

Husam M. Alawadh

Profile

Education is a transformation where knowledge is a key component. My ultimate goal is leading a an educational career that enables me to cultivate my educational and professional aspirations so as to serve my country and my people by striving to avail knowledge. A leadership position at King Saud University is absolutely the perfect setting for realizing some of these goals.

Education

2014 University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

PhD – Linguistics

Concentration: Applied linguistics

Dissertation Title: The Evolution of Saudi Print Media Discourse on The US after 9/11: A CDA of Al-Jazirah and Asharq Alawsat Newspapers

2008 Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

MA – English, Teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Thesis: The Relationship Between Metalinguistic Awareness and Second Language Proficiency Levels in Native Arabic Learners of English

2002 King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

BA - Bachelor of Translation, English

Second Degree Honors

2003 to 2005

Translator/ Interpreter – Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Humanitarian City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

During my time at SBACH, I was responsible for the following:

- Developed and lead training courses for translator and interpreter trainees.
- Reviewed and improved medical terminology courses designed to be given to new hires.
- Helped develop job descriptions for interpreters and translators.
- Translated medical reports, contracts, brochures, job descriptions and complaints.
- Interpreted for patients in the in-patients and out-patients clinics.
- Interpreted for executives in meetings and conferences.

In addition to these tasks as a translator and interpreter, I was responsible for the following:

- Lead teams in the out-patient registration and admission departments.
- Improved performance in this department by increasing the number of patients admitted and registered.
- Organized the out-patient admissions process by devising an automated system.

Work History & Appointments

- Trained and evaluated staff in the registration and admission department.
- Served as an acting manager of the out-patients clinics during after hours.
- Lead the ER department and liaised between night shifts and morning shifts.

2004

Translator – Saudi Royal Court, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

- Translated articles from leading American and English newspapers, books, governmental documents, letters, and complaints.
- Interpreted in meetings and conferences for officials and delegations.

2004 to 2008

Teaching Assistant – King Saud University/College of Languages and Translation, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Apart from my research responsibility as a graduate researcher which eventually lead to earning my MA degree, I was responsible for teaching several entry level courses in the English Department. Specifically, I taught courses in the four essential language skills, namely reading, writing, speaking and listening in addition to grammar and vocabulary building. Not only has this experience sharpened my teaching skills, it has contributed to focusing my research interests.

May, 2008 to Present

Instructor – King Saud University/College of Languages and Translation, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

While I have not been assigned any teaching courses during this time, I have focused on professional and academic development by exploring several areas in applied linguistics and other disciplines leading to a diverse background.

During my time at KSU, the following are my major contributions in a number of English courses taught:

- Successfully improved student participation in the classroom through integration of creative role-playing exercises.
- Implemented reading and writing workshops to increase student literacy and support school reading programs.
- Created and implemented after-school student writing workshop for college application essays.
- Developed program to work with students and increase interest in higher learning.

2007 to 2008

English Instructor – Intensive English Program/Colorado States University, Fort Collins, Colorado/USA

During my time at CSU, I accomplished the following:

- Successfully improved student participation in the classroom through integration of creative role-playing exercises.
- Implemented reading and writing workshops to increase student literacy and support school reading programs.

Work History & Appointments

- Planned, implemented, monitored, and assessed a classroom instructional program which was consistent with Capistrano Unified District regulations and Board of Education goals.
- Organized grade records to increase reference speed.
- Fostered meaningful relationships among students through student team-work projects.
- Developed and taught lessons on relevant books, poems, movies and themes to promote student interest.
- Effectively participated in conversation partners programs that mainly focused on bolstering students communicative competence via engagement in L2.
- Effectively participated in periodic meetings at the IEP and presented proposals to improve the program's overall performance.

2002

Interpreter –Saudi Sports Federation for Special Needs

2004

Interpreter –Judiciary and Justice Systems Conference, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

- Simultaneous interpretation during meetings between legal delegations and Saudi officials in the Ministry of Justice.

2005- present

Freelance Translator/Interpreter

- Edited and translated hundreds of texts from Arabic to English and vice versa in a variety of disciplines and fields.
- Optimized translations by utilizing software to enhance computer-assisted translation.
- Was assigned in several hospitals in the US as a medical interpreter.

2005- present

Freelance Editor and Writer

- Edited texts written in English mainly by non-native speakers of English.
- Utilized earned experience and training to help EFL writers succeed in academic writing in US universities by critiquing and coaching.
- Held several online training sessions for EFL students in academic writing and English for specific purposes in a variety of online venues.

Publications & Presentations

- (2014) The Evolution of Saudi Print Media Discourse on the Us after 9/11: A CDA of Al-Jazirah and Asharq Alawsat Newspapers.
- (2009) The Relationship Between Metalinguistic Awareness and Second Language Proficiency Levels in Native Arabic Learners of English. *TESOL, Denver*.
- (2003) "Autism Aspersers: Solving the Relationship Puzzle-A New Developmental Program that Opens the Door to Lifelong Social and Emotional Growth by Steven E. Gutstein" Translated by: Alawadh, H. & Alajlan, M.

*Professional
Development
&
Engagement*

2002

Intensive Medical Terminology – Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Humanitarian City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

2005-2008

CO-TESOL – Attended several seminars and workshops that focused on L2 teaching and instruction, assessment, curriculum development and teacher training.

2007

TESOL Conference- Attendee, Seattle, Washington, USA

2009

TESOL Conference- Presenter and attendee, Denver, Colorado, Washington, USA

2011

Academic Leadership Development Workshop– Saudi Ministry of Higher Education, Washington, D.C., USA

2012

IEEE Global Communications Conference (GLOBECOM) – Los Angeles, CA, USA

2013

IEEE International Conference on Collaborative Computing: Networking, Applications and Worksharing (Collaboratecom) – Austin, TX, USA

2014

IEEE International Conference on Collaborative Computing, Networking, Applications and Worksharing (Collaboratecom) – Miami, FL, USA

*Personal
Interests
& Academic
Orientation*

- Research interests include discourse analysis, sociolinguistics, second language acquisition and teaching English to speakers of other languages.
- Diverse classroom settings especially in online and computer-assisted language education.
- Tailoring curriculum plans specifically for purpose-oriented education.
- Strong collaborator and firmly believes in teamwork as a means to foster academic excellence.