DIMA AWADH AL-MALAHMEH

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Education

1. PhD in **Linguistics**, University of York, as a scholarship from Philadelphia University: 2011-2015 (thesis defended)

   - Thesis title: "*An investigation of the influence of sociolinguistic factors on children's first language in Jordan*"

2. MA in **Applied Linguistic** from Jordan University of Science & Technology (JUST), as a scholarship from JUST: 2008-2010

   - GPA: **89%** - Excellent

   - Thesis title: *"A Phonological Approach to First Name Preferences in Jordan"*

3. BA in **English for Specific Purposes (ESP)** from Jordan University of Science & Technology (JUST): 2004-2008

   - GPA: **93.8%**

   - The *first* in the department

   - On the *Honor List* from the first year continuously

   - 3 scholarships from The Ministry of Higher Education

   - 4 awards from Jordan University of Science and Technology

3. Secondary Certificate from Jordan with an average of **91%.**

Experience

- October, 2015- till now: Assistant professor at *Philadelphia University*, teaching courses in Linguistics and English language skills (Introduction to Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Morpho-Phonology, Semantics, Seminar in Language, Research Project, Discourse Analysis, Translation, Reading comprehension and writing).

- July 2010 - 2011: Part-time Instructor at *Jordan University of Science and Technology*. Teaching general English courses for BA students and English 502 (preparation course for TOEFL-ITP) for MA students.
- 2009-2010 (1st and 2nd semester): Teaching oral/aural skills at *Jordan University of Science and Technology*, as part of the commitment of the MA scholarship. Main duty is to enhance the speaking and listening skills for students of the English language, besides the reading and writing skills.
- 2007: working in *The US Embassy*, in the Consular Section (Non-Immigrant Visa section), for 3 months during summer (2007). I have got an appreciation certificate from the American Ambassador and two recommendation letters from the vice consuls.

Courses

1. Multivariate Data Analysis for Social Sciences with computing exercises using R (free software), the White Rose DTC Advanced Qualitative Methods Summer School, at the Scarborough Campus of the University of Hull (2013).
2. Speech corpora, quantitative data visualisation and sociophonetics by Prof. Jen Hay, University of Canterbury, NZ, at University of York (2013).
3. Residential *Teaching* Course at *University of York* (2011): This intensive course is aimed at preparing participants for the first experiences in the classroom/lab and to give them the skills and confidence to be able to pass their knowledge and enthusiasm on to their students. This course was designed to enable the participants to:
   - Recognise and reflect on your own strengths as a facilitator of learning
   - Explain your approach to teaching to others
   - Construct a session plan
   - Design materials to support teaching and assessment
   - Integrate theories about learning and teaching into practice
   - Appraise and review the teaching practice of your peers

4. Auditing at *University of York*: Research Methods (2011), Linguistics Research Training (2012), Phonetics and Phonology (2011), Language Variation and Change (2011), Child Bilingualism (2012) and Impressionistic Phonetics (2013).

5. Courses at *Jordan University of Science and Technology* in English for Commercial Purposes, English for Business and Secretarial Work, English for Tourism and Aviation, English for Hotels, English for Politics and Diplomacy, English in Media, and Translation (2006-2008)**.**

6. Computer Courses in: Windows, M.S. Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Internet (2004).

7. Communication Skills- Body Language / from Jordan University of Science & Technology (2006).

8. Concepts of Human Rights / Amman (2006).

9. Communication Skills / from Civil Society Development Centre – Jordan University of Science & Technology (2007).

10. Negotiation Skills / from Civil Society Development Centre – Jordan University of Science & Technology (2007).

Workshops

In Research

1. SPSS workshop: descriptive stats, hypothesis testing and using graphs (2011 & 2012)
2. Turnitin training (2011)
3. Endnote/ referencing software and website (2011 & 2012)
4. Creativity and Problem Solving in Research (2011)
5. Plagiarism and Academic Misconduct (2011)
6. Creating Your Thesis Using Word/Using Microsoft word for research (2012)
7. Becoming an Effective Researcher/ 2 parts (2012)
8. Poster Presentations (Sciences) (2012)
9. CHILDES and CHAT language (2012)
10. Developing an Academic Poster (2013)
11. Communicating Your Research to a Lay Audience (2013)
12. Open Access Publication (2013)
13. What is Knowledge Transfer, and what does it have to do with my research? (2014)

In Teaching

14. Small Group Teaching / Languages & Linguistics (2011)
15. English language and communication workshops for internationally recruited Postgraduates Who Teach/English language as a medium of teaching (2011)
16. Effective Lecturing (2011 & 2012)

In various topics

17. Oral Presentations: Secrets of Great Presenters (2012)

18. Introduction to Debating and Persuasive Speaking (2012)

19. Presenting with PowerPoint and Slides (2012 & 2013)

20. An Introduction to Blogging (2013)

21. Filmed Presentations / presenting your filmed topics (2013)

22. Working Across Cultures (2013)

23. Making the Most of Your Voice (2014)

Conferences & Activities

1. The *head* of the *Culture Committee* at Philadelphia University (2016)

2. *Oral Presentation* at PARLAY conference (2014), titled "Do Parental attitudes shape children's language?"

3. A *member* in the organization team of EuroSLA conference (2014)

4. *Poster Presentation* at University of York Postgraduate Day (2014), titled "Do Parental attitudes shape children's language?"

5. *Oral Presentation* at University of York Postgraduate Day (2013)

6. A *member* in the organization team of the inaugural PARLAY conference (2013)

7. *Editor* in York Papers in Linguistics-YPL (2013)

8. *President* of the York Arab Society (YAS) at University of York (2012-2014)

9. A *member* in the organization team of the Model Arab League (MAL) in the UK (2013 & 2014)

10. *Poster Presentation* at Essex Postgraduate Conference (2013)

11. Writing articles in *Family Flavours* and *Nakahat 'Ailiyeh* magazines (2008-2011)

12. Attending the Commemoration of World Population Day in the Higher Population Council, under the theme "Family Planning, it's a right, let's make it a real" (2008)

13. Invited by JUST to attend and participate in a meeting for The American Ambassador Mr. David Hale (2007)

14. As a volunteer in The Civil Society Development Centre, I attended a meeting with Ms. Sema Bahhooth in the Higher Media Council, Talking about "How To Be A Successful Leader" (2007)

15. Invited by JUST to attend and participate in a meeting for The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Abdul-Elah Al-Khateeb in Bonat Al-Mostaqbal Reception. The subject was "The Middle East Now". The invitation was limited to the distinguished students in few universities (2007)

16. Attending a session titled "7 Tips for Success" by Mr. Ramzi Zeine in The British Council (2007)

17. Invited by JUST to attend and participate in a meeting with Ms. Asma Khader regarding the Municipality Elections (2007)

18. Invited by JUST to attend and participate in a meeting for The Ex-Prime Minister, Dr. Abdul-Salam Al-Majali. The subject was "Higher Education in Jordan". The invitation was limited to the distinguished students in the university (2006)

Interests

1. In research: Sociolinguistics, Bilingualism, language acquisition, Phonetics & Phonology.
2. Travelling
3. Teaching (in general)
4. Attending workshops
5. Volunteering/ community service/ social activities
6. Cooking, crafting & listening to music

References available upon request