arabic
- ARB104, 105, 106 – Intermediate Arabic
- ARB201, 202, 203 – Advanced Arabic

Language Content Courses (Arabic)

- ARB301/401 – Broadcast Media
- ARB302/402 – Print Media
- ARB311/411 – Arabic Short Story
- ARB313/413 – Arabic Film
- ARB320/420 – Business Arabic
- ARB330/430 – Arabic Translation
- ARB350/450 – Arabic Literature
- ARB 496 – Arabic Practicum
- ARB 299 – Independent Study (10 courses)
- ARB 499 – Independent Study (6 courses)
- ARB 497 – Special Topics in Arabic Language & Studies (5 courses)

Content Courses (English)

- MOL340/440 – Arab Culture
- MOL341/441 Media in the Arab World
- MOL342/442 Arabic Literature in Translation

Other Courses (English)

- MOL 496: MA Capstone
- MOL349/MOL449/SEC349/T&L449: Teaching Modern Languages
- MOL454/BBE560/WLE360: Second Language Acquisition
- MPS 612: Intercultural Communication in Organization

Other Courses (Arabic) – grant supported courses

- MOL 379/479: Special Topics: Methods of Teaching Arabic
- MOL 379/479: Methods of Teaching Arabic as a Second Language
- MOL 379/479: Special Topics: Assessment in the Arabic Language Classroom
- MOL 379/479: Special Topics: Teaching Arabic with Technology

Other Non-DePaul Courses:

- Introduction to Islam (The Wilmette Institute)
- Islam for Deepening and Dialogue (The Wilmette Institute)
- Arabic Teacher Training (Middlebury College)

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Internal Grants:

- Competitive Paid Leave for Winter 2011, DePaul University Research Council (URC) grant [Completed my collection of short stories in Arabic, translation of a collection of

short stories (*Walk* by Saud Qubailat), and translation of a novel (*You As Of Today* by Tayseer Al-Sboul), all published in 2012.]

External Grants Outside DePaul:

Solicited, facilitated, and secured two grants to support the establishment of *The Series of Arabic Language, Literature, and Culture* at Michigan State University Press, which I founded and currently serve as its editor. **\$12,000.**

- The Honorary Jordanian Consul General – Chicago Office in partial support of the publication of the translation of *Desert Sorrows*, a poetry collection by Tayseer al-Sboul (Arabic to English) to Michigan State University Press of **\$2,000.** (2012)
- The Jordanian Ministry of Culture, Amman, Jordan. A grant to support the publication of the translation of four Jordanian literary manuscripts by The Arabic Language, Literature and Cultural Series at Michigan State University Press \$10,000. (2017-2020)

External Grants DePaul:

Solicited, awarded, managed, and implemented the following grants for a total of **\$494,655:**

- *Chicago Arabic Teachers' Council* – Qatar Foundation International. Yr 3 (**14,000**), 12/1/2015 – 6/30/2016.
- *Chicago Arabic Teachers' Council* – Qatar Foundation International. Yr 3 (**\$33,737**), 8/1/2014 – 12/30/2015.
- *Chicago Arabic Teachers' Council* – Qatar Foundation International. Yr 2 (**\$25,000**), 9/13/2013 – 6/30/2015.
- *Chicago Arabic Teachers' Council* – Qatar Foundation International. (**\$50,000**), 9/13/2012 – 8/31/2013.
- *DePaul Arabic StarTalk – Student Program.* National Security Agencies, (**\$57,818**), 6/1/2009 – 2/28/2010.
- *DePaul Arabic StarTalk: Teacher Program,* National Security Agencies, (**\$62,131**), 6/1/2009 – 2/28/2010.
- *DePaul Arabic StarTalk: Teacher Program.* National Security Agencies, (**\$84,433**), 5/1/2008 – 4/30/2009.
- *National Arabic Language Conference.* Director of National Intelligence, (**\$29,997**), 2/1/2008 – 9/15/2008.
- *DePaul Arabic StarTalk: Student Program.* National Security Agencies, (**\$65,539**), 5/1/2008 – 11/30/2008.

Assist students and teachers with applying for and securing external scholarships to study Arabic Studies and World Language Education Arabic at DePaul. Serve as faculty internal mentor, a condition for maintaining the scholarships.

- Qatar Foundation International (QFI) *Student Fellow Scholarships* Yr 4, **\$72,000** 9/2015– 8/2016
- Qatar Foundation International (QFI) *Student Fellow Scholarships* Yr 3, **\$24,000** 9/2014 – 8/2015
- Qatar Foundation International (QFI) *Student Fellow Scholarships* Yr 2, **\$72,000** 9/2013 – 8/2014
- Qatar Foundation International (QFI) *Student Fellow Scholarships* Yr 1, **\$72,000** 9/2012 – 8/2013

CREATIVE AND SCHOLARLY WORK

(PUBLISHED)

Books

Creative Writing (Peer Reviewed)

Akhtarkhavari, N. *بين الحضور والغياب – Between Presence and Absence* (12 short stories – Arabic). Amman, Jordan: Dar Ward. 2012. (Six of the twelve stories in the collection were first published in print in Azzaman newspaper - London, England.)

Translations (Peer Reviewed)

Rumi, J. D. *The Wine of Reunion: The Arabic Poems of Rumi*. [The second volume of Rumi Arabic poems from Divan Sham-i-Tabrizi]. Trans. Akhtarkhavari, N., Lee, A. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press. (October 2017)

Gharibeh, H. *The Cat Who Taught Me How To Fly: An Arab Prison Novel*. Trans. Akhtarkhavari, N. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press. (1 January 2017) see review in Jordan Times, May 17, 2017 at: <http://www.jordantimes.com/news/features/scent-jasmine-spreads-resistance>

Al-Sboul, T. *You As Of Today My Homeland: Stories of War, Self, and Love* [Novella and two short stories]. Trans. Akhtarkhavari, N. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press. (1 July 2016) see interview in Ezra Vol.10 #3 at: <http://www.ezrtranslation.com/current-issue/>, see review in Jordan Times, September 25, 2016 at: <http://www.jordantimes.com/news/features/nation-drowning-sadness%E2%80%99>

Rumi, J.D. *Love is My Savior: The Arabic Poems* [the first 35 Arabic poems from Divan Sham-i-Tabrizi]. Trans. Akhtarkhavari, N., Lee, A. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press. (February 2016) Listed in *Oprah O Magazine*, February 2016 [Reading Room: P. 93] as one of 10 Titles in Translation. Also listed by *Amazon* as #1 New Release in Middle East Poetry (2016), and listed by *Word Literature Today* as one of the 75 notable translations for 2016.

Al-Sboul, T. *Desert Sorrows* [35 Poems – Arabic and English]. Trans. Akhtarkhavari, N. and Lee, N. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press. (April 2015) Listed by *Word Literature Today* as one of the 75 notable translations for 2015. Also selected by *Michigan State University Poetry Center* as the Book of Choice for 2015 with invitation to Dr. Akhtarkhavari to participate in The Center's Poetry Celebration as a guest speaker and translator.

Al-Sboul, T. *أنت منذ اليوم – You As of Today* (novel – dual language). Trans. Akhtarkhavari, N. Amman, Jordan: The Jordanian Writers Society through Arab Scientific Publishers, Inc. 2012.

Qubailat, S. *مشي – Walk* (collection of prison short stories). Trans. Akhtarkhavari, N. Amman, Jordan: Dar Ward. 2012.

Journal Volume

TAFL Journal in Arabic (Peer Reviewed)

Akhtarkhavari, N. & Alesh, M (eds.) *Teaching Arabic in the United States*. Vol. 1. Funded by the National Multi-Security Agencies. Edited and published by DePaul Arabic Studies Program, Chicago, IL. (2008; reprinted 2009): Articles are also available online: <http://tafljournal.org/articles/>

Book Chapter

Arabic Standards (Peer Reviewed)

Alosh, M., N. Akhtarkhavari, et.al. “Standards for Learning Arabic K-16 in the United States.” *Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century: National Standards in Foreign Language Education Project*. 3rd Edition, pp. 111-156. Lawrence, KS: Allen Inc. Press and American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). [was available in a digital updated version on ACTFL website]

Journal Articles & Translations

Articles – Arabic (Peer Reviewed)

- Akhtarkhavari, N. “دور الرابطة في ترجمة الأدب الأردني” [The Role of Jordanian Writers Society in Translating Jordanian Literature].” *Awraq – The Journal of the Jordanian Writers Society*. Special Volume (43): 41 Years of Creativity and Enlightenment. (August 2015): 29-38. Amman, Jordan.
- Akhtarkhavari, N. “الأدب العربي والفارسي: يلتقيان على متن قبلة ونضال” [Persian and Arabic Literature: Meeting Over a Kiss and Struggle].” *Afkar – The Journal of Jordanian Ministry of Culture*. Vol. 316. (September 2015) 19-27. Amman, Jordan.
- Akhtarkhavari, N. “محمد طمليه: موطيء قلم” [Mohamad Tomaleh: The Footprint of a Pen].” *Afkar – The Journal of Jordanian Ministry of Culture*. Vol. 380. (September 2014): 95-100. Amman, Jordan.
- Akhtarkhavari, N. “أدب تيسير السبول على المفترق الغربي” [Tayseer al-Sboul’s Literature at the Western Crossroads].” *Afkar – The Journal of The Jordanian Ministry of Culture*. Vol. 296. (September 2013): 126-132. Amman, Jordan.
- Akhtarkhavari, N. “تعليم اللغة العربية في الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية” [The Status of Teaching Arabic in the United States].” *Teaching Arabic in the United States*. Vol. 1. (August 2009): 25-45.

Literary Translation – from Arabic to English (Peer Reviewed)

- Al-Sboul, Tayseer. “The Final Shores” [poem]. Trans. Nesreen Akhtarkhavari. *Metamorphoses: Journal for Literary Translation of the Five College Faculty Seminar on Literary Translation*. Vol. 23:2 (Fall 2015)
http://www.smith.edu/metamorphoses/issues/2015fall_contrib.html
- Qubailat, Saud. “The Prisoner,” from *بعد خراب الحافلة – After the Breaking of the Vehicle*. Trans. Nesreen Aktarkhavari. *Banipal – Magazine of Modern Arab Literature*. Vol. 50. (Summer 2014): 94-100. London, England.
- Qubailat, Saud. “Old Noise,” from *كهفي – My Cage*. Trans. Nesreen Aktarkhavari. *Banipal – Magazine of Modern Arab Literature*. Vol 50. (Summer 2014): 101-111. London, England.
- Gharibeh, Hasheem. “A Witness of Prison Life and Writing.” *Banipal – Magazine of Modern Arab Literature*. Vol. 50. (Summer 2014): 141-162. London, England.
- Gharibeh, Hasheem “The Trail,” from *القط الذي علمني الطيران – The Cat that Taught Me How to Fly*. *Banipal – Magazine of Modern Arab Literature*. Vol. 50. (Summer 2014): 141-162. London, England.

- Gharibeh, Hasheem. "Karma," *القط الذي علمني الطيران – The Cat that Taught Me How to Fly*. *Banipal – Magazine of Modern Arab Literature*. (Summer 2014): <http://www.banipal.co.uk/selections/88/292/hashem-gharaibeh/>
- Al-Sboul, Tayseer. "أحزان صحراوية" – Desert Sorrows" [poems]. Trans. Nesreen Akhtarkhavari, *Mantis* (Stanford University). Winter/Spring 2014.
- Qubailat, Saud. "An Invitation, Search, A Pulse, Life, Persistence, Sense, Departure, A Pebble, Hunger, A Butterfly." "مشي" – *Walk*. Trans. Nesreen Akhtarkhavari. *Ezra: An Online Journal of Translation* (Roger Williams University). Spring 2014. http://www.ezratranslation.com/uploads/Ezra_vol_8_2_pdf.pdf

Creative Writing – in Arabic (Peer Reviewed)

- Akhtarkhavari, N. "نكهة البرتقال – The Scent of Orange." *Adab wa Odaba* [online journal] <http://adabwaodaba.com/index.php/القصة/قصيدة/قصيدة/item/1124936-نكهة-البرتقال.html>. December 15, 2013 (short story).
- Akhtarkhavari, N. "رائحة النارج مرة ثانية" – The Scent of Naring Again." *Al-Rai Newspaper*, Cultural Section March 3, 2012: 15079: 6. Amman, Jordan. Also online: <http://www.alrai.com/article/20886.html> (creative non-fiction)
- Akhtarkhavari, N. "لماذا أحب الأردن؟! – Why Do I Love Jordan?" *Al-Rai Newspaper*, Cultural Section June 24, 2011: 14861/41: 8. Amman, Jordan. Also online: http://archive.alrai.com/pages.php?news_id=409964selected (literary essay)

Opinion Editorials and Interviews – in English

- Akhtarkhavari, N. "New Arrests against the Baha'is in Yemen" *Al-Mustaqbal Newspaper*, January 30, 2017. See reference to interview with Al-Hurra on its website <https://www.alhurra.com/a/yemeni-bahai-nesreen-akhtar-khavari-/359260.html>;
- Akhtarkhavari, N. Interview with Al-Hurra TV: Eye on Democracy Program بهائيو اليمن في قبضة "الحوثي" September 16, 2017 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99nzeVKp_-w
- Akhtarkhavari, N. Interview with Al-Hurra TV: Eye on Democracy Program "مقابلة مع الدكتورة نسرین اخترخاوری، عضو مجلس الطائفة البهائية في الولايات المتحدة" August, 18, 2016 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmRIMuL6ArA>
- Akhtarkhavari, N. "A Warning to John Kerry on Middle East Trip: Egypt Could Become the Next Iran." *Christian Science Monitor*. March 1, 2013. Also online: <http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/Opinion/2013/0301/A-warning-to-John-Kerry-on-Middle-East-trip-Egypt-could-become-the-next-Iran> (*republished in Iran News, translated into Arabic and published in Al-Moheet, and was the subject of my interview on Al-Jazeera Arabic television*)

Other Publications

Reports – in English

- Talhami, G., Sweiss, I., Shwahn, M., Nayfeh, M., Shwoaet, N., Akhtarkhavari, N., et. al. "Towards a Sustainable Relationship with the Homeland – A Framework for the Future. A Report Submitted to the Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates." *Honorary Consulate of Jordan in Chicago*. Chicago, IL. (March 2014): p. 19.
- Szczerba, P., Akhtarkhavari, N. "Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya: A Report Submitted by the World Engagement Institute to the Human Rights Council Commission of Inquiry on Libya." *World Engagement Institute*. Chicago, IL. (May 2011): p. 72.

http://www.weinstitute.org/uploads/9/9/2/1/9921626/libya_human_rights_background_paper_wei_18_may_2011.pdf

Manuals – in English

- Building Communication and Decision Making Skills for Effective Organizations* [training manual]. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: Global Education and Training Services, Inc. (2000). 90 pp.
- Consulting for Better Decision-Making* [training manual]. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: Global Education and Training Services, Inc. (2000). 90 pp.
- Networking for Success* [training manual]. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: Global Education and Training Services, Inc. (2000). 90 pp.
- English Language Curriculum Guide for Grades One Through Twelve* [curriculum guide]. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: Dar Al-Fikr Schools. (1999). 22 pp.
- Curriculum Guide for Middle School Tutorial Program*. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: Dar Al-Fikr Schools. (1999). 33 pp.
- Program Guide for High School Tutorial Program*. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: Dar Al-Fikr Schools. (1998). 115 pp.
- Curriculum Guide for High School Tutorial Program*. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: Dar Al-Fikr Schools. (1998). 23 pp.

Websites and Blogs

- “وجهة نظر أخرى – *From a Different Angle*.” Arabic blog addressing minority rights with focus on the rights of the Baha’i in Egypt and Iran. (in Arabic) (2006 – 2009). <http://fromdifferentangle.blogspot.com/>
- “خاطرات امرأة شرقية – *Reflections of an Eastern Woman*.” (2007 – 2010). <http://aneasternwoman.blogspot.com/>
- “TAFL Journal.” [Dual language website with resources, teaching manuals, guidelines, and articles] . <http://tafljournal.org>
- “Media in the Arab World.” <http://arabmedia.ning.com/profile/NesreenAkhtarkhavari>
- “Arab Culture.” <http://arabculture.ning.com/profile/NesreenAkhtarkhavari>
- “DePaul StarTalk Tech 09: Technology Resources for Arabic Instruction.” <http://arabculture.ning.com/profile/NesreenAkhtarkhavari>
- “Intercultural Communication in Organizations.” <http://interculturalcommunication.ning.com/profile/NesreenAkhtarkhavari>

(IN PRESS)

Books

Translation (Peer Reviewed)

Khrais, S. *The Tree Stump*. Trans. Akhtarkhavari, N., East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press. (Forthcoming, May. 2019)

(IN PROGRESS)

Books

Textbook

Akhtarkhavari, N. *Cinema for Arabic Conversation*. Newburyport, MA: Focus Publishing. (Summer 2020) [Contracted]

With Altaie, M. *Reading Culture for Advanced Arabic [textbook]*

With Farag, M. *Business Arabic I [textbook]*

Literature Translation from Arabic to English (Peer Reviewed)

Tarawneh, A. *Bread and Tea*. Trans. Akhtarkhavari, N., East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press. (Forthcoming, December 2019)

Ghalib, H. *Wadie, Saint Melana, and Others*. Trans. Akhtarkhavari, N., East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press. (Forthcoming, December 2019)

Qawabah, S. *Paths of Sand*. Trans. Akhtarkhavari, N., East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press. (Forthcoming, December 2019)

Standards (Peer Reviewed)

With M. Eissa, W. Hassan, et al. *World Readiness Standards for Learning Arabic*. The Standards Collaborative Board – The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

SCHOLARLY PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**Scholarly Papers and Presentations [Peer Reviewed]**

“Translating the Untranslatable.” Translation and Interpreting in Higher Education: The Classroom and the Professional Experience. May 25, 2018. Chicago, IL.

“Human Trafficking: International Crisis.” 2018 Annual Transnational Latina Conference. May 17-19, 2018. DePaul University, Chicago, IL.

“Memorization in the Second Language Classroom: A Tool of the Past or an Innovation of the Present?” April 2017. National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL). Chicago, IL.

“Using Cinema for Teaching Culture in the Second Language Classroom.” March 2016. National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL). Atlanta, GA.

“Tayseer al-Sboul: Between Creativity and Translation” August 2015. Jordanian Writers Society. Amman, Jordan.

“Love Between the Mystic and the Divine: An Alternative to the Ideology of Hate” August 2015. Arab American National Conference. Chicago, IL. <https://soundcloud.com/bahai-us/nesreen-akhtarkhavari-the-path-of-love-from-the-mystic-to-the-divine>

“Using Cinema for Conversation.” March 2015. National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL). Chicago, IL.

With Eissa, M. et.al, “World Readiness Standards for Learning Arabic: Directions and Process” [panel co-organizer and participant]. November 2014. Arabic Special Interest Group Business Meeting, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Conference, San Antonio, TX.

“What was Not Told by Scheherazade?” April 2014. The Northeast Modern Language Association Annual Conference (NEMLA), Harrisburg, PA.

- “Translation for Language Skills, Cultural Competence, and Service and Career Opportunities.” March 2013. National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL). Chicago, IL.
- “The ILR Descriptions for Intercultural Communication and Their Application to Arabic.” March 2013. National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL). Chicago, IL.
- “Literature for Building Advanced Language Skills.” March 2013. Northeast Modern Languages Association (NEMLA) Conference. Boston, MA.
- “A Model for Educational Reform for Engagement in Women’s Institutions of Higher Education.” March 2012. Women Global Leaders Conference - Zayed University, United Arab Emirates. Incorporating Culture from Program Design to Implementation.” November 2012. Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference. 50th Anniversary of the American Association of Teacher of Arabic – Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
- “Narrating Culture: Developing Language Skills and Cultural Competence.” April 2012. National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL). Madison, WI.
- “The Savior at the Breaking Point: Women in Arabic Prison Literature.” March 2012. American Comparative Literature Association. Providence, RI.
- “Education for Engagement: Learning and Leading Together.” March 2012. Women Global Leaders Conference. Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- “Literature for Teaching Language and Culture: Make them Connect and They will Come.” April 2011. National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL). Madison, WI.
- With Marco Tavanti. “Academic Civic Engagement for Capacity Building: The Role of Universities in Building Sustainable Philanthropy through Multi-Sector Partnerships in the Middle East.” April 2011. TAKAFUL: First National Conference on Philanthropy in the Arab World. American University of Cairo and Columbia University Middle East Research Center, Amman, Jordan.
- “Give Them Something to Talk About: Language Medium and Media Content.” April 2011. National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL). Madison, WI.
- “Love in Arabic Poetry, Between the Virgin and Erotic.” April 2011. American Comparative Literature Association Conference. Vancouver, Canada.
- “The Common Perspective of the Baha’i Faith Among Muslims and Arabs.” August 2011. 52nd Annual Green Lake Baha’i Conferences. Green Lake, WI.
- “Teaching Hybrid Courses with Ning.” April 2010. National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL) Madison, WI
- “Teaching Based on Standards: Beyond Textbooks.” November 2009. American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), San Diego, CA.
- “Teaching Arabic: Who and What?” April 2009. National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL), Madison, WI.
- “New Virtual Space: Teaching with Ning.” March 2008. DePaul University Teaching Conference. Chicago, IL.
- “Implementing the Arabic K-12 Language and Culture National Standards in K-12 Islamic Schools in the United States.” March 2007. Islamic Society of North America Education (ISNA) Education Conference, Rosemont, IL.

- “The Successful Experience of Teaching Arabic in Chicago.” November 2007. Arabic Special Interest Group Business Meeting, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- “The Role of the Arabic Language Standards in Promoting Teaching Arabic in the United States.” March 2005. Central States Conference on Foreign Language. Chicago, IL.
- “Teaching English through the Content of Social Studies.” March 1997. TESOL Arabia, Al-Ain, United Arab Emirates.

Scholarly Papers and Presentations [Invited]

- “Cracking the Codes of Racial Biases for Better Understanding of Self and Others.” October 5, 2017. Des Plaines Public Library. Des Plaines, IL.
- “Islam and the Baha’i Faith: A Global Context.” July 2017. Heartland Baha’i Summer School. Millikin University, Decatur, IL.
- “The Valley of Love: Rumi and the Seven valleys” July 2017. Heartland Baha’i Summer School. Millikin University, Decatur, IL.
- “Inclusion and Diversity” March 14, 2017. The Des Plaines Ministerial Association Board. Des Plaines, IL.
- “Rumi in the Path of Peace: Life and Poetry” February 1, 2017. Sponsored by *Path of Peace lecture Series*. Rockford, IL.
- “Transcending Boundaries and Painting with Words: Jordanian Women Writers” January 24, 2017. Symposium on Middle Eastern Women Writers and Their Impacts, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hills, NC.
- “Human Trafficking Between War, Religion, and Profit: The Case of the Arab World” December 2, 2016 at Diversity and Inclusion Conference on Human Trafficking and Social Change, Chicago, IL.
- “The Killing of Nahid Hattar: Freedom in the Arab World”, [Presentation and Panel Discussion - In memory of the assassination of the Jordanian writer, Nahid Hattar] October 2016 at Saint Mary Orthodox Church, Palos Heights, IL.
- “Practical Steps: Toward Peace for a Progressive Civilization in the Arab World”. August 2016. Arab American Conference for Culture. Skokie, IL.
- "Forging Cross-Cultural Connections to Create Social Change" February 26, 2016 at 2016 President Diversity and Inclusion Forum. DePaul University, Chicago, IL.
- “The Female Friend and Lover in Tayseer al-Sboul Writings.” February 22, 2016. The Poetry Center, Michigan State University Press. East Lansing, MI.
- “Education Under Fire: The Case of the Baha’i Institute of Higher Education in Iran.” October 2015. Harper Community College, Palatine, IL.
- “Arabic Teachers Sharing Session: Using Literature in the Arabic Classroom.” November 2014. Sponsored by Qatar Foundation International. The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- “The Status of Teaching Arabic in the United States.” September 2014. Arab American Culture Conference. Skokie, IL.
- “Jordanian Literature in Translation and Its Presence in the West: Reasons and Possibilities” (followed by book signing event for my book *Between Presence and Absence* and my two translations *Walk* and *You As Of Today*.) August 2013. Jordanian Writers Society, Irbid, Jordan.

- “The Uniqueness of Jordanian Literature and Making It Accessible to Western Readers” (keynote Address celebrating Jordanian poet Naif Abu-Obed). August 2013. Madafat Al-Tolol, Irbid, Jordan.
- “Teaching Arabic through Content.” August 17-19, 2013. CET –MENA Region – Yarmouk University Language Center, Irbid, Jordan. (Three-day Workshop).
- “The Status of Teaching Arabic in Chicago: From Standards to Councils” (keynote Address). August 2013. Arabic Language Conference, Chicago, IL.
- “Understanding Arabs – SAUDIS” June 2012. Illinois State University, Normal, IL (full-day workshop).
- “Understanding Arabs and Teaching Saudis: Culture and Pedagogy.” May 2011. English Language Academy, DePaul University, Chicago, IL (half-day workshop).
- “Teaching Culture in the Foreign Language Classroom: Standard-Based-Technology Enhanced.” April 2010. Senn High School (through a grant to DePaul School of Education). Chicago, IL (full-day workshop).
- “Literature: Arab Prisoners of Conscious.” November 2009. Chicago Arab Heritage Month, DePaul University, Chicago IL.
- “The Status of Teaching Arabic.” November 2009. Chicago Arab Heritage Month, DePaul University, Chicago, IL.
- “Teaching Culture Innovatively: Keeping Students Engaged.” January 2009. Chicago Public Schools Annual Professional Development Day, Whitney Young Magnet School (CPS), Chicago, IL (half-day workshop).
- “Teaching Arabic Language and Culture: Towards Excellence and Understanding.” November 2008. Chicago Arab Heritage Month, DePaul University, Chicago, IL.
- “Literature of Prisons: A Window to the Soul of Prisoners of Conscious in the Arab World.” November 2008. Chicago Arab Heritage Month. DePaul University, Chicago, IL.
- “Teaching Arabic in the United States: Trends and Directions.” September 2008. Teacher Development Workshop, DePaul University. Chicago, IL (half-day workshop).
- “Success in Teaching Arabic with Ahlan Wa Sahlan.” November 2007. Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Conference. Montréal, Canada.
- “How Does God Communicate with Me: The Role of Prayers in Our Life.” November 2007. The Second Annual Forum: A Day of Spiritual Unity, Des Plaines Ministerial Association, Des Plaines, IL.
- “Authentic Assessment: Models of StarTalk Success: The Experience of DePaul University and Middlebury College.” November 2007. American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), San Antonio, TX.
- “Learning & Teaching Vocabulary in the Arabic Language Classroom: What to Teach and How?” October 2007. Chicago Public Schools (CPS) – World Language Education Program. Chicago, IL (half-day workshop).
- “Teaching Culture: Implementing the Standards - Writing Lesson Plans and Scenarios.” November 2006. Chicago Public Schools (CPS) – World Languages Education Program. Chicago, IL (half-day workshop).
- “Aligning Illinois State Standards to the National Standards.” October 2006. Chicago Public Schools (CPS) – World Language Education Program (funded through Arabic Language Institute - ALI Grant), Chicago, IL (half-day workshop).

- With Muhammad Eissa and Mahdi Alesh. "Learning How to Use Arabic Standards for Curriculum Design and Teaching." April 2006. Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) Education Forum. Chicago, IL (two-day workshop).
- "Other Trajectories of Globalization in the Middle East and North Africa." April 2006. Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL.
- "Race and Intercultural Relations in Our Troubled World." March 2006. Western Suburbs Education Committee. Wood Dale, IL.
- "Launching the New National Arabic Language and Culture Standards K-16: Arabic Standards presentation." November 2005. American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), Baltimore, MD.
- "Arabic as a Second Language: Teaching the 5Cs." October 2005. Educational Conference of Islamic Schools, Northbrook, IL.
- "Cultural Standard: National Standards for Teaching Arabic K-16, Standards Taskforce Presentation." November 2004. American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), Chicago, IL.
- "Developing Effective Strategies for Fundraising." October 2004. National Treasurers Conference. National Treasurers Conference. Sacramento, CA.
- "Gender Role in the Arab World." March 2004. Oakton Community College, International Cultural Week, Skokie, IL.
- "Women's Roles in Building Houses of Workshop." March 2004. Women's Regional Conference. Louis Gregory Institute. Hemingway, SC.
- "Fundraising: Giving in the Spirit of Service and Sacrifice." October 2003. National Treasurers Forum - Green Acre School and Training Center, Eliot, ME (half-day workshop).
- "Developing a Comprehensive Capital Campaign." October 2002. National Treasurers Forum, Chicago, IL (half-day workshop).
- "Essential Skills for Building Effective Organizations." June 2002. King Khalid National Guard Hospital-Pediatric Department, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. (one-day workshop).
- "Developing the Power to Consult for Better Decision-Making to Facilitate Cultural Understanding and Workplace Collaboration." June 2000. King Khalid National Guard Hospital-Pediatric Department, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. (half-day workshop).
- "Networking: Essential Skills for Career and Life." April 2000. Jeddah Chamber of Commerce, Women Training Center, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (one-day workshop).
- "Forming Successful Non-Profit Organizations: Challenges and Possibilities." June 1999. American Consulate: United States Information Services, Office of Culture and Press, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (half-day workshop).
- "What Makes a Board Work?" March 1988. Dar Al-Fikr Schools. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (half-day workshop).
- "Block Schedule: A New Direction." March 1998. Dar Al-Fikr Schools. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (half-day workshop).
- "Systematic Design of Instruction: Towards Objective and Performance-based Curriculum." February 1998. Dar Al-Fikr Schools. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (half-day workshop).
- "Train-the-Trainer Workshops: Training for Skills, Diversity, and Cultural Competence". January 1998. Women Training Group, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (one-day workshop).
- "Improving Methods of Teaching English in Saudi Arabia." December 1997. The Presidency of Girls Education (160 teachers) - Sponsored by The US Consulate in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (two-day workshop).

“Developing and Designing Curriculum for Moral Education.” December 1997. Dar Al-Fikr Schools, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (half-day workshop).

“Strategies for Running an Effective School Board.” October 1997. Dar Al-Fikr Schools – Girls School Board. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (half-day workshop).

“Strategies for Running an Effective School Board.” February 1997. Dar Al-Fikr Schools – Girls School Board. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (half-day workshop).

“Learning and Teaching in a Multi-Cultural Environment.” March 1996. Saudi Arabian International Schools. Jeddah, Saudi.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Session Organizer & Moderator

“Islam in America.” Mary McLeod Bethune 10th Annual Women Conference. Daytona Beach, FL. (March 26, 2019)

Roundtable Discussion

“Interfaith Roundtable Discussion on Religious Minorities in Kurdistan.” Represented the Bahai’ National Community in the United States. Sponsored by the Embassy of Kurdistan, The National Roundtable Thinktank, and the Chaldean Cultural Center, West Bloomfield Township, MI. (December 10, 2018)

“Trying Hard is Not Good Enough: Result Based Accountability (RBA)”. Orange County Government, Orlando, FL (November 2018)

Conference and Case Interpreter

Conference Interpreter – Simultaneous and Consecutive from Arabic/English & English/Arabic for the *12 International Bahai’ Convention*, Haifa, Israel (April 29, 2018)

Federal Court Interpreter – Chicago Federal Court Interpreters Office covering simultaneous legal interpreting for all federal cases in all stages of litigation, on-site and online from Arabic/English & English/Arabic. Chicago, IL. (October 2016 – August 2018)

Public Defender Office Interpreter, Northern District of Illinois. Assisted in translating and interpreting oral deposition, witness interviews and questioning session. Provided both language and cultural interpreting from Arabic/English & English/Arabic. Chicago, IL. (Different dates between 2016 – 2018)

Manuscripts Reviewer

Routledge Press, *The Lens of the Translator*. England, United Kingdom (November 2016)
American University of Cairo Press. *Ibn Battuta: Arabic Reader*. Cairo, Egypt (September 2016)

Purdue University Publishing Division. *Reading Transgression and Subjectivity in 'Attār's Poetry* considered for Comparative Cultural Studies series. West Lafayette, IN. (October 2015)

Yale University Press. The translation of Ghassan Zaqtan's story *Describing the Past* (October 2014).

Yale University Press. The translation of Ghassan Zaqtan's poetry collection, *The Silence that Remains* (October 2014)

Pearson Education. *Arabic Link: Premiere Arabic Textbook*. Upper Saddle River, NJ. (November 2013)

LangSource: Arabic – Culture Resources. Contributed 25 summative reviews to a digital Arab Culture database hosted by the University of Maryland, College Park, MD. <http://www.langsource.umd.edu/details.php?res=11710> (2008)

External Reviewer

External Reviewer for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies, Zayid University, Abu Dhabi (Winter 2017)

External Reviewer for promotion to Associate Professor in the Arabic Studies Program, Montana State University (Fall 2015)

Grant and Curriculum Reviewer. *Qatar Foundation International*. Washington, D.C. (2011-2012).

Program Evaluator STARTALK Program (s) [Teacher Training & Arabic Language Programs for K-12], through University of Maryland National Foreign Language Center at College Park, MD. for the institutions below (Summer 2008 – 2010):

- San Diego State University (San. Diego, CA)
- Human Assistance Development Institute (Los Angeles, CA)
- One World Now Arabic (Seattle, WA)
- Michigan State University (Dearborn, MI)

Standards and Assessment

Arabic Content Test [Reviewed the Arabic Content Test required for teacher licensure in Arabic at the State of Illinois and hosted the test pilot testing at DePaul University], *Illinois Board of Education* (ISBE) and Pearson Education Services. Chicago, IL. (2010-2011)

Test Developer [Assisted in the development of the framework for Arabic Content Test], Pearson Education Services and Illinois States Board of Education (ISBE). Chicago, IL. (2009)

Chair, Taskforce for Developing *Illinois K-12 Arabic Language Standards* [Aligned with the Illinois Language Standards]. Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and Illinois Board of Education. Chicago, IL. (2007)

Program Consultant [for launching the Arabic Language programs at Chicago Public Schools and establishing resources and curriculum], Chicago Public Schools (CPS) – World Languages Education Program. Chicago, IL. (2006-08)

Education Consultant (Developing Arabic Language Curriculum and Training Teachers), Muslim Community Center Full-time School – Arabic Program. Morton Grove, IL. (2004-06)

Consultant and Curriculum Developer (Developed the District's *Curriculum Framework for Arabic Language: Levels 1-5*), Virginia City School District. Virginia City, VA. (2006)

CERTIFICATIONS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS

Online Teaching Certificate A & B including *Quality Matters* Training from Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, Fl. (December, 2018).

Build Diversity Certificate – Level I & Level 2. DePaul University Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity. Chicago, IL (February 2015)

Recognition by the Jordanian Writers Society for contributions to translating and promoting Jordanian Literature – Plaque (October 2012)

Recognition by the Arab American Women Association, Annual Award for Community Service Certificate of Recognition (Winter 2011)

Recognition by the *Saudi Gazette* for contribution towards establishing *Al-Diwaniyah*, a weekly cultural and literary insert and writing a column in the *Saudi Gazette* (1999)

Certified Oral Interview ESL Rater. Educational Testing Services (ETS). Princeton, NJ (May 1986)

Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL). Florida State University. Tallahassee, FL (May 1985)

Arabic Oral Proficiency (OPI) Full Tester Certification. American Council for Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Alexandria, VA (Forthcoming - February 2017).

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENT

To The University

Search Committee Member: Bethune-Cookman University President Search Committee (October 2018 – February 2019)

Member, University Senate at Bethune Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL. (2019 – 2020)

Board Chair: BUILD Diversity Program. DePaul University, Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity (September 2015 – 2018)

Organizing Committee Member: Faculty Council Annual Retreat (2016). DePaul University, Faculty Council (January 2016)

Member of the Globalization Taskforce 1 – Appointed by the Provost to look into globalization in the curriculum at DePaul University (Fall 2015 – 2016)

Member: *DePaul University Faculty Council* (2013 – 2016)

Member: *Faculty Council* – DePaul University, Policies for Establishing New Programs (2015 – Present)

Member: *Faculty Council* – DePaul University, *Academic Program Review Committee* (2014 – Present).

Interpreter (Arabic/English – English/Arabic): Provided simultaneous interpretation of the presentation of DePaul University Interim President, the Dean of the College of Business, and the honored guest Sheikh Faisal Al-Thani during the dedication of *Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al-Thani Entrepreneurship Center* at the College of Business (November 2014).

Member: *Search Committee for DePaul Vice President for Advancement, The Office of The President* (Summer 2014).

Organizer and Conference Chair: *Arabic Teacher Arabic Literature Conference and Teaching Arabic*, DePaul University. Chicago, IL. Funded by a grant from Qatar Foundation International and opened by the Consul General of Egypt in Chicago (May 3, 2014).

Member: *Taskforce for DePaul Delta Theta Chapter, Phi Beta Delta Honor Society* (assisted in application review and the selection of new chapter members) (2013 – 2015).

Advisory Member: *DePaul's Women's Network* (2012 –2013).

Fellow, *The OpEd Project: Voices Thought Leadership*. DePaul University Department of Communication and Office of Diversity and Equity, Chicago, IL. (2012-2013)

Senior Research Fellow: *International Human Rights Law Institute*, Law School (2010 –2013).
 Organizer and Conference Chair: *Regional Conference for Teaching Arabic* (funded by Qatar Foundation International). DePaul University, Chicago, IL (August 30 – 31, 2013).
 Convener and Presenter: *DePaul Interfaith Service and Vigil for the Release of the Hostage Bishops from Syria*. DePaul Interfaith Center (June 5, 2013).
 Organizer and Event Chair: *Jordanian Literary Evening and Book Exhibit* with representative from the Jordanian Writers Society, cosponsored by the Jordanian Consulate in Chicago with the opening address by the Jordanian Honorary Consul General (November 10, 2012).
 Organizer and Conference Chair, *Chicago Arab Heritage Month* (sponsored by Mayor Daley’s Office of Community Affairs each November). Hosted events at DePaul. Participated in Mayor Daley’s Reception (2007-2011) representing the Amman Chicago Sister City Board, and served as Master of Ceremony in 2011.
 Organizer and Chair, *National Conference on Teaching Arabic in the United States [sponsored by the US Security Agencies*, Chicago (June 13-15, 2008).

To The College

Member, Conference Committee. Mary McLeod Bethune – 10th Women Conference. Bethune Cookman University. Daytona Beach, FL (March 26, 2019)
 Member, Zora Neal Conference Committee, Bethune Cookman University. Daytona Beach, FL. (March 7, 2019)
 Member, College Community Engagement Committee (2012 – 2013)
 Member, Taskforce on MA in Middle East Studies (2011 – 2013)
 Member, Islamic World Studies Program Board (2008 – 2012)
 Co-Supervisor, Senior Honors Thesis: *Iraqi Immigrants*. International Studies Department, DePaul University (2009)
 Co-Supervisor, Senior Honors Thesis: *Islam and Modernity*, Religion Department (2008)
 Member, Master’s Thesis Committee, *Women in New Arab Media*, Women’s and Gender Studies Program (Winter 2007)

To The Department

At Bethune Cookman University:

Coordinator, Modern Languages Program (November 2018 – Present)

At DePaul University:

Director, Arabic Studies Program (2008 – Present)

Member, Arabic Studies Faculty Search Committee (Summer 2016)

Member of Graduates Studies Committee (2016 – Present)

Member, By-Laws Committee (2009 – Present), [Chair 2016 – Present]

Member, Personnel Committee (2015 – 2016)

Chair and Member, Adult Learners Certificate Committee (2011– 2015)

Member, Ad hoc committee to draft proposal for MA in Modern Languages (2011– 2012)

Member, Study Abroad Committee (2011)

Developed Arabic Language Placement Test with feedback from DePaul Arabic Studies faculty (Spring 2011)

Co-developer with Clara Orban Minors in Arabic Studies & Arabic Language (2010-2011)

Member, Search Committee for non-tenure-track full time faculty in Arabic (Fall 2011)

Co-developed with Mark Johnston a Major in Arabic Studies (Winter 2009)

Principal Investigator and Program Director, StarTalk Summer Arabic Teacher Training Program (2007 – 2010)

Principal Investigator and Program Director, Startalk Summer Student Program (2007– 2010)

Member, Department Chair Search Committee (Winter 2009)

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Leader on Women as Partners for Peace Project funded by the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI). The Lisa and George Zakhem Gibran Chair for Value and Peace initiative, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. (October 2018 – Present)

Member of the Board of Directors of the Wilmette Institute [Online Academic Institution], Wilmette, IL. (2016 – Present)

Board President, *World Engagement Institute*, Chicago, IL (2014 – Present)

Vice President for Intercultural Communication, *World Engagement Institute*, Chicago (2011 – 2014) <http://www.weinstitute.org/>

Board Member, *Amman-Chicago Sister City International*, and Chair of the *Education and Cultural Committee*. Chicago, IL (2010 – Present) Appointed by Mayor Daley

Board Member, *Radius of Arab American Writers*, Inc. (2012 – 2015)

Member, *Committee on Jordanians Living Abroad, Taskforce on American-Jordanian Community Engagement*. Alsip, IL (November 2013).

Board Member, *CET Academic Programs*, Middle East and North Africa Region. Washington, D.C. (2012 – 2015)

Vice-president, *Arabic Language and Culture Center*, Lindblom Math and Science Academy, Chicago (2012 – 2014)

Board Member, Fund Development Board, The Wilmette Institute, Wilmette, IL. (2005 – 2008)

Vice-Chair, *The Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Des Plaines*, Des Plaines, IL. (2004 – Present)

Founder and Board Chair, *The Kingdom Project: Capital Campaign Board* – BNC. Wilmette, Illinois (2001 – 2006)

Board Member, *Des Plaines Ministerial Association*, Des Plaines, IL (2006 – 2010)

Member, *The Covenant Group*, Saint Mary Catholic Church, Des Plaines, IL (2006 – 2010)

Director of Female Membership, *Arabian Society for Human Resource Management*, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (1999 – 2000)

Board Secretary, *Saudi Arabian International Schools Board* (Saudi Arabian Airlines), Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Chair of *Policies and Procedures Committee*, member of *Curriculum Committee*, and member of *Parental Concerns Committee*. (1998 – 2000)

Co-Founder and Senior Consultant, Saudi Women Consultants Group [NGO], Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (1998 – 2000)

Co-Founder and Senior Consultant, *Ma'an for Development and Services*: [NGO supported by *Arab News*], Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (1998 – 2000)

Board Founder and Advisor, *Dar Al-Fikr Girls School Board*, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (1998 – 1999)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Member, Arabic National Standards Revision Taskforce & Chair of Cultural Standards, American Council for Teachers of Foreign Language (2012 – present)

- Member, Arabic Teacher Council Directors Taskforce (sponsored by Qatar Foundation International), American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages annual convention, Orlando, FL. (November, 2013)
- Member, Arabic National Standards Review Committee Meeting, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages annual convention, Orlando, FL. (November 2013)
- Member, Board of National Association for Arabic Teachers. Pasadena, CA. (2009 – 2011)
- Secretary and Vice-Chair, Less Commonly Taught Languages Special Interest Group, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. (2007 – 2010)
- Member, Board of LangSource Arab Culture, National Foreign Language Center, University of Maryland. (2008-2009)
- Member, StarTalk Leaders Team, National Foreign Language Center, University of Maryland. (2007 – 2009)
- Member, StarTalk Advisory Board, National Foreign Language Center, University of Maryland. (2006 – 2008)
- President (founder), Saudi Association of Teachers of English (SATE), Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. (1995 – 2000)
- Doctoral Committee Member, Cornell Menking. *Programa Liderazgo Educativo, Ecuador: An Experiment in Transformational Leadership, Education and Community Development*. Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Thought & Sociocultural Studies, The University of New Mexico, College of Education, Albuquerque, NM (2001-2003)
- Chair, K-12 Special Interest Group for Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Arabia. Al-Ain University, Al-Ain, United Arab Emirates. (1994 – 1996)