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**Academic Appointments:**

**University of Colorado - Boulder** **Jan. 2014- present**  
**Boulder, CO**

Arabic Language and Culture Instructor  
Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations

**Middlebury Summer School** **Summer 2014**  
**Mills College, CA** **June 11<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>**

Arabic Language Instructor  
Intensive Arabic Summer Program

**Grinnell College** **2012-2013**  
**Grinnell, IA**

Arabic Language Fellow  
Department of French

**The American University in Cairo** **Fall 2011**  
**Cairo, Egypt**

Egyptian Colloquial Arabic Instructor  
Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA)

**University of California** **2007-2008**  
**Davis, CA**

Fulbright Arabic Language Teaching Assistant  
Department of Classics

**Education:**

**The American University in Cairo** **June 2013**  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences

M.A. in Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language

**University of California- Davis** **2007-2008**  
Non-degree program, enrolled in 4 classes

**South Valley University** **2001**

School of Education  
B.A. in English

## **Honors, Awards and Fellowship:**

### *Honors and Fellowships:*

- Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language Fellowship, Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language Department, The American University in Cairo, Fall 2011
- Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language Fellowship, Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language Department, The American University in Cairo, Academic Year 2010/2011
- Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language Fellowship, Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language Department, The American University in Cairo, Academic Year 2009/2010
- J. William Fulbright Scholarship, the Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship, United States of American, California, Academic Year 2007/2008

### *Travel Awards:*

- Professional Development Travel Grant to attend ACTFL Annual Convention and World Languages Expo, Boston, MA, University of Colorado-Boulder, Nov 17-20, 2016.
- Professional Development Travel Grant to participate in a 4-day workshop “ACTFL Full Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) in Arabic”, University of Colorado-Boulder, May 2016
- Conference Travel Grant to attend “Teaching Arabic in a Changing World: Needs and Challenges International Conference”, awarded by Grinnell College, September 2012
- Conference Travel Grant to present at the Middle East Studies Association Conference, Washington DC, United States of America, awarded by the American University in Cairo, December 2011
- The Rockefeller Foundation Travel Grant, AFWG Meeting. Bellagio, March 2011

## **Courses Taught:**

### ***University of Colorado-Boulder***

- Beginning Arabic I (ARAB 1010-001) and Intermediate Arabic I (ARAB 2110-001&002), Fall 2018
  - Beginning Arabic II (ARAB 1020- 002&003), Spring 2018
  - Beginning Arabic I (ARAB 1010-002&003) and Advanced Arabic I (ARAB 3110-001), Fall 2017
  - Beginning Arabic II (ARAB 1020- 002) and Intermediate Arabic II (ARAB 2120-001), Spring 2017
  - Beginning Arabic I (ARAB 1010-001&004) and Intermediate Arabic I (ARAB 2110-001), Fall 2016
  - Advanced Arabic II (ARAB 3120-001) and Intermediate Arabic II (ARAB 2120-001& 002), Spring 2016
  - Advanced Arabic I (ARAB 3110-001) and Intermediate Arabic I (ARAB 2110-001& 002), Fall 2015
  - Advanced Arabic II (ARAB 3120-001), Intermediate Arabic II (ARAB 2120-001) and Beginning Arabic II (ARAB 1020-001& 002), Spring 2015
  - Advanced Arabic I (ARAB 3110-001) and Intermediate Arabic I (ARAB 2110-001 &002), Fall 2014
  - Beginning Arabic II (ARAB 1020-001- 002 & 003), Spring 2014
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- Teach the equivalent of three 3-credit courses per semester.
  - Prepare, proctor, and correct placement exams.
  - Attend and participate in the department monthly meetings.
  - Attend and participate in the program’s meetings.
  - Assist with Arabic talk table and other similar activities, such as English/Arabic Conversation Club and Arabic Movie Night.

- Participate in ALC Language Fair.
- Participate in organizing the Asian Language Night.
- Work together with my colleague and a faculty member at An-Najah National University in Nablus Palestinian Territory on the planning and design of the material needed for our collaboration (Speaking Partner Project).
- Assist students with preparation for and participation in the Arabic Language Night events.
- Assist students with preparation for and participation in the annual language night organized by the department.
- Participate in the development of Arabic language curriculum in consultation with other colleagues in the program.
- Review syllabus of Arabic courses studied abroad to determine if they are equivalent to what we teach at CU or not.
- Supervise the work of the student assistant working for the Arabic program.
- Write recommendation letters and advise students regarding their language learning goals specially those related to study abroad.
- Collaborate with my colleague to create a website for ARAB 1010 course.
- Collaborate with my colleague to create audio and video materials for ARAB 1010 course.
- Design and grade Arabic Proficiency Exams for undergraduate and graduate students as requested by their advisors and/or departments.

### ***Middlebury Arabic Summer School***

Co-taught High-Intermediate Arabic language course (Level 2.5)

Taught one class of Spoken Arabic (Intermediate Egyptian dialect course).

- Prepared lessons, supplementary teaching materials, quizzes and exams.
- Attended and participated in the Arabic School weekly workshop.
- Participated in the preparation for the Arabic Dinner.
- Co-supervised the Arabic Journalism Club.
- Attended and fully participated in all the co-curricular activities and the Arabic School's social and cultural events.
- Participated in preparing, proctoring and correcting the placement and exit examinations.

### ***Grinnell College***

Beginning Arabic II, Spring 2013

Egyptian Spoken Arabic II, Spring 2013

Guided Reading: Readings in Women's Contemporary Arabic Literature, Spring 2013

Beginning Arabic I, Fall 2012

Egyptian Spoken Arabic I, Fall 2012

- Instructed and developed supplementary teaching materials, quizzes and exams for one course in Modern Standard Arabic and a course in Egyptian Colloquial each semester, in addition to that I mentored independent study.
- Participated in regular departmental activities that support Arabic instruction, such as Arabic table, occasional movies and cooking nights.

### ***The American University in Cairo***

### ***Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA)***

Egyptian Colloquial Arabic CASA II, Fall 2011

### ***Courses served as an FLTA at the University of California:***

Taught 2 out of 5 days both Elementary Arabic and Intermediate Arabic; Fall 2007, Winter 2008, Spring 2008

- Developed material such as supplementary teaching materials, quizzes and exams for Beginning Arabic courses.
- Co-supervised extracurricular cultural activities to enhance students' exposure to the Arab culture such as "Arabic Movie Night", "Arabic Conversation Hour" and "The End of Quarter Event".

### ***Conferences and Presentations:***

- "Youth Language on Facebook: The Political Upheaval and the Egyptians' Language Choices", Jil Jadīd Conference, University of Texas at Austin, United States of America, February 2012
- "Youth Language on Facebook: The Political Upheaval and the Egyptians' Language Choices Middle East Studies Association Conference, Washington DC, United States of America, December 2011
- "Arabizi or Romanization: The dilemma of Writing Arabic Texts", Jil Jadīd Conference, University of Texas at Austin, United States of America, February 2011

### ***University and Department Service***

- Volunteered to videotape/record the Asian Language Night, April 2018.
- Volunteered to videotape/record the Asian Language Night, April 2017.
- A member of the media submission committee, the Asian Language Night, April 2016.
- A member of the Arabic Language Instructor Search Committee, University of Colorado, Boulder, Fall 2014
- A member of the Young Faculty Career Development Group, Grinnell College, 2012-2013
- A research assistant, Arab Family Working Group at the American University in Cairo 2008-2012
- A substitute instructor and language tutor, the Arabic Language Institute (ALI) at the American University in Cairo, Academic Year 2009/2010

### ***Professional Development:***

- Attended ALTEC's PlayPosit: Making Your Life Easier and Your Course More Successful Workshop, Nov. 7, 2018
- Attended ALTEC's symposium on proficiency-oriented approaches to language instruction, Sept. 29-30, 2017.
- Attended ALTEC's 21st Century Language Assessment Methods Workshop, May 17, 2017.
- Attended "ACTFL Annual Convention and World Languages Expo", Boston, MA. Nov 17-20, 2016.
- Participated in a 4-day workshop "ACTFL Full Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) in Arabic", University of Oregon, May 26-29, 2016.

- Attended “Teaching Arabic in a Changing World: Needs and Challenges International Conference”, The American University in Cairo, January 2013
- Attended One-day workshop, Content-based Instruction Brain Storming Session, Center for Arabic Study Abroad, The American University in Cairo, March 2012
- Attended “Thesis Proposal Workshop for MA students, a workshop for Graduate Students”, The American University in Cairo, October 2010
- Attended “The Arabic Language Institute Workshops”, The American University in Cairo May 2010
- Attended “The Arabic Language Institute Workshops”, The American University in Cairo, May 2009
- Attended "First International AUC WMU Conference on Challenges in Teaching Language and Rhetoric", The American University of Cairo, March 2009
- Attended a one day workshop, "The Research of Methodologies for the Graduate Student", The American University in Cairo, March 2009

**Teaching and Research Interests:**

- Arabic Sociolinguistics, Identity, Language and Gender, Language and Internet, Youth Language and Language Choices.

**Languages and Specialized Training:**

- English & Arabic (native)
- Trained in Quantitative Statistical Analysis using SPSS
- Proficient in applications of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and PowerPoint)
- Familiar with Internet skills and quick to learn any new programs and applications

**Other Experience:**

- Co-organized AFWG Training to Research, Cairo, Egypt, May 2012
- Co- organized AFWG Bellagio Meeting, Bellagio, Italy, March 2011
- A language tutor and a cultural mentor, Critical Language Scholarship Program (CLS) The American Research Center in Egypt, Summer 2009, Summer 2010
- Co-organized AFWG Core Group Workshop, Cairo, March 2009
- Volunteered in organizing a cultural event “A Day in Egypt” in Davis, California. United States of America, April 2008
- A certified leader from the University of California at Davis, Spring 2008
- Soliya Connect Program Certificate, 2006/2007