

CURRICULUM VITAE



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❖ **Education**

- M.A. (English Language & Its Literature) 2008, **University of Jordan**, Amman, Jordan. (GPA: 3.50/4.00).
- B.A. (English Language & Literature) 2004, **Al-Ahliyya Amman University**, Amman, Jordan. (GPA: 3.77/4.00). Ranked **Second** among students.
- The General Secondary Education Certificate – Scientific Stream, 2000, **Rosary Sisters College**, Amman, Jordan.

❖ **M.A. Thesis**

“The Revolt of a Writer: Race, Gender, and Identity in Zora Neale Hurston’s Novel: Their Eyes Were Watching God”, University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan. Under the supervision of Prof. Tawfiq Yousef.

❖ **Employment**

Full-time Academic Positions

- Faculty Member (*Lecturer*), (Sep 2022 – Present)
The Department of Humanities,
Faculty of Arts and Educational Sciences,
Philadelphia University.
- Faculty Member (*Lecturer*), (Sep 2012 – Sep 2022)
Language Center,
Philadelphia University.
- *English Language Teacher*, (Sep 2011 – Sep 2012)
Modern Systems School.
- Faculty Member (*Lecturer*), (Sep 2009 – Sep 2010)
Language Center,
Middle East University
- Faculty Member (*Lecturer*), (Sep 2009 – Sep 2010)
Queen Alia College

Part-time Academic Positions

- *Part-time Lecturer,* (Jun 2012 – Aug 2012)
Department of English Language and Literature,
School of Foreign Languages,
University of Jordan.
- *Part Time Lecturer,* (June 2012 – Aug 2012)
Department of English Language and Literature,
Petra
- *Adjunct Lecturer,* (Jun 2009 – Aug 2009)
New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)

❖ Teaching Experience

- ***English Communication Skills I***, Philadelphia University, (Course Coordinator for the academic years 2024/2025, 2016/2017, and Summer 2015).
- ***English Communication Skills II***, Philadelphia University, (Course Coordinator for the academic years 2018/2019, 2017/2018 and 2013/2014).
- ***English Communication Skills III***, Philadelphia University, (Course Coordinator for the second semester of the academic year 2020/2021).
- ***Remedial English***, Philadelphia University, (Course Coordinator for the academic years 2014/2015 and 2012/2013).
- ***Advanced Reading***, Philadelphia University.
- ***Introduction to Translation***, Philadelphia University.
- ***Legal Studies in English/French***, Philadelphia University.
- ***Oral Skills***, University of Jordan
- ***English Skills 1, Remedial English***, Petra University
- ***English 101***, Middle East University.
- ***English 102***, Middle East University, (Course Coordinator for the academic year 2009/2010).
- ***Approach to Literature***, Middle East University.
- ***Seminar in the English Language and Literature***, Middle East University.
- ***Fiction and Short Story***, Middle East University.
- ***Reading Comprehension Skills***, Middle East University.
- ***Writing Skills***, Middle East University.
- ***Listening and Speaking Skills***, Middle East University.
- ***Advanced Grammar***, Middle East University.
- ***Approach to Literature***, Queen Alia College.
- ***English Novel***, Queen Alia College.
- ***Reading and Listening***, Queen Alia College.
- ***The English Phonetics and Phonology***, Queen Alia College.
- ***Advanced Oral Skills***, Queen Alia College.
- ***English 101***, Queen Alia College.
- ***English 102***, Queen Alia College.
- ***Oral Skills***, University of Jordan.
- ***Writing for the Technical Professions***, NYIT.
- ***Ranked one of the top faculty members in teaching English Language Courses (according to the evaluations of students which can be provided upon request).***

- Recommended by the head of the Department of Humanities to teach the Advanced Reading course and the Introduction to Translation course at the Department of English Language and Literature and Applied English, Philadelphia University.
- Recommended by the head of the Department of Humanities to teach the Legal Studies in English/French course at the Faculty of Law, Philadelphia University.

❖ **Languages:**

- **Arabic:** Native
- **English:** Fluent
- **French:** Very Good (Diplôme d'Étude en Langue Française (DELF) – A1-A4)

❖ **Research Interests**

- African American Literature,
- Feminism,
- Comparative Literature.

❖ **Unpublished Articles**

- **L. Abu-Sharkh** and L. Rashed, “Unstitching the Seams of Otherness in Morrison's *Beloved*: An Intersectional Reading of Sethe's Journey—Does One Thread Bind the Heroine to Other Black Women Worldwide?”, Manuscript in preparation; planned submission within a few weeks.
- L. Rashed and **L. Abu-Sharkh**, “Braiding Narrative Threads to Portray Black Women in *The Slave Pens* by Najwa Bin Shatwan: Do the Plights Intersect in Shaping These Images?”, Manuscript in preparation; planned submission within a few weeks.
- **L. Abu-Sharkh**, “Leave the Shoreline and Strike Out for the Deep Water: Literary Analysis of *Sonny's Blues*”, Work in Progress.
- **L. Abu-Sharkh**, “Politics of Oppression and the Art of Self-Creation in Toni Morrison's *Sula* and James Baldwin's *Sonny's Blues*”, Work in Progress.

❖ **Membership in Professional Committees at Philadelphia University**

- Serves as a member of the Translation Committee at the Faculty of Arts and Educational Sciences for the academic year 2024/2025.
- Serves as a member of the Cultural Committee at the Faculty of Arts and Educational Sciences for the academic year 2024/2025.
- Serves as a member of the Library and Information Resources Committee in the Department of Humanities for the academic year 2024/2025.
- Served as the Chair of the Library and Information Resources Committee in the Department of Humanities for the academic year 2023/2024.
- Served as the Chair of the Translation Committee at the Language Center for the academic year 2021/2022.
- Served as the Chair of the Translation Committee at the Language Center for the academic year 2020/2021.
- Served as the Chair of the Translation Committee at the Language Center for the academic year 2019/2020.

❖ **Professional Development**

- McMillan online sessions for English teachers (eight sessions) in 2023,
- TOEFL iBT Exam Workshop in 2021,
- AI in Education in 2025,
- Designing Interactive Video Using H5P in 2025,
- and many other workshops and online sessions that have been conducted at Philadelphia University.

❖ **Other Major Activities at Philadelphia University**

- Translated the online content published on the University official website in 2020/2021.
- Wrote the Arabic and English content (the English video scripts, and the speeches of the MCs) presented on the culture day in 2021/2022.
- Responsible for the English formal correspondence with foreign embassies and institutions, inside and outside Jordan, from 2019 to 2022.
- Wrote a piece of prose in Arabic (creative writing) that is currently taught in the “Literary Text Appreciation” course at the Department of Arabic Language & Literature.
- Involved in the activities that have been conducted at Philadelphia University to enrich the Arabic content on the internet by introducing a platform named “Philadelphia Al-Ma’refa”, which was launched by Philadelphia University in 2017.
- Established the Virtual English Club in the academic year 2020-2021 for students to communicate altogether at the time of Covid 19. The club’s activities were conducted on MS Teams.
- Involved in organizing the annual bazaar of the Language Center, which collected charitable donations and contributed to serve the local community of Jerash and the villages surrounding Philadelphia University from 2012 to 2016.
- Involved in the professional development’s program for improving the English Communication Skills among professors, teachers and administrators at Philadelphia University.

❖ **References**

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