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OBJECTIVE

A highly qualified academic with over fifteen years teaching experience at university level. Academic journal editor, discourse analyst, corpus linguist, IELTS and TOEFL specialist, translator and NGO experience in leadership, finance, and administration. Native proficiency in both English and Arabic.

EDUCATION

Phd – English
Language University of
Leeds, School of
English, 2014
MA – English
Language and
Linguistics, University
of Mosul, College of
Arts, English
Department 2005 –
Final Mark – Excellent
BA – English Language
and Literature, College
of Arts, English
Department, 2002 -
ranked 1st at College
Level.

KEY SKILLS

Research
Corpus Analysis
Communication
Teaching
Editing
Translation
Training

EXPERIENCE

2014 - Currently
Senior Lecturer • Department Coordinator • Department of English, College of Arts,
University of Mosul.

Teaching and supervision at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

2010 - 2014
Postgraduate Tutor • School of English • University of Leeds, UK
Teaching at undergraduate level.

2006 - 2010
Lecturer • Department Coordinator • Department of English, College of Arts, University of
Mosul.
Teaching and supervision at undergraduate level.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

Sep 2012 - Sep 2014 Editor

Journal Editor: I co-edited the Leeds Working Papers in Linguistics and Phonetics journal. This included putting out calls for contributions and papers, liaising with authors, identifying reviewers and liaising with them, production of template documents and proof-reading papers, as well as overseeing publication of the journal.

May - Oct 2014 Corpus Analyst

MediaBadger - Canada. I worked as a media officer/corpus linguistic analyst measuring the impact of the mention of UN Human Development Reports (UNHDRs - 2004-2014) on websites and social media.

SKILLS: - TRAINER:

English Language Trainer at all levels with years of experience.

IELTS/TOEFL exam preparation trainer.

IT SKILLS

LancsBox (Brezina and McEnery, 2016) corpus analysis software

Wordsmith Tools (Scott, 2011) corpus analysis software.

CFL Lexical Feature Marker (Woolfs, 2010)

Camtasia Studio video recording/editing software

Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher and PowerPoint, Corel Draw, Photoshop, Prezi and general Windows and Internet skills.

Conference and workshop organisation,

I have organised conferences and workshops including:

L3T Conference, June 2013, University of Leeds.

Tools and techniques for using and building digital text archives for research.
David Woolfs, CFL Software, Tuesday 3rd June, 2014.

I delivered a teacher training course in "Writing for Scholarly Publication" annually to members of the Faculty of Education at Ishik University.

Languages:

English – native language proficiency

Arabic - native.

French and Kurdish, both basic (elementary)

PUBLICATIONS

Abdullah, A. and AbdulAmeer D. (2020) "We are Manchester United: Indexing In-group Identity through the Use of 'We' on Twitter" paper accepted at Sociolinguistics Symposium 2020.

(2020 – in Print) A Socio-linguistic Study on the relevance of Convergence and Divergence to In-group Identity on Twitter, Adab Al-Rafidain Journal, College of Arts, University of Mosul

(2019) Rejoining Academic Communities of Practice: "Writing for Scholarly Publication" under Difficult Circumstances. VESAL 2019 Book of Proceedings, Ishik University, Erbil, Iraq.

(2016) Language and Virtual Identity in Second Life: An Ethnographic Sociolinguistic Study. Saarbrücken, Germany: Lambert Academic Publishing.

- (2015) "Second Life: Language and Virtual Identity" In: Spilioti, T. and A. Georgakopoulou (Eds): The Routledge Handbook of Language and Digital Communication, London, Routledge.
- (2015) "Slexipedia: Word Formation and Social Use" In: VESAL 2015 Conference Proceedings, Ishik University.
- (2014). "Doing Virtual": Pragmatic Acts and their Implication for Identity in Second Life". Paper delivered at "LAEL Postgraduate Conference" at Lancaster University, UK, July 14th, 2014.
- (2014). "Doing Virtual": Pragmatic Acts and their Implication for Identity in Second Life. Paper delivered at Identity: Postgraduate Conference, University of Sheffield, 29th May, 2014.
- (2013). "Felicitous Speech Acts in Second Life and the Construction of a Virtual Identity". Presented at the 46th Annual Meeting of BAAL (British Association of Applied Linguistics): Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. 5-7 September 2013.
- (2012). "Slexipedia: A Corpus-based analysis of the word-formation processes and social use of a Second Life-specific code". Paper presented at Sociolinguistics Symposium 19, Freie Universität, Berlin, 21-24 August, 2012.
- (2012). "Slexipedia: Word Formation and Use". Keynote Speaker Paper delivered at the Language and Social Media Seminar Series, University of Leicester, 26-27 April, 2012.
<http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/english/news/conferences/language-and-social-media>

REFERENCES

Dr. Marwan N. Tawfiq, Head of Department of English, College of Arts, University of Mosul (2016 -)

Dr. Alison Johnson, Senior Lecturer, School of English, University of Leeds.

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