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Academic information	
Rank	Associate Professor
Field	Linguistics
Specialty	Psycholinguistics-Second Language Acquisition

Qualifications		Date
Ph.D	University of Delaware, USA	1993
MA	University of Southern California, USA	1986
BA	Kuwait University, Kuwait	1979

Training	Date
Teaching Assistant Training, University of Delaware, USA.	1988
Computer Driving License, Mu'tah University, Jordan.	2007

Electronic Learning, Mu'tah University, Mu'tah. Jordan		2007
Various other training sessions, Mu'tah University, Jordan.		

	Administrative Positions	Date
1	Assistant Dean of Students' Affairs. Mu'tah University, Jordan	1997 -1996
2	Chairperson of the Department of English Language and Literature. Mu'tah University, Jordan	1998 -1997
3	Chairperson of the Department of Modern languages. Mu'tah University, Jordan	2005 -2007
4	Head of the Academic committee. Hail University, KSA	2010-2015

Teaching experience	University, country	Date
Teaching assistant	University of Delaware, USA	1988 -1990
Writing consultant	University of Delaware, USA	1990 -1991
Assistant professor	Mu'tah University, Jordan	1993 -2007
Associate professor	Mu'tah University, Jordan	2008 -2010
Associate professor	Ha'il University, KSA	2010 -2015
Associate professor	Mu'tah University, Jordan	2015-

Honors and awards	Date
Teaching Assistant grant, University of Delaware, USA	1988-1990
Distinguished student Fellowship, University of Delaware, USA	1985-1986
Scholarship for postgraduate studies (MA and Ph.D), Mutah University, Jordan	1985-1989
Scholarship for undergraduate studies, Ministry of Education, Jordan	1975-1979

Other activities	Date
Head of the establishing committee of the MA program in Applied Linguistics, Mu'tah University,	1997

Jordan.	
Head of the establishing committee of the Department of Modern Languages, Mu'tah University, Jordan.	2005
Head of the establishing committee of the Language Center, Mu'tah University, Jordan.	2006
Cofounder of the English Language teachers' Network in Jordan, Jordan.	1995
Member of the committee for the development of the test of English as a foreign language at the Jordanian universities (National TOFL), Ministry of Higher Education, Jordan.	2010
Member of a national committee for the development of the General Qualification Exam for English major students at the Jordanian universities, Ministry of Higher Education, Jordan.	2006
Member of a national committee for the accreditation of the English language department in Philadelphia University (in Jordan), Ministry of Higher Education, Jordan.	1995
Head of an educational council for a group of schools in the Kerak region, Ministry of Education, Jordan.	1994-1997
Head of tens of various regular and ad hoc committees, Mu'tah University, Jordan	
Member of tens of various regular and ad hoc committees, Mu'tah University, Jordan	
Head and Member of various committees, Ha'il University, KSA	2010-2015

Major Achievements

The main contributor to the development of the **Sociocultural** perspective for the explanation of second language acquisition, which now enjoys a very prominent status in the field of second language acquisition worldwide. The ground breaking works that ushered in this perspective were my Ph.D dissertation (1992) and two prominent articles (1994 and 1995) (see below).

My Research Interest Score is higher than 87% of Research Gate members, and higher than 93%-96% of Research Gate members in

the fields: Language Education, Teacher education, Teaching methods, and psycholinguistics.
(https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ali-Aljaafreh-3/stats)
Right now, I am the researcher that has the highest number of citations, at least, in Mu'tah university, Joardan.

The establishment of the MA program in applied linguistics at Mu'tah University, Jordan.

The establishment of the Dept. of Modern languages at Mu'tah University, Jordan

The establishment of the language center at Mu'tah University, Jordan.

Mentor of the MA Comprehensive exam at Mu'tah university for more than 15 years.

Member of the Editorial Board of Mu'tah (Journal) for Research and Studies: Humanities and Social Science Series (1998-1999, 2015-2017).

Reviewer for various journals in language and linguistics.

Teaching a wide range of undergraduate courses in language and linguistics at three universities (University of Delaware, USA, Mu'tah University, Jordan, and Ha'il University, KSA.

Teaching graduate courses in the fields of second language acquisition, English language teaching, and psycholinguistics at Mu'tah University, Jordan

Workshops and symposiums	Place and date
Negative Feedback and L2 Learning in the Zone of Proximal Development.	Georgetown University USA, 1993
Workshop on "Writing for publication"	Mu'tah University, Jordan, 2006
Workshop on "Integrative Approach to Reading and Writing.	Mu'tah University, Jordan, 2006
Modern Linguistics Symposium. Key-note speaker: "Optimal learning within the zone of proximal development."	Mu'tah University, Jordan 2022

	Research studies	Journal
1	Negative feedback as regulation and second language learning in the Zone of Proximal Development.	The Modern Language Journal, 78: 465-483. (1994)
2	Second language learning in the Zone of Proximal Development: A revolutionary experience.	International Journal of Educational research 23: 619-632. (1995)
3	Teaching Arabic as second/foreign language: Coming to grips with reality.	Mu'tah Journal for research and studies: Humanities and social sciences, 22,1, 141-164. (2007)
4	Preliminary Evaluation of the Program of Disseminating English Language Skills to the Students at the Jordanian Universities: Evaluating the Experience of Mu'tah University.	Mu'tah Journal for research and studies: Humanities and social sciences, 23, 5, 39-90. (2008)
5	An analytical study of the learning styles of English major students at Mu'tah University in Jordan	College of Arts Annuals, 'Ain Shamas University, 2010
6	Comparing Students' learning styles in three languages majors at Mu'tah University in Jordan.	International Journal of Humanities and Social Studies, 2, 22, (2012)
7	An Analytical study of students' learning styles at Mu'tah University in Jordan.	Al-Manarah, University of Al

		Albait, 22, (4D), (2016)
8	Scaffolding Construction within the Zone of Proximal Development: A Bi-directional Activity Between Novices and More Capable Others	In progress
9	Teaching English as a foreign language (TEFL) for tertiary level students in Jordan: A need for a radical change.	In progress