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EDUCATION

June, 1987: Ph.D. in Geography, University of Cincinnati, Department of Geography.
Concentration: Urban Economic Models and Urban Transportation Planning.
Dissertation: "Spatial Patterns and Generation Of Person Trips in Middle Eastern Cities: A Case Study of Amman, Jordan".

June, 1987: M.C.P. in Planning, University of Cincinnati, School of Planning.
Concentration: Urban Design, Land Use and Environmental Planning.

April, 1981: D.E.D. in Economic Development, International Development Center of Japan, Tokyo.
Thesis: "Economic Planning in Jordan".

Sept., 1979: M.A. in Economic Geography, University of Alexandria, Egypt.
Thesis: "The Mineral Wealth of Jordan".

Aug., 1976: B.A. in Geography, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon.

AWARDS

- 2010: Distinguish Teaching and Service Award During 2007-2010, by Qatar University, College of Art and Sciences, Doha, Qatar
- 2009 Undergraduate Students/ Faculty Research Grant Award , by Qatar Foundation, research Project “Urban Revitalization and Design of Al Rayyan Corridor, Doha, Qatar”.
- 2008 Undergraduate Students/ Faculty Research Grant Award ,by Qatar Foundation, research Project “Spatial Behavioral Analysis of Recreational Resorts in Qatar”.
- 2007 Fulbright Scholarship Award to The University of Bahrain by J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State.
- 2007 Recognition of twenty years of dedicated service to Framingham State College by The Board of Trustees and President Timothy J. Flanagan.
- 2005 The 2005 Professor of the Year and exceptional leadership by the Student Government Association of Framingham State College.
- 2004 Performance Recognition and Citation for Outstanding Performance by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 2004 The 2004 Distinguished Honor and Gratitude Award, by the Students Government at Framingham State College.
- 2002: Faculty of the year for campus leaders and understanding, by Framingham State College.
- 2001: Distinguish Teaching and Service Award During 1998-2001, by the University of Umm Al- Qura, College of Social Sciences, Mecca, Saudi Arabia.
- 1995: The 1995 Distinguish Scholarship and Service Award, by the Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching Experience:

Framingham State University

Sept. 2010 – Present Professor of Geography

Courses taught at Framingham State University:

- Introduction to Urban studies and Planning
- Process of Urban and Regional Planning
- Methods for Planning Analysis and Plan Making
- Theory and Practice of Planning
- World Regional Geography
- Geography of the Middle East
- Urban Geography
- Geographical Techniques I: Cartography
- Advanced Geographical Techniques: Spatial and Multivariate Analysis
- Cultural Geography
- Geographic Perspectives on the Environment

Qatar University

Sept. 2007 – June 2010 Professor of Geography and Urban Planning

Courses Taught: Urban Legislations and City Management.
Urban Transportation Planning.
Economic Feasibility For Urban Planning Projects.
Graduation Projects I.
Graduation Projects II.

Framingham State College/ University, Framingham, MA.:

Sept. 2002- August 2007: Professor and Chairperson (Tenure)

Sept. 2001-Sept. 2002: Professor of Geography (Tenure)

University of Bahrain, Department of Architectural and Civil Engineering:

February – July 2006 Professor - Fulbright Scholar Sponsored by the US Center
For International Exchange of Scholars.

Tasks

Taught (Arch 556 Environmental Design) course for senior students at the department of Architectural and Civil Engineering.

Supervised senior projects on Transportation Planning for Civil Engineering students.

Conducted research with Civil Engineering colleagues on Traffic Capacity of Selected Roundabouts in Bahrain, sponsored by the Center for Roads and Transportation, College of Engineering.

Completed a report on Academic Accreditation of the University of Bahrain, submitted to the dean of the College of Engineering.

Completed a proposal and outlines for the Regional Development and Planning of the Southern Governorate in Bahrain, submitted to the President of the University of Bahrain.

University of Umm Al Qura, Makkah, Saudi Arabia:

Dec. 1998-June 2001 Professor of Geography, Department of Geography, College of Social Sciences.

Courses Taught:

Undergraduate Level: Population Geography
Geography of Services
Urban Geography
Current Urban problems
Geography of North America

Master Level: Introduction to G.I.S.
Urban and Regional Planning
Research Methods and Thesis Design
Readings in Urban Models

Doctoral Level For Women College : Spatial Analysis
Readings in Urban Geography
Readings in Urban and Regional Planning

Clark University, and Worcester State College/ University:

Sept.,1994-Dec.1998 Instructor of Arabic language and culture, critical language Program.

Framingham State College/ University, Framingham, MA:

June, 1996-Dec. 1998 Professor (tenure)
Sept.,1994-June, 1996: Professor and Chairperson (tenure)
Sept., 1990-Sept., 1994: Associate Professor and Chairperson (tenure)
Sept., 1987-Sept., 1990: Assistant Professor

Sept., 1984-July, 1987- University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio:

Evening College (Instructor) – taught the following courses:

- Human Geography
- Physical Geography
- Arabic Language and Culture

Department of Geography (Teaching and Research Assistant Scholarship-Teaching Assistant for the following courses:

- Physical Geography Lab
- Recreation Geography
- Geography of the United States and Canada

Computer Center (part-time job):

- Operated IBM printers 3203 and 2501 Versatec, HP plotter and VAX
- Advised students on the use of SAS and SPSS Statistical Analysis Packages

Administrative Experience:

- Member of the Graduate Council
- Chairperson of the Geography Department
- Advisor for the Urban and Regional Planning concentration.
- Supervisor of student internships and field activity liaison with planning boards, planning departments, regional growth management organizations and State agencies.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Center for Global Studies at Framingham State College (FSC).
- Consultant for FSC Educational Program Abroad.
- Member of the Board of Speakers at the Global Studies Institute, Charlton, MA.

Planning Experience:

- Consultant with the Town of Framingham’s Planning Department, and served in the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Master Plan.
- Managed and directed three planning projects. Analyzed “open space” in the Towns of Natick, Framingham, and Ashland, for the Sudbury Valley Trustees, Wayland, MA.
- Supervised and directed a transportation planning study titled “The Impacts of Truck Traffic Flow and Trucking Facilities on Route 20, MA” for the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, Traffic Analysis Program, Worcester, MA.
- Supervised and conducted a recreation planning project, “Statistical Evaluation of Callahan State Park Users” as part of the Master Plan sponsored by the

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management (DEM).

- Directed a field survey and forecasting of recreation participation growth trends of five state parks in Massachusetts sponsored by DEM.
- Directed and conducted a comprehensive study “Parking Allocation and Traffic Circulation at Framingham State College”.
- Supervised and conducted fee-based consulting services with LandUse, Inc., Ashland, MA, and Lozano, White and Associates, Cambridge, MA.

June, 1985-Sept., 1985- Municipality of Amman and Dar El-Handasah:

Transportation Planner (summer job):

- As part of the decision-making team, engaged in the inventory phase and in the analysis of existing traffic conditions and calibration of forecasting models to stimulate traffic flow and assess impact of future growth scenarios in Greater Amman, Jordan.

Oct., 1979-Dec., 1982- Ministry of Municipalities, Rural Affairs and Environment: Department of Regional Planning, Amman, Jordan:

Land Use and Transportation Planner:

- As part of the decision-making team of Irbid Regional Planning Group (IRPG), directed all phases of land use analysis of the Northern Region of Jordan in relation to future economic development, and evaluated zoning and subdivision regulations in the region’s urban centers.
- Managed and directed a regional traffic counting program.
- Supervised 50 researchers, conducted household survey and roadside interviews as means of data collection for the Ring Roads Project around the city of Irbid, Jordan.
- Supervised and conducted fee-based consulting service with The Arab League: The Organization of Arab Economic Cooperation, in studying land use patterns as part of a comprehensive “Rural Development Plan for King Talal’s Dam Area, Jordan”.

PUBLICATIONS: (peer reviewed)

2009 “Spatial And Behavioral Analysis of Resorts Location: Case Study in Qatar” the Arab World Geographer, Vol. 11, No 4. ,pp. 251-265

2008 "Eco-Tourism and Cultural Development: Behavioral Analysis of Selected Tourism Sites in Bahrain". co-authored with Dr. Habis Samawi, Bahrain University, Conference Proceedings, 9th International Joint World Cultural Tourism Conference 2008, Seoul, South Korea, pp.559-568.

- 2007 "Perceptions and Preferences of Tourists Towards Selected Ecotourism Destinations in Bahrain. co-authored with Dr. Habis Samawi, University of Jordan, [www.ecotourismglobalconference.org/presentations and manuscript/theme III communication/III.2 marketing ecotourism/alsamawi-manuscript](http://www.ecotourismglobalconference.org/presentations_and_manuscript/theme_III_communication/III.2_marketing_ecotourism/alsamawi-manuscript).
- 2007 "Traffic Impact Analysis of Roundabouts in Bahrain," coauthored with Hashem Almadani and Mohammad Saad, Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering of the University of Bahrain, [abstracts of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA](#).
- 2005 "Curriculum Development and Implimitations for Arabic studies program," published by [Quabbin Regional School District, Barrie, MA](#).
- 2002 "Spatial Patterns of Urban Growth using remotely sensed Data: The case study of the Holy City of Mecca, Saudi Arabia"; co-authored with Dr. Saad Abu Ras Al- Ghamedi, University of Umm Al Qura; [King Abdul Aziz University publication, Jedah.\(42 pages; in Arabic\)](#).
- 2001 "Levels of Demographic Fertility and the Role of Woman in Development: The Case study of Mecca's women, Saudi Arabia"; publication of the center for Social sciences, University of Umm Al Qura; (78 pages; in Arabic).
- 1993 "Recreational Preferences Among State Park Users in New England: A Case Study of the Massachusetts State Park System"; co-authored with Dr. Robert Donnell, Framingham State College, and Habis Samawi, University of Jordan, [Studies in New England Geography, Vol. 10](#), publication of Keene State College, Keene, New Hampshire.
- 1990 "Geography in Jordan"; an article co-authored with Habis Samawi, University of Jordan. [Professional Geographer](#) , Vol. 42, No. 1, pp. 118-120.
- 1989 "Housing Design Preferences and Housing Policy in North American Towns: A Case Study of Framingham, MA, and its Rural Environs"; co-authored with Dr. Donnell, Framingham State College. [Chapter Two, Resolving Rural Housing Policy Conflicts: Cases from Canada, United States and Britain](#), ed. Ron Corbett, pp. 19-46.
- 1988 "The Arab American Community of Cincinnati: Origins and Characteristics"; co-authored with Dr. Roger M. Selya, University of Cincinnati, [Ohio Geographers](#), Vol. 16, pp. 68-80.
- 1981 "My Stay in Japan: The Bride of the East and the West"; [IDCJ](#), February , 1981, Vol. 56, Vol. 88, pp. 11-13.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2011 “Spatial Dimension of National Identity: The Case Of Palestine”2011 Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, April 12-16, Seattle, WA.
- 2010 “The Status of Geography in National Movement and Conflict Resolution”, Keynote Presentation at the 3rd Palestine Geographical Conference, Al-Najah National University, July 12-16, Nablus, Palestine.
- 2010 “Urban Infill and Revitalization of Al-Rayan Corridor in Doha, Qatar”, the 3rd Palestine Geographical Conference, Al-Najah National University, July 12-16, Nablus, Palestine.
- 2010 “Ecotourism Location Approaches: GIS Data Base and Analysis, 2010 Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, April 12-18, Washington D.C.
- 2010 “Urban Sustainable Development in Greater Doha, Qatar: Spatial and Interactive Analysis”, 3rd Gulf States Geographical Society Conference, March 9-11, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar.
- 2009 “The Forgotten Spatial Dimension of Sustainable Urban Development: Case Study of Doha, Qatar”, Sustainable Development Conference, Department of Social Sciences and Shell Oil Company, December 12-14, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar.
- 2007 "Perceptions and Preferences of Tourists Towards Selected Ecotourism Destinations in Bahrain. co-authored with Dr. Habis Samawi, University of Jordan, Global Ecotourism Conference 2007 (GEC07), 13-18-May, Oslo, Norway.
- 2007 "Traffic Impact Analysis of Roundabouts in Bahrain," coauthored with Hashem Almadani and Mohammad Saad, Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering of the University of Bahrain,(abstracts) A.A.G. Abstracts of the 2007 Annual Meeting , San Francisco, CA.
- 2005 “Changing the Socio-political map of the Middle East” (Abstract) A. A.G. Abstracts of the 2005 Annual Meeting, Denver, p. 216.
- 2003 “Mecca is the Gift of the Kabaa: Urban Structure Analysis,” (Abstract) A. A. G. Abstracts of the 2003 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, p. 114.
- 1996 “Regional Development Approaches in Jordan”; paper presented at the Islamic International Geography Conference held at Al-Albait University in Jordan.

- 1995 “Muslim communities in Massachusetts: A Geographical Profile”, (Abstract); A.A.G Abstracts of the 1994 Annual Meeting, Chicago, p. 112.
- 1992 “The Institutionalization of the Planning Process in Jordan” (Abstract); A.A.G. Abstracts of the 1992 Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, p. 175.
- 1991 “Squatter Settlements and Urban Development Dynamics in Greater Amman, Jordan, (Abstract) ; A.A.G. Abstracts of the 1991 Annual Meeting, Miami, FL, p. 180.
- 1990 “Territorial and Spatial Forms of Regional Planning: Western Theories and Jordanian Experience”, (Abstract), A.A.G. Abstracts of the 1990 Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, p. 179.
- 1990 “Perceptions and Value Systems of American Society Towards Recreation Activities: The Case of State Parks in Massachusetts”; co-authored with Robert Donnell, Framingham State College, and Habis Samawi University of Jordan, (Abstract), A.A.G. Abstracts of the 1990 Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, pp. 216-217.
- 1989 “Aspects of Urban Transportation Planning in Amman, Jordan”, (Abstract) ; A.A.G. Abstracts of the 1989 Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, p. 151, March, 1989.
- 1988 “Economic Developments in a Peripheral Town: The Case of Framingham, MA”, (Abstract); Abstracts of the 1988 Annual Meeting of NESTVAL, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, October, 1988, p. 24.
- 1988 “Patterns of Urban Travel in Middle Eastern City: Amman, Jordan”, (Abstract), A.A.G. Abstracts of the 1988 Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, p. 140.

Other Professional Presentations:

- May 15 2011 Palestinians’ Future & the Peace Process :Towards a Sustainable Palestine & National Identity, Delivered at the Palestinian Cultural Center, Alston, MA.
- April 2010 Geopolitical Analysis of Egyptian Revolution: Lessons and Implications, Delivered at Framingham state University.
- May 16-17 2007 Workshop for 2 days titled " Muslim Communities In Greater Worcester: Socio-cultural Profile", Bancroft School, Worcester, MA, USA.

- March – June 2006 Workshop on Transportation and Urban Planning in Bahrain, Center for Roads and Transportation, University of Bahrain.
- Workshop on The Importance of Accreditation for the University of Bahrain, College of Engineering.
- Presentation on Islamic Communities in the US, American Cultural Center, University of Bahrain.
- June 17, 2005 Workshop for three hours titled: “Teaching About the Arab and Islamic Cultures in the Classroom,” delivered to teachers and Administrators of the Bancroft School, Worcester, MA.
- March 26, 2005 Workshop for five hours titled: “The Status of Women in Islam,” Delivered to teachers and administrators of the Quabbin Regional School District, Barrie, MA.
- November 16, 2004 Workshop five hours titled, “Teaching About Islam in the Classroom,” delivered to teachers and administrators of the Quabbin Regional School District, Barrie, MA.
- July 9, 2004 Guest Speaker: Delivered a presentation on “Social Geography of the Middle East: Insider Perspective,” as part of Understanding Islamic Societies Summer Institute, at Yale University-Center for International and Area Studies, New Haven, CT.
- April 6, 2004 Panelist: Participated in a panel discussion on “Iraq: One Year Later,” sponsored by the Human Rights Action Committee at Framingham State College. The context of the panel was published in The Magazine For Alumni and Friends of FSC, p. 10.
- Nov. 30, 2001 Guest Speaker: Delivered a speech titled “Islam and Terrorism: An Insider Perspectives”, sponsored by the Geographical Association at Framingham State College. The presentation was published by t presentation was published by t Weekly Student Newspaper, p. 12.
- Oct. 15, 2001 Panelist: Participated in a panel discussion on “ The After Math of September the 11th”, sponsored by the office of student’s life at Framingham State College.
- Sept. 28, 2001 Interviewed about “The Middle East Politics and Violence”, by news staff writer Jeff Adair, the interview was published by the Metrowest Daily News, pp. A2 and A4.

- Oct. 10, 1999 Leyceum Lecture on “Development and Planning: Western Approaches and Third World practice”. Delivered for the University Community at Umm Al Qura, Mecca, Saudi Arabia.
- Nov. 20, 1997 Guest speaker: delivered a speech titled “Islam in America” at Worcester State College; sponsored by the Diversity Office and the Diversity Task Force.
- Jan.- Apr.,1996 Delivered several lectures at universities, colleges and high schools in Jordan during my sabbatical leave.
- March 16, 1995 Panelist: participated in a panel discussion on “Economic Development on Border Regions” at the 1995 Annual Meeting of the A.A.G., held in Chicago, IL.
- March 15, 1994 Guest speaker: delivered a speech titled “Understanding Islam and Muslim Communities in Massachusetts”; to middle six county superintendents, sponsored by Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Center, Framingham, MA.
- Feb. 15, 1994 Lyceum Lecture on “Islam and You: A Socio-Cultural Analysis of Muslim Communities in Massachusetts”; delivered for the college community of Framingham State College.
- Jan. 12, 1994 Conducted a seminar on “The Misrepresentation of Islam by the Media”; sponsored by the Massachusetts Council of Churches, Boston, MA.
- April 8, 1993 Organized a walking tour focussed on: The Spatial Structure and Economic Development of Downtown Atlanta, Georgia”, during the 1993 Annual Meeting held in Atlanta, GA.
- April 8, 1993 Chaired the business Meeting for the Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, at the 1993 Annual Meeting held in Atlanta, GA.
- April 7, 1993 Organizer, chair and panelist; participated in a panel discussion on “Regional Development and Planning: Theories and Applications in Different Cultural Settings”; at the 1993 A.A.G. Annual Meeting, held in Atlanta, GA. The other panelists were Ashok Dutt and Frank Costa of the University of Akron, Ohio, and John Benhart of Shippensburg University, PA.
- April 7, 1993 Organizer, chair and panelist; participated in a panel discussion on “The Geopolitical Future of the Arab World” at the 1993 A.A.G. Annual Meeting, held in Atlanta, GA. The other panelists were Ghazi Falah of

the University of Northern Iowa, and Hussein Amery of Bishop's University, Canada.

- Aug. 15, 1991 Guest speaker; delivered a presentation on "Current Dimensions and Approaches in Modern Geography"; sponsored by the Geography Department at the University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan.
- April 5, 1991 Panelist; participated in a panel discussion on "The New World Order: A Third World Search", sponsored by Third World Scholars Consortium, Inc., Cambridge, MA. The other panelists were Farhang Mehr, International Studies at Boston University, and Ifeanyi Menkiti, Philosophy Department at Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA.
- Feb. 26, 1991 Featured speaker at a program on "The Middle East Gulf War"; sponsored by the Towers Hall residence staff at Framingham State College, Framingham, MA.
- June 2-4, 1990 "Beyond the Borders: Mapping our Future". Broadcasted in a five series program by Donna Graf in late July and early August.
- Feb. 27, 1990 Conducted a workshop titled: "Massachusetts' State Park Users' Profile". Workshop focussed on State Parks Users' Profile in the Park Supervisors Training Conference held at the Warren Center in Ashland, sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management/Division of State Park and Forest.
- April 5, 1989 Delivered a presentation on "Understanding Japan for the 1990's, at the Global Education Conference for K-12 teachers and administrators, sponsored by Albert Schweitzer International Center, Framingham State College, Framingham, MA.
- Mar.19-20,1989 Chaired the two sessions: "Economic Asia" and "Geography in Higher Education", at the A.A.G. Annual Meeting held in Baltimore, MD.
- Apr. 29, 1988 Organized and chaired a panel session focussed on "Geographical Perspectives: A Must for Today's Issues", at the Models, Methods, and Resources for World Understanding Conference, sponsored by the Albert Schweitzer International Center, Framingham State College, Framingham, MA.
- Apr. 28, 1988 Guest speaker; delivered a speech titled: "The Place of Islam within the Palestinian Movement", sponsored by the Islamic Society at Northeastern University, Boston, MA.
- Feb. 24, 1988 Moderator for the Internships Session at the Pedagogy Day Conference held at Framingham State College, Framingham, MA.

Additional Professional Activities:

- April, 1993, to August, 1993 Organized and directed an educational program on “The Basic Teachings of Islam” for inmates of the Worcester County House of Correction, MA.
- March, 1992, to March, 1994 President, Islamic Society of Greater Worcester, Worcester, MA.
- March, 1991, to March, 1992 Vice President, Islamic Society of Greater Worcester, Worcester, MA.
- April, 1992, to April, 1994 Chairman, Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.
- April, 1990, to April, 1992 Vice Chairman, Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.
- April, 1989, to April, 1992 Research Award Committee Member, Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.
- Aug., 1989, to Present Faculty facilitator. The New Students’ Orientation Program, Framingham State College, Framingham, MA.
- Sept., 1988, to May, 1991 Member, Nomination and Election Committee, Framingham State College Professors’ Association.
- Jan., 1988, to Present Faculty Representative, Long Range Planning Committee, Framingham State College, Framingham, MA.

Professional Organizations:

- Association of American Geographers
- American Planning Association
- A.A.G. New England/St. Lawrence Valley Division
- National Education Association
- Massachusetts Teachers’ Association
- Association for the Middle Eastern Studies in North America

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Tel,: (523) 556-3421
8. Dr. Hashem Almadani, Chair of the Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering, University of Bahrain.
9. Dr. Mirag Mirza, Department of Geography, University of Umm Al-Qura, Makkah.
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