

Curriculum Vitae  
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## Education

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### Indiana University of Pennsylvania

- **Ph.D.** in English/Literature and Criticism – August 2012.  
**GPA: 4/4**  
**Dissertation Title:** Geopolitical Fractures: Ideological Critique of Global Neoliberal Capitalism in World Bank Literature.  
**Dissertation Committee:** Prof. David Downing (Chair, IUP); Prof. Susan Comfort (IUP); Prof. Bret Benjamin (SUNY at Albany);

### Yarmouk University – Jordan

- **M.A.** in English Literature and Criticism 2003/2004.  
**GPA: 87.8 = Excellence (First Rank).**  
**Thesis Title:** Cultural Critique in Selected Works of Chinua Achebe.

### Yarmouk University – Jordan

- **B.A.** in English Language and Literature, 2000.  
**GPA: 86.3 = Excellence (First Rank)**

## Teaching Experience

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**Yarmouk University: Jordan (2012-Present) – an assistant professor** of English Literature and Criticism at the Department of English Language and Literature where I am teaching English courses for undergraduate and graduate students.

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania: U.S.A. (2008-2012) – a graduate tutor and ESL instructor** at the American Language Institute where I have tutored and taught international students from beginning to advanced proficiency levels in Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening and Grammar.

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania: U.S.A. (2009-2011) – a teaching associate** at the English Dept. where I have taught English courses for undergraduates, including College Writing and Research Writing.

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· Updated in March 2013.

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania: U.S.A. (2006-2008) – a graduate assistant** in the English Dept. Doing some service activities in the English Dept.; assisting in research and research preparation papers and related duties which included library research, ordering books, guest lecturing in different classes on a needed basis.

**The Hashemite University: Jordan (2005-2006) – a teaching assistant** in the English Dept. and in the Language Center. Teaching introductory courses for undergraduates, including preparation of lectures and exams, grading papers, monitoring exams, translating some official texts, holding office hours and help sessions for students and performing administrative responsibilities.

**Ar'ar Teachers College (a four-year-college): Saudi Arabia (2004-2005) – an English Language lecturer** in the English Dept. and in the Language Center. Teaching introductory and advanced courses for undergrad. students. Preparing and developing lectures in reading, listening, grammar, writing, vocabulary, and practicum along with administering exams and relevant feedback to students.

**Yarmouk University: Jordan (2000-2002) – a research assistant** in the English Dept., in the Clinic of Language Skills and in the Consultation and Community Service Center. Assisting in research and research preparation papers and related duties; developing tutorials to students in need; tutoring language skills, including speaking, listening, reading, writing and grammar; along with tutoring Arabic for non-native speakers.

## **Courses Taught at a university level**

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**Studies in Poetry** (Engl 652 – a graduate course) at Yarmouk University, Jordan  
**Writing 2** (Engl 206) at Yarmouk University, Jordan  
**Literary Theory and Criticism** (Engl 330) at Yarmouk University, Jordan  
**Special Topic in Literature** (Engl 493) at Yarmouk University, Jordan  
**British Novel in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century** (Engl 361) at Yarmouk University, Jordan  
**Introduction to Literature** (Engl 106) at Yarmouk University, Jordan  
**Listening to Advanced Academic English** (Engl 280B) at Indiana University, PA, USA  
**Listening to Academic English** (Engl 280A) at Indiana University, PA, USA  
**Research Writing** (Engl 202) at Indiana University, PA, USA  
**College Writing** (Engl 101) at Indiana University, PA, USA  
**Practicum** (Engl 499) at Ar'ar Teachers College, Saudi Arabia  
**Writing** (Engl 132) at Ar'ar Teachers College, Saudi Arabia  
**Genera English** (Engl 111) at Ar'ar Teachers College, Saudi Arabia  
**Vocabulary** (Engl 123) at Ar'ar Teachers College, Saudi Arabia  
**Grammar II** (Engl 243) at Ar'ar Teachers College, Saudi Arabia  
**Grammar I** (Engl 142) at Ar'ar Teachers College, Saudi Arabia  
**Advanced Reading** (Engl 226) at Ar'ar Teachers College, Saudi Arabia  
**Reading II** (Engl 255) at Ar'ar Teachers College, Saudi Arabia  
**Reading I** (Engl122) at Ar'ar Teachers College, Saudi Arabia  
**General English (1)** (Engl 101) at The Hashemite University, Jordan

**General English (2)** (Engl 102) at The Hashemite University, Jordan

**Remedial English** (Engl 99) at the Hashemite University, Jordan

## **Conferences, Presentations and Publications**

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### **Publications:**

Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah. Rev. of *Arab Modernities: Islamism, Nationalism, and Liberalism in the Post-Colonial Arab World* by Jaafar Aksikas. *Socialism and Democracy* 26.2 (July 2012)

Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah. "A Historic and Ecstatic Moment of Triumph Made in Egypt." *The Indiana Gazette*. 16 Feb. 2011. Reprinted in *Universitas*, IUP in March 2011 and *AmmonNews*, Jordan.

Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah. "9/11 and Arab Spring: A Moment of Reconsideration." *The Indiana Gazette*. 11 Sept. 2011. Reprinted in *The Penn*, IUP, on 13 Sept. 2011 and *AmmonNews*, Jordan.

Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah. *Cultural Critique in Selected Works of Chinua Achebe: A Postcolonial Study of "Self" and "Other."* Berlin: LAP Academic, 2010.

Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah and Mohammad Al-Jayyousi, translators. "A Speech by the Red Indians" by Mahmoud Darwish. *Pass-Words: Poems from I Speak the Password Primeval*. Ed. Edward J. Carvalho. Indiana, PA: PAresia Press, 2009.

### **Conference Papers:**

Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah (Upcoming May 2013). "A Critique of the Post-Independence Manichean World in India: International Financial Institutions' Narratives Revisited in Adiga's *The White Tiger*." Paper accepted to be presented in Cultural Studies Association (CSA) Conference to be held in Columbia College, Chicago.

Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah (April 2012). "Digital Literature as Part of Global Resistance." A Flash Project presented at Graduate Scholars Forum at IUP.

Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah (April 2012). "World Bank Literature as a Mode of Production Critique of Global Neoliberal Capitalism: Mohsin Hamid's *Moth Smoke*." Paper accepted to be presented at Cultural Studies Association (CSA) Conference in UCSD. (Couldn't present the paper myself as I was invited to chair a session at College English Association Conference on the same day my session was at CSA).

Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah (March 2012). "Neoliberal Economy: A Critique of Violent Financial Deregulation in World Bank Literature." Paper presented at College English Association (CEA) Conference in Richmond, VA.

Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah (March 2012). Invited to speak in a seminar, "Representation,

- Secular Violence, and the Politics of South Asian Community” at NeMLA held in Rochester, New York on 15-18 March 2012.
- Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah (Mar./Apr. 2011). "Neoliberal Violence and Capital Deregulation: Literary (Counter)Narratives as World Bank Literature." Paper presented at College English Association (CEA) Conference in St. Petersburg, FL.
- Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah (Mar. 2011). “World Bank Literature: A Geopolitical Critique of Globally Hegemonic Narratives.” Paper presented at Cultural Studies Association (CSA) Conference in Columbia College, Chicago.
- Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah (Nov. 2010). “Neoliberal Commodification and Economic Deregulation in Helena Viramontes’ *Under the Feet of Jesus*.” Paper presented at University of West Georgia Word/Image/Culture Conference.
- Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah. (Nov. 2009). “World Bank Literature: A Critique of Global Neoliberal Capitalism.” Paper presented at Duke University Conference, *Cultures of Recession*.
- Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah. (Oct. 2009). “Inbetween-ness/Hybridity in the Character of the Ex-Colored Man: A Postcolonial Reading of James Johnson’s *The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man*.” Paper presented at EAPSU (English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities) Conference, Shippensburg University.
- Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah. (March 2009). "World Bank Literature" - A New Term for a New Global Reality?" Paper presented at UC, Berkeley Conference, *Crisis, Contradiction, Contestation: Postwar Economy and Culture*. University of California, Berkeley.
- Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah. (April 2008). “Cultural Hegemonic Practices.” Flash Project presented at IUP, English Department, Literature and Criticism.
- Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah. (Oct. 2008). “Institutionalized Religion Inside and Secular Religion Outside: Forms of Ideological Oppression in Joyce’s *A Portrait* and Moore’s *The Luck of Ginger Coffey*.” Paper presented at EAPSU (English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities) Conference, *(Re)Connections: Bridging Boundaries and Creating Byways*. Kutztown University.
- Al-Dagamseh, Abdullah. (March 2008). “Challenging but Applauding Repressive Institutionalized Religion in Jane Eyre: A Critique of Bronte’s Double Standards.” Paper presented at the Graduate Student Assembly/English Graduate Organization Interdisciplinary Conference, *Crossing Borders and Pushing Boundaries in the University and Beyond*. " Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

## **Services & Professional Activity**

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Attending the E-Learning Workshop at Yarmouk University in November 2012.

Attending the New Faculty Orientation at Yarmouk University in September 2012.

Serving as a panel chair for “Women, Mothers, Children, and Place” session at College English Association (CEA) Conference, April 2012.

Attending the Reflective Practice Large Group Meeting, “Providing a Positive Learning Experience for Students with Disabilities,” April 5, 2012.

Attending the Reflective Practice Large Group Meeting, “A Gift of Great Teaching Ideas from Reflective Practice Co-Directors,” December 7, 2011.

Attending the Reflective Practice Large Group Meeting, “Service-Learning: Facilitating Transformative Education,” Feb 10, 2012.

Attending the Reflective Practice Large Group Meeting, “Using Social Media and YouTube in Your Classroom,” October 5, 2011.

Attending the Reflective Practice Large Group Meeting, “Great Ideas for the First Day of Class” August 25, 2011.

Serving as a panel chair for “(Limitations of) Representations within the Personal and Academic Spaces” session at Teacher Scholar Symposium (TSS) held at IUP, June 17, 2011.

Serving as a panel chair for “Praxis in Composition Studies” session at Teacher Scholar Symposium (TSS) held at IUP, June 17, 2011.

Volunteering to organize the Teacher Scholar Symposium (TSS) and to serve as a member of Teacher-Scholar Symposium Task Force, 2011.

Serving as a panel chair for “Autobiography and the American Dream” session at College English Association (CEA) Conference held on March 31 to April 02, 2011.

Invited to deliver a speech on behalf of IUP international students at Budget Cut Rally held at IUP, March 2011.

Attending the conference “Empire: A Retrospective” at the University of Pittsburgh, Nov. 18 and 19 2010.

Attending the Reflective Practice Large Group Meeting, “Teaching Non-Majors,” Nov. 3, 2010.

Attending the Center for Teaching Excellence Fall Workshop, “Courage to Teach”, Oct. 23, 2010.

Attending the Reflective Practice Large Group Meeting, “Helping Students Effectively Evaluate Your Teaching,” Oct. 7, 2010.

Volunteering in “Community Connections.” August 2010-present. Discussion leader/core

participant in this project that joins IUP postcolonial studies students with the Homer-Center Library “Book Ends” group to run a monthly book and film series dedicated to examining postcolonial topics, particularly those related to women.

Invited as a guest speaker for Multicultural and Diversity Issues in Graduate Counseling Seminar at the Department of Counseling at IUP, June 2010.

Invited Lecturer in Prof. Susan Comfort’s Class, April 2010 – “Global Issues.”

Attending MLA Convention held in Philadelphia, Dec. 2009.

Invited as a guest speaker for Arabic Culture and Civilization Discussion Series at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, 2009.

Invited Lecturer in Mr. Edward Carvalho’s Class, 2009 – “Neoliberalism and Imperial Institutions.”

Attending the New Faculty Orientation, Aug. 24, 25, and 26 2009.

Invited Lecturer in Dr. Pamela Rodger’s Class, 2008. “Arabic Poetry: Sound Effects.”

Invited Lecturer in Prof. Susan Comfort’s Class, 2008 – “World Bank, IMF and WTO as Cultural Institutions.”

Participating in “I Speak the Password Primeval” reading series where I featured the event and read some poetry. IUP, July 2008.

Serving as a “Reader” for the “EAPSU 2007 Conference Proceedings”.

Chairing a session in EAPSU Conference (English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities), 2007.

Attending a two-week session focusing on current methods in measurement and evaluation of university students, Saudi Arabia, 2004.

Volunteering my time working as a member of the Public relations Committee which is responsible for facilitating and coordinating the relations between Ar’ar Teachers College and other community entities – Saudi Arabia, 2004/2005.

A member of the Yearbook Committee, in Ar’ar Teachers College, which is responsible for preparing and distributing the Yearbook, Saudi Arabia 2004/2005

A member of IUP Literary Theory Reading Group (2008-2010)

An “Active Plus” Member of Reflective Practice sponsored by IUP’s Center for Teaching

Excellence, 2010-2012

A member of the Editorial Board in *Crimson Quill*, IUP (2010-2012)

A member of the Library Committee in the English Dept. at Yarmouk University, 2012-present

A member of the Freire Project for Critical Pedagogy

A member of the Modern Language Association.

A member of Marxist Literary Group

A member of Cultural Studies Association

A member of College English Association

A selected member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Serving as a Student Vice President in the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, IUP Chapter, 2010-2012

## **Honors, Awards, and Grants**

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Awarded Graduate School Professional Development Grant (\$350), March 2012.

Awarded the IUP Graduate School Travel Grant (\$750), March 2012.

Awarded the NeMLA Travel Grant, (\$200), March 2012.

Nominated for Teaching Excellence Award, English Dept, IUP, 2011.

Nominated for Research Excellence Award, English Dept, IUP, 2011.

Awarded Teaching Associateship, IUP. 2009-2011

Nominated for Volunteer Service Award, IUP, 2011.

Awarded the IUP Graduate School Travel Grant and Professional Development Grant, (\$450), May 2011.

Awarded a Graduate Research Grant for my dissertation, (\$1000), March 2011.

Awarded the IUP Graduate School Travel Grant, (\$750), January 2011.

Awarded the MLA Travel Grant, (\$300), 2009.

Selected to the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 2008

Awarded Graduate Assistantship, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2006-2008.

Honor List at Yarmouk University, Jordan, 2003/2004.

Honor List at Yarmouk University, Jordan, 2000.

Graduate Assistantship, Yarmouk University, Jordan 2000-2002

Granted the Jordanian Government's Scholarship for the B.A. Degree, 1996-2000.

### **Selections of Workshops and Colloquium Events I attended**

"Surviving and Succeeding in the Academy: A Series of 5 Workshops on Professionalization." IUP, October-November, 2010.

"Why Comp Needs Lit and Why Lit Needs TESOL." IUP, April, 2010.

"Using Research in Teaching: Perspectives on Composition and Literature." IUP, Feb 2010.

"Feminist Pedagogies: Challenges, Rewards, and Strategies." IUP, April 2009.

"Addressing International Students' Academic Needs: Writing Across Borders." IUP, March 2009

"Identity Research in Language and Education: Perspectives and Directions." IUP, March 2009.

"Disturbing Writing: Examining the Stories, Roles, and Responses of University Writing Tutors and Teachers." IUP, January 2009

"Effective Use of Textbooks." IUP, Oct. 2008

"Publishing Your Work: Tricks of the Trade, From Presentations to Articles, from Articles to Books." IUP, March 2008.

"Academic Networking." IUP, February 2008.

"The Power of Voice in Research: A Linguistic Perspective." IUP, September 2007

"The FrontPage Introduction Workshop." September 2006.

"Tips for Using Microsoft Word and Converting Document to PDF." IUP, October 2006.

"How To Write a Proposal for an IUP Graduate Student Research Grant." IUP, October 2008.

## References

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