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## ***Biographical Information:***

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## ***Academic Qualifications:***

- 2011 Ph.D. in Linguistics (with honors). University of Kansas, The United States of America.  
  
Thesis Title: *Finiteness in Jordanian Arabic: A Semantic Morphosyntactic Approach*
- 2005 M.A. in Applied Linguistics. Mutah University, Jordan.  
  
Thesis title: *Code-Switching between Arabic and Chechen among the Chechen Speech Community of Suweileh.*
- 1996 B.A. in English Language and Literature (with distinction). Mutah University, Jordan.

## ***Academic Experience:***

- 2023 – Present Professor, Mutah University
- 2016 - 2023 Associate Professor, Mutah University
- 2011 - 2016 Assistant Professor, Mutah University
- 2009-2011 Assistant Instructor, The University of Kansas
- 2006-2008 Lecturer, Mutah University

1997-2006

Secondary school teacher of English

### ***Academic Fields of Interests:***

**Generative Syntax & Experimental Syntax**

**Psycholinguistics, mainly, processing of long-distance dependencies**

**Acquisition of syntax**

### ***Publications:***

**Al-Aqarbeh, Rania & Jon Sprouse. (In press). Island effects and resumption in spoken Jordanian Arabic: an auditory acceptability. In *Syntax*. (Scopus Q1)**

**Al-Aqarbeh, Rania. (2023). Transfer of L1 strategies in L2 processing of long-distance dependencies. In *Italian Journal of Linguistics*, 35 (1), 1-45. (Scopus Q2)**

**Al-Aqarbeh, R. (2023). Reconstruction and A'-Movement in Relative Clauses and Wh-Interrogatives in Standard Arabic. In *Dirasat: Human and Social Sciences*, 50(3), 538–553. <https://doi.org/10.35516/hum.v50i3.5432>. (Scopus Q3)**

**Al-Aqarbeh, Rania. (2023). Resumption in Standard Arabic revisited. *Dirasat: In Human and Social Sciences*, 50 (2), 285–301. <https://doi.org/10.35516/hum.v50i2.4938>. (Scopus Q3)**

**Al-Aqarbeh, R., & Al-Malahmeh, M. (2022). Grammatical resumption and dependency processing in Southern Jordanian Arabic. *Brill's Journal of Afroasiatic Languages and Linguistics*, 14(2), 153-193. <https://doi.org/10.1163/18776930-01402003>. (Scopus Q2)**

**Al-Aqarbeh, Rania. (2022). Reconstruction in Jordanian Arabic Relative Clauses: An Experimentally-Based Syntactic Account. In *the International Journal of Arabic-English Studies (IJAES)*, 22 (2), 1-24. <https://doi.org/10.33806/ijaes2000.22.2.1>. (Scopus Q1)**

**Al-Aqarbeh, Rania N. and Atef Al-Sarayreh. (2017). “The Clause Structure of Periphrastic Tense Sentences in Standard Arabic”. In *Lingua*. vol. 185, pp: 67-80. (Scopus Q1)**

Al-Sarayreh, Atef A. and Rania Al-Aqarbeh. (2016). “Constraints on *have-cliticization* and accessibility of Universal Grammar in native speakers and foreign language learners”. In *Lingua*, vol. 181, pp: 99-114. (Scopus Q1)

Al-Aqarbeh, Rania N. and Atef Atallah Al-Sarayreh. (2016). “The Directionality of Agree: A Case from Number and Gender Agreement in Standard Arabic”. In *International Journal of Arabic-English Studies (IJAES)* VOL. 16, PP: 29-51.) (Scopus Q1)

Al-Aqarbeh, Rania N. (2015). “Temporal Interpretation in Standard and Jordanian Arabic”. *DIRASAT: Human and Social Sciences*. Vol. 42, No. 3, pp. 999-1026. (Scopus Q3)

Al-Aqarbeh, Rania N. (2015). “The Syntax of Complex Tense Constructions in Standard and Jordanian Arabic”. *DIRASAT: Human and Social Sciences*. Vol. 42, No. 3, pp. 965-983. (Scopus Q)

I am currently working on a project that explores the distribution of gap and resumptive strategies in Southern Jordanian Arabic and Standard Arabic based on several long-distance dependency structures, including interrogatives, relative clauses, and left-dislocated structures. Also, I am investigating the distribution of resumptive pronouns and gaps in the absence and presence of islands in the long-distance dependencies studied. Specifically, I will discuss the syntactic status of resumptive pronouns in Southern Jordanian Arabic. There are several research papers in review or preparation.

#### ***Academic Conference Presentations:***

“Grammatical Resumption and Sensitivity to Island Effects”. In *Experimental Arabic Linguistics 2018*, UAEU.

Does Grammatical Resumption Ameliorate Constructions with Island Violations?”. In *Symposium of Generative Linguistics*, Philadelphia University/ Jordan. 2018.

“The Syntax of Complex Tense Constructions”. In *Power to Connect in a Changing World: International Conference on Language, Literature and Translation*, The University of Jordan. 2014

“Temporal Interpretation in Arabic’. In the *International Arabic Symposium in Ifrane, Morocco*. 2013.

**“The Role of Finiteness in the Syntax of JA’. In Arizona 5<sup>th</sup> Circle at the University of Arizona, Tuscon, USA. 2011.**

**“The Morphological Distinctions of Verbs in JA and their Syntactic Implications”. In A workshop on Arabic Linguistics at the University of Kansas, USA. 2010.**

### ***Administrative Appointments:***

<b>2017 – 2020</b>	<b>The Chair of the Department of English Language and Literature, Mutah University</b>
<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>The Director of Mutah University Language Center</b>
<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>The Vice Director of Mu’tah University Language Center</b>

### ***Courses Taught:***

✚ Various undergraduate courses in English language skills: pronunciation, reading and listening comprehension, writing, general and English linguistics, English syntax and phonetics, general linguistics, generative grammar, history of English, second language acquisition, psycholinguistics, phonology, and semantics.

✚ Graduate courses in Generative Syntax, Psycholinguistics, and Research Methods in Applied Linguistics.

### ***Committees:***

✚ The representative of the Department of English Language and Literature in the Quality Assurance committee in coordination with the Accreditation Board for Educational Institutions, College of Arts, Mutah University, 2018-present.

✚ The Chair of the organizing and scientific committees of the Symposium on Generative Linguistics held in Mutah on April, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019.

✚ The chair of the Preparatory Committee at the Department of English Language and Literature of the sixth Conference held by the Faculty of

**Arts at Mutah University entitled "Literature and Language as a Platform for Civilizations Interaction", 2019.**

- † The chair of the Preparatory Committee at the Department of English Language and Literature of the fifth Conference held by the Faculty of Arts at Mutah University entitled "Literature and Language as a Platform for Civilizations Interaction", 2018.**
- † Graduate studies committee, Dept. of English Language and Literature, Mutah University.**
- † Supervising and following on the accreditation of the Bachelor program in Translation at the Department of English Language and Literature at Mutah University in coordination with the Accreditation Board for Educational Institutions, 2018.**
- † Supervising the preparation and implementation of an MA program in English Literature that meets the standards of the American Accreditation Board for the subjects of English language, 2017.**
- † Member of the Graduate Studies Committee, College of Arts, Mutah University, 2017-present.**
- † The chair of the Graduate Studies committee, the Department of English Language and Literature, Mutah University, 2017-present.**
- † The Chair of the entrance exam committee, Dept. of English Language and Literature, Mutah University.**
- † College of Arts Council, College of Arts, Mutah University.**
- † The chair of the Cultural and Social Committee, Dept. of English Language and Literature, Mutah University.**
- † Member of Students Interrogation Committee, Deanship of Students Affairs, Mutah University.**
- † University council, Mutah University.**
- † Course syllabus committee, Dep. of English Language and Literature, Mutah University.**
- † University brochure committee, Mutah University.**

- † **Students transfer committee, Dep. of English Language and Literature, Mutah University.**
- † **Course equivalence committee, Dep. of English Language and Literature, Mutah University.**
- † **The Chair of several committees of graduate affairs including reviewing study syllabi, comprehensive exams, defense of MA proposals and theses, (2017-present).**
- † **Member of the Committee of Preparing the English material for online computerized undergraduate courses, Mutah University, 2015.**
- † **Member of the placement test committee, Mutah University, (2013present).**
- † **Member of the committee of reviewing the English Department study program, Mutah University, 2013.**
- † **Member of the College of Arts Council, Mutah University, 2013-2014.**
- † **Preparing and overseeing placement tests in English skills for incoming undergraduate students. 2006 & 2013-2015.**
- † **Administering and supervising the National English Exam for prospective graduate students at the Master's and Ph.D. levels, Mu'tah University, 2012-2015.**
- † **Member of the MA Comprehensive Exam Committee, Mutah University. 2014-2015.**

#### ***Career Development Workshops:***

- † **I participated in numerous workshops and intensive courses held in the institutions where I worked on the development of teaching performance and various administrative experiences. Accordingly, I hold several certificates such as:**

- 1. E-learning**
- 2. MOODLE**
- 3. Course syllabi development**
- 4. ICDL (International Computer Driving License).**
- 5. SPSS**
- 6. Quality Assurance**

7. UTE (University Teacher Educator) after participating in an intensive training course for University Teacher Educators for educators of teachers in the pre-service Teacher Educational Professional Diploma (TEPD) offered by Queen Rania Teacher Academy in cooperation with the University College London (UCL) Institute of Education and funded by the USAID, January-March, 2020.

✚ I am designing several experiments such as online acceptability judgment using IBEX, and running Reading experiments using Eye Tracking within my current research project.

### ***National and International Awards and Grants:***

2016	The Deanship Academic of Research at Mutah University grant to establish a Psycholinguistics Lab.
2009	Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Linguistics Program, University of Texas at Arlington, TX, U.S.A.
2008	Doctoral Scholarship, Al-Hussein University, Ma'an, Jordan.
1992	Undergraduate Scholarship, Ministry of Education, Amman, Jordan.

### ***Committees of MA theses:***

✚ Member of the Committees of the following MA theses:

Sufyan Al-Awawdeh. May 2016. *Discourse Translation and Problems at Proverbs' Translation in Arabic and English Language.*

Osama M. Al-Hajaya. May 2016. *Religious Rhetoric in His Majesty King Abdullah II Speech at the Plenary Session at the General Assembly at the United Nations 2015: A Critical Discourse Analysis Perspective.*

Sayida M. Mustafa. May 2016. *An Analysis of Meta Representational Use in Her Majesty Queen Rania of Jordan Brainy Quotes Discourse.*

• A supervisor of the following MA theses :

**Ayman Al-Hijouj. A Critical Discourse Analysis of the Political Speeches of His Majesty King Abdullah II and their Translations (2016 /2015).**

**Noor Al-Bayadah. The Directionality of Agreement in Gender and Number Agreement in Standard Arabic and Kurdish (2016 /2015).**

**Mays Al-Kasasbeh. Resumption in Jordanian Relative Clauses and Wh-questions. (2016/2017)**

### ***On-Going Research Projects:***

- ✚ Several studies concerning the syntax of various types of long-distance dependencies in Jordanian Arabic and the role and status of resumptive pronouns.

### ***Books:***

**A co-author of the content of the online English textbook courses at Mutah University.**

### ***Reviewing***

**I am a reviewer for several journals, including:**

- **Mutah Lil-Buhuth wad-Dirasat**
- **DIRASAT**
- **International Journal of Arabic-English Studies**
- **Lingua**

### **References:**

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