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"Let us throw off everything that hinders... and let us run with perseverance the race marked out before us."

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sep. 2016 – Pres University of Wyoming Laramie, Wyoming
Director of Arabic and Middle East Studies Program (Jan. 2018 – Pres);
Arabic Instructor, and Center for Global Studies Fellow (Sep. 2016 – Dec. 2017)

Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016 Tetra Tech DPK Baghdad, Iraq
DRL IDP Legal Assistance Project Senior Technical Advisor

Jun. 2011 – Sep. 2015 Tetra Tech DPK Baghdad, Erbil, Basrah – Iraq
USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program Chief of Party (Sep. 2011 – Sep. 2015)

USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program Consultant (Jun.-Sep. 2011)

Aug. 2007 – Jun. 2011 4point solutions/4points Iraq Baghdad, Erbil, Basrah,
CEO and Co-Founder Iraq / Dubai, UAE

Oct. 2007 – Oct. 2009 The Sandi Group Baghdad, Iraq
Program Manager – Iraqi Government Training Contract for US Embassy

Apr.-Nov. 2008 / Mar.-Jun. 2009 Relief International Baghdad, Iraq
USAID Iraqi Community-Based Conflict Mitigation Program; Program Consultant
(Mar. – Jun. 2009); **Deputy Chief of Party** (Apr. - Nov. 2008)

Oct., 2007 – Nov., 2007 Chemonics International Kabul, Afghanistan
USAID Accelerated Sustained Agriculture Program (ASAP) - Business Development Consultant

2003-2007 IRAQI AMERICAN Chamber of Commerce and Industry Baghdad, Iraq
Executive Vice President (Sep, 2006-April, 2007); **Vice President of Corporate Development** (2004-Aug, 2006); **Director of Human Resources** (2003-2004)

2003 Millennium Relief and Development Services Sinjar and Mosul, Iraq
Project Coordinator

2002-2003 Amman Bishop's School Amman, Jordan
English Teacher

1999-2001 International Development and Relief Board/Baptist Churches
Sudan/Eritrea/Jordan
Field Researcher/Cultural Consultant

EDUCATION

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| 2015-2017 | University of Wyoming | Laramie, Wyoming |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ MA in International Studies▪ Awarded funding for field research in Iraq for thesis on US intervention policies in Iraq – completed interviews with more than 80 participants in central, northern, and southern Iraq over two months.▪ Awarded Graduate Assistant Fellowship from the Department of Global and Area Studies. | |
| 2001-2002 | Southwestern Seminary | Ft. Worth, Texas |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ First year of study completed on an pending MA in Islamic Studies. | |
| 2000 | Korean Institute for Foreign Languages | Khartoum, Sudan |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Arabic language and culture. | |
| 1999-2000 | Arabic Language Study Program | Amman, Jordan |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Arabic language and culture. | |
| 1995-1999 | Denison University | Granville, Ohio |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ BA in Philosophy/Political Science/Economics.▪ Magna Cum Laude graduate. | |

PUBLICATIONS

Assessments, as author

- Assessment and Review of USAID ASAP Program in Afghanistan, 2008, commissioned by USAID Afghanistan
- Dubai Fruit and Vegetable Market Study, 2007, commissioned by USAID Afghanistan's ASAP Program, managed by Chemonics International
- Iraq Ministry of Labor: Kirkuk Vocational Training Center Assessment, 2007, commissioned by the US Military
- Iraq Ministry of Labor: Nasriya Vocational Training Center Assessment, 2007, commissioned by the US Military
- Iraq Ministry of Labor: Khor Al-Zubair Vocational Training Center Assessment, 2007, commissioned by the US Military
- Iraq Ministry of Labor: Abu Al-Khaseeb Vocational Training Center Assessment, 2007, commissioned by the US Military
- Iraq Ministry of Labor: Mosul Vocational Training Center Assessment, 2006, commissioned by the US Military

Assessments, as editor and supervisor

- Rapid Assessment of Internally Displaced Persons' Legal Needs, 2015, carried out under the USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program
- USAID Iraq Access to Justice Widows Value-Chain Analysis, 2014
- USAID Iraq Access to Justice Persons with Disabilities Value Analysis, 2014
- USAID Iraq Access to Justice Unregistered Marriages Value Analysis, 2014
- Iraq Legal Aid Delivery Assessment, 2013, carried out under the USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program
- Iraq Legal Aid Delivery and Pro Bono Assessment, 2014, carried out under the USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program

- Iraqi NGO Organizational Capacity Assessment, 2013, carried out under the USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program
- Iraqi Clinical Legal Education Assessment, 2011, carried out under the USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program
- Iraqi Economic NGO and Business Association Assessment Report, 2010, commissioned by the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)
- Market Assessment: Business Constraints and Opportunities at the Business Enabling Environment and Firm Levels for the Province of Baghdad, Iraq, 2010, commissioned by USAID Iraq: Tijara Program (English and Arabic)
- Market Assessment: Business Constraints and Opportunities at the Business Enabling Environment and Firm Levels for the Province of Dhi Qar, Iraq, 2010, commissioned by USAID Iraq: Tijara Program (English and Arabic)
- Market Assessment: Business Constraints and Opportunities at the Business Enabling Environment and Firm Levels for the Province of Najaf, Iraq, 2010, commissioned by USAID Iraq: Tijara Program (English and Arabic)
- Market Assessment: Business Constraints and Opportunities at the Business Enabling Environment and Firm Levels for the Province of Salahaddin, Iraq, 2010, commissioned by USAID Iraq: Tijara Program (English and Arabic)
- Market Assessment: Business Constraints and Opportunities at the Business Enabling Environment and Firm Levels for the Province of Basrah, Iraq, 2010, commissioned by USAID Iraq: Tijara Program (English and Arabic)
- Market Assessment: Business Constraints and Opportunities at the Business Enabling Environment and Firm Levels for the Province of Diwaniyah, Iraq, 2010, commissioned by USAID Iraq: Tijara Program (English and Arabic)
- Market Assessment: Business Constraints and Opportunities at the Business Enabling Environment and Firm Levels for the Province of Diyala, Iraq, 2010, commissioned by USAID Iraq: Tijara Program (English and Arabic)
- Market Assessment: Business Constraints and Opportunities at the Business Enabling Environment and Firm Levels for the Province of Karbala, Iraq, 2010, commissioned by USAID Iraq: Tijara Program (English and Arabic)
- Market Assessment: Business Constraints and Opportunities at the Business Enabling Environment and Firm Levels for the Province of Muthanna, Iraq, 2010, commissioned by USAID Iraq: Tijara Program (English and Arabic)
- Market Assessment: Business Constraints and Opportunities at the Business Enabling Environment and Firm Levels for the Province of Ninawa, Iraq, 2010, commissioned by USAID Iraq: Tijara Program (English and Arabic)
- Market Assessment: Business Constraints and Opportunities at the Business Enabling Environment and Firm Levels for the Province of Wasit, Iraq, 2010, commissioned by USAID Iraq: Tijara Program (English and Arabic)
- Market Assessment Summary: Business Constraints and Opportunities at the Business Enabling Environment and Firm Levels in Iraq, 2010, commissioned by USAID Iraq: Tijara Program (English and Arabic)
- Market Assessment: Business Constraints and Opportunities at the Business Enabling Environment and Firm Levels for the Province of Anbar, Iraq, 2009, commissioned by USAID Iraq: Tijara Program (English and Arabic)
- Market Assessment: Business Constraints and Opportunities at the Business Enabling Environment and Firm Levels for the Province of Babil, Iraq, 2009, commissioned by USAID Iraq: Tijara Program (English and Arabic)
- Iraq-Wide Assessment of UNICEF Advanced Learning Program, 2009, commissioned by UNICEF

Technical Reports, as author

- USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program final project summary report, 2015

- USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program weekly progress reports, 2011-2015
- USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program quarterly and annual progress reports, 2011-2015
- Iraqi American Chamber of Commerce and Industry Annual Membership Report, 2005
- Iraqi American Chamber of Commerce and Industry Annual Membership Report, 2004

Technical Reports, as editor

- Iraq Jessup National Competition: Final Report, 2014, carried out under the USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program
- Iraqi NGO Organizational Capacity Development Final Report, 2014, carried out under the USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program
- Iraq Jessup National Competition: Final Report, 2013, carried out under the USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program
- Iraqi Laws Conformity with the Provisions of CRPD Harmonization Report, 2012, carried out under the USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program
- Law School Deans Council Annual Meeting Report, 2011, carried out under the USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program

Technical Manuals, as editor

- Iraqi Law School Legal Clinic Curriculum, 2012, carried out under the USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program
- Continuing Legal Education in Iraq – Human Rights Course Materials (including Manual on International Human Rights Law and the Role of Lawyers, course outlines and agendas in both English and Arabic, and PowerPoint Presentation), 2012-2014, carried out under the USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program
- Iraqi Legal Clinic Best Practices Manual, 2012, carried out under the USAID Iraq Access to Justice Program

ACADEMIC GRANTS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- David and Jade Walsh Fellowship in Global Studies, 2017, to finalize and disseminate research on US development efforts in post-conflict Iraq, \$10,000
- Global and Area Studies/Center for Global Studies Graduate Assistant Fellowship for study at the University of Wyoming, 2016-2017, approx. \$24,000 (includes stipend and tuition)
- Malcom Wallop Fund for Conversations on Democracy Grant, 2016, to conduct research interviews and participant observation in Iraq, \$2,500
- Ellbogen International Studies Research Excellence Fund Award, 2016, to conduct research interviews and participant observation in Iraq, \$3,500
- Social Justice Research Center Grant, 2016, to conduct research interviews and participant observation in Iraq, \$2,100

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2016 Presentation and panel participation on careers in international development, Wyoming Goes Global Conference, March 28-29, University of Wyoming
- 2016 Presentation and panel participation on Syrian and Iraqi refugees, Social Justice Conference, April 6-9, University of Wyoming
- 2017 Paper presentation: *Navigating Change Through U.S. Intervention in Iraq: Mistakes of the Past, Prospects for the Future* in “Occupation and Regime Change Politics” panel, International Studies Association Annual Convention, February 22-25, Baltimore, Maryland

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Extensive experience in translation and interpretation in formal conference settings, legal aid encounters, government meetings, security-related matters, and legal and administrative documents
- Civil Society Development Expert – have personal knowledge of and have trained over 300 NGOs in Iraq
- Program Manager – can manage multiple large portfolios with multiple donors successfully, integrating the use of qualified international and Iraqi staff
- Mentor – able to mentor, train, and develop Iraqi leaders that can assume the responsibilities of expats
- Business Development Expert – landed over \$5 Million in projects for Iraqi grass-roots NGO within 3 years (2004-2007).
- Assistant in Successful Hostage Release Negotiations – Baghdad, Iraq (2006).
- Business Entrepreneur – Came to Iraq Trading in Automobiles, started private consulting firm in 2007 that is still operating with multi-million \$ per year portfolio
- Extensive knowledge of Iraq – have lived in Sinjar/Mosul, Baghdad, Erbil, and Basrah, and have personally visited Nasriya, Amara, Najaf, Karbala, Samawa, Kut, Baquba, Tikrit, Ramadi, Kirkuk, Dahuk, and Sulymaniya. Intimately familiar with Baghdad, live in the community with my family
- Extensive Cultural Immersion - Three-Month Cross-Desert Camel Excursion with Sudanese Bedouin, Resident in Middle Eastern Family Homes (1999-2003).
- Teaching English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Certification - Baylor University: Waco, Texas (2001).

LANGUAGES

English: Native speaking, reading and writing
Arabic: Fluent (near Native in Iraqi dialect) speaking, reading and writing (extensive exposure to Sudanese, Jordanian, Iraqi, Lebanese, UAE/Gulf, and Palestinian dialects)
Hebrew: Proficient in reading and writing
German: Basic speaking, reading and writing