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ENGLISH LITERATURE,
COMPARATIVE LITERATURE,
CULTURAL STUDIES

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies

University of Arkansas | Fayetteville, Arkansas, USA

Graduated: **Dec 2023**

M.A. in English Language / Literature and Criticism

Yarmouk University | Irbid, Jordan

Graduated: **Aug 2012**

B.A. in English Language and Literature

Al al-Bayt University | Mafraq, Jordan

Graduated: **Jul 2009**

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor

Irbid National University (INU) | Irbid, Jordan

<https://inu.edu.jo/>

Feb 2024 – present

Graduate Assistant (GA)

University of Arkansas | Fayetteville, Arkansas, USA

<https://fulbright.uark.edu/area-studies/middle-east-studies/>

Aug 2017 – Dec 2023

Lecturer, Department of English.

Prince Sattam bin Abdulaziz University | Al Kharj, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Sep 2012 - Feb 2016

<https://www.psau.edu.sa/en>

Teaching Assistant (TA), Department of English

Yarmouk University | Irbid, Jordan

<https://www.yu.edu.jo/index.php/en/>

Sep 2010 - Jun 2011

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

1. American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA) Annual Meeting,

Presentation title: **"Rupturing the Dominant Narrative: Re-thinking Blackness and Black Alterity during the European Middle Ages."**

March 16-19, 2023.

[Chicago, Illinois, USA.](#)

2. Graduate Students Conference (GSC) Annual Meeting,

Presentation title: **"The Treatment and Representation of Alterity during the European Middle Ages."**

March 31-April 1, 2022.

[University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, USA.](#)

3. Fayetteville Public Library (FPL),

Presentation title "**Censorship Divides Us: How and Why Political Censorship Operates in Jordan.**"

September 28, 2021,

Fayetteville, Arkansas, USA.

4. South Central Modern Language Association (SCMLA) Annual Meeting,

Presentation title "**A Freudian Psychoanalytic Reading of J. M. Coetzee's *Waiting for the Barbarians.***"

October 24-26, 2019,

Little Rock, Arkansas, USA.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

TESOL Professional Certificate
Arizona State University, USA.

in progress

Editorial Assistant

International Journal of Middle East Studies (IJMES), University of Arkansas, Fayetteville,
USA

Aug 2022 – Dec 2023

Majlis: Middle East Discussion Group

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, USA

Fall 2018 - Spring 2022

Field trip to HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities)

University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, USA

Fall 2021

Field trip to HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities)

Langston University, Oklahoma, USA

Fall 2019

Culture Day Event

Prince Sattam bin Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia

Spring 2014

Directed Samuel Beckett's play, *Waiting for Godot*, with English language students during the Culture Day event held on campus.

Culture Day Event

Prince Sattam bin Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia

Spring 2013

Directed Samuel Beckett's *Catastrophe* with English language students during the Culture Day event held on campus.

PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSLATIONS

- **Samer Mayyas**, "From Periphery to Center: Re-presenting Black and Afro-Arab Characters in Contemporary Arabic Literature" Dissertation published by ProQuest 2023. <https://scholarworks.uark.edu/etd/5162>
- **Samer Mayyas**, Rania Mahmoud "Our voices Persist" Published online by Cambridge University Press USA, September 2020.
- Hani Mayyas, Kamariah Binti Yunus, **Samer Mayyas** "Translation Strategies Used in Translating Medical Texts from English into Arabic" Published by American Journal of Translation Studies, March 2020.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Graduate Assistantship (GA), University of Arkansas (USA), 2017-2023.
- Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies (CLCS) Writing Fellowship, University of Arkansas, 2023-2024.
- University of Arkansas Graduate Student Travel Grant / ACLA Conference, Chicago, Illinois, January 2023.
- Summer Research Graduate Assistantship, University of Arkansas, 2021.
- MEST Graduate Research Support Mini-Grant, University of Arkansas, 2021.
- Summer Research Award, University of Arkansas, 2020.
- University of Arkansas Graduate Student Travel Grant / SCMLA Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, April 2019.
- Teaching Assistantship (TA), Yarmouk University, 2010-2011.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA)
- American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA).
- South Central Modern Language Association (SCMLA).
- Arkansas Alumni Association, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.