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**Languages:** Excellent command of English and French (Spoken and written), little Spanish.

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## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- June 2000** *University of Montreal, Quebec, Canada*  
Ph.D. in second language education
- June 1995** *University of Montreal, Quebec, Canada*  
M.A. in second language education
- June 1991** *University 9 Avril, Tunis, Tunisia*  
M.A. in Translation (English to French and vice-versa) – I translated Albert Camus' *L'Etranger*.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2004 - present** *Effat University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia*
- Aug 2017- present** **Assistant Professor in the GEP Department and Effat English Academy (EEA), representative**
1. Representing the EEA.
  2. Teaching English in the EEA.
  3. Translating J.A. Kechichian's 'Iffat Al Thunayan, an Arabian Queen. (community service project)
- Sep 2009 – June 2017** **Assistant Professor in the English & Translation Department and Effat English Academy (EEA), Director**
- Sep 2004 – June 2009** **Assistant Professor in the English and Translation Department**  
**Focus is academic English for young adults**
- Taught English in the English Language and Translation Department program (e.g. LING 321, LIT 220, ENG 227), in all four macro skills, with a particular emphasis on grammar, Reading & Writing, Technical Writing, Structure & Function of the English Language, Reading & Writing non-fiction prose, and basic Speaking/Conversation and Listening courses at multi levels. All the teaching was based on the communicative approach and on independent learning.
  - Developed two checklists for evaluating students (oral presentations).

- Developed teacher evaluation checklist to be used while observing classes at Effat University (teacher's methodology and teaching style, personality and behaviour, competence, etc.)
  - Implemented test-taking practice in English courses syllabi, as a way to prepare the students to the TOEFL exam.
  - Supervised students' workshop titled 'Tips for Successful Interviews, at Effat University.
  - Enthusiastically used Blackboard for uploading course content, quizzes, assignments, journals, discussion boards and more. I am keenly interested in using technology in the classroom when useful.
- **Sep 2002 - June 2004** *Prince Sultan University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*  
**Assistant Professor of ESL at Prince Sultan University**  
**Focus is academic English for young adults**  
 Taught all levels of English in all four macro skills.
    - Taught the 001 level of the PYP program in all four macro skills, with a particular emphasis on grammar and listening.
    - Wrote grammar and listening test materials for quizzes and exams (Midterm & Final).
- **Sep 2001 - June 2002** *King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*  
**Assistant Professor of ESL at COLT (College of Language & Translation)**  
**Focus is academic English for young adults**
    - Taught four levels of the ESL program (101 General English & English), with a heavy emphasis on grammar, listening, and writing.
    - Taught 101 speaking (level 4, translation program).
    - Developed testing material (quizzes & exams, for first-year and third-year university students, in both programs).
    - Evaluated New Headway (intermediate level), and Gateways (beginners), for the teaching of English as a second language to Level 1 students.
- **March 2001 - May 2001** *The Academy Linguistique Internationale, Montreal, Canada*  
**Focus is academic English for young adults (part-time)**  
 Taught general English to Francophone adults.
- **Jan 2001 – June 2001** *ELAM (language school for business people), Montreal, Canada.*

### **Focus is academic English for young adults (part-time)**

- Taught general English to Francophone adults.
- Taught business English to employees of Bell Canada.
- Taught general English to employees of an insurance company in Montreal.

- **Sep 1999 – July 2001** *Montreal, Canada* - Home-tutoring  
**Focus is general English and French**

- Tutored adults, elementary and high-school level students, English and French.

- **September 1999 - June 2000** *S. Chamberland school of languages, Laval, Montreal, Canada.*  
**Focus is general English for young adults (part-time)**

- Taught general English to Francophone adults.

- **Dec 1999 - April 2000** *Faculty of Education, University of Montreal, Canada*

- Research assistant in a project on enhancing the cultural content in new M.E.Q. programs.

- **Sep 1989 – June 1992** *Technical high school, Medjez el Bab, Tunis*  
**Focus is academic English to high school students**

- Taught all four macro skills, with a particular emphasis on grammar.

### **PUBLICATION**

- **July 2012** Manuscript titled ‘Students’ perceptions of their classroom climate and their motivation to study English: Development of a Saudi version of a questionnaire measuring perceptions and motivation’ - LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing.
- **Sep 2011** Article entitled: ‘Students’ perceptions of their classroom climate and their motivation to study English: Development of a Saudi version of a questionnaire measuring perceptions and motivation’, *Electronic Journal of Research in Educational Psychology*, 9, 2.

### **CONFERENCES - Presentations**

- **Jan 2011** Presented a paper entitled ‘Students’ perceptions of their classroom climate and their motivation to study

English: Development of a Saudi version of a questionnaire measuring perceptions and motivation', at the First Conference on Learning & Teaching, Prince Sultan University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

- **May 2010** Presented a paper, titled: 'Students' perceptions of their classroom climate and their motivation to study English as a Foreign Language', at the Third KSAALT Conference in Al- Khobar, Saudi Arabia.
- **May 1999** Presentation of the theoretical background and the methodology of my Ph.D. dissertation at the 67<sup>th</sup> ACFAS Congress at the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada.

### **CONFERENCES - Attendance**

- **May 2017** Workshop titled 'Cambridge Day: A better learning experience', given by Mr. Peter Lucantoni (senior teacher and teacher trainer), in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- **Nov 2016** The National Geographic Conference titled 'Operating globally' in Doha, Qatar, as guest.
- **Nov 2016** The first International Conference of English as a Foreign Language that is organized by the University of Jeddah.
- **Feb 2015** TESOL Arabia Conference, Doha, Qatar.
- **May 2014** Ninth KSAALT Conference organized by the Effat English Academy, Effat University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- **May 2013** Eighth KSAALT Conference in Al- Khobar, Saudi Arabia.
- **May 2017** Workshop entitled 'Cambridge Day: A better learning experience', given by Mr. Peter Lucantoni (senior teacher and teacher trainer), in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

### **AWARDS:**

The best teacher Awards from Prince Sultan University in 2004

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- **August 2017**

Proofreading of Effat University colleagues' article before they are submitted for publication (Mr. Ahmed Attia's paper – Mr. Ahmed Attia is Director at the quality assurance of Effat University)

- **May 2017**

1. Judge for the presentations of Effat students' final projects, Departments of English and Translation and Psychology, Effat University.
2. Proofreading Effat students' projects for both departments.

- **Supervising students' trips:**

- April 2017: Five-day trip to Alexandria, Egypt, for the ROV competition (Effat University ECE students).
- January 2017: Three-day trip with Effat students to Baha (KSA), organized by the DSA, as part of a campaign to promote tourism in the Kingdom.
- April 2016: Trip with Effat students to the 1001 Inventions exhibition in Aramco Jeddah, KSA, organized by the College of Engineering at Effat University (the link to this exhibition is: <http://www.1001inventions.com/jeddah>) Professor Salim Al-Hassani had given a presentation on the pride of Muslim heritage.

3. **Member of the IDB prize (project between Effat university and the Islamic Development bank):**

- December 2016 – February 2017: Screened the English and French files and attended all the meetings held at Effat University and the event held at the IDB on 24 February).

4. **Teaching the Ambassadors program at Effat University;**

- Fall 2016: I taught 25 AP courses for 10 weeks as well as 2 HSS courses (pre-college courses pertaining to the College of Humanities and social sciences).

5. **Proctoring SAT exams at University:**

- Every semester (3-4 Saturday sessions), as the main proctor.

6. **Proctoring the final exams at Effat University, especially when main proctors or assistant proctors are absent:**

- Every semester

7. **Scholarship competition at Effat University:**

- Every semester: Interviewing new applicants and correcting the TWE (Test of Written English), scripts.

8. **KSAALT: Member and presenter:**

- Spring 2013: I gave a presentation on the study conducted in Spring 2012, and published a manuscript in Fall 2012.

- Assisting in organizing the events happening every semester. In 2012, I contributed to the first conference held at Effat University, which attracted more than 700 people.

**9. National Geographic Conference on Globalization in January 2017 in Doha, Qatar:** I was invited as a guest and chosen from among all the universities of the Kingdom. This is partly due to my contribution in providing the academic books to our FDN 1 and FDN 2 students.

**TECHNOLOGY**            Microsoft word, excel, and Blackboard (extensive use, e.g. uploading course content, taking attendance, making announcements, sending emails, using the grade center, etc.)

**INTERESTS**            Reading  
Travelling  
Cooking  
Taking care of my umbrella cockatoo and my other birds

## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Amani M. Gandour,  
Dean of Academic Development and Supportive  
Studies - *She is currently my immediate supervisor.*  
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Dean of the College Humanities & Social Sciences -  
*She was my supervisor from 2004 – 2009.*  
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