

SUMMARY

Enthusiastic and organized teaching professional bringing proven success in advancing students' global education and intercultural skills

Firm believer in lifelong learning and deeply committed to instilling an appreciation for Arabic language and culture by developing cultural engagement programs and curriculum

EDUCATION

Lebanese University, Doctoral School of Literature, Humanities & Social Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon

2015	• Doctorate Degree in Educational Administration
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Lebanese University, Faculty of Pedagogy, Beirut, Lebanon

2003 - 2005	• Comprehensive studies for Doctorate degree in Educational Administration
2001	• Diploma of Higher Education in Educational Leadership

Lebanese University, Institute of social Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon

1995	• Master of Social Sciences in Educational Sociology
1985	• Bachelor's Degree in Sociology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University - MCLL, Blacksburg, Virginia

2022	<i>On-site Director of VT Arabic Morocco</i>	• Directed VT Arabic Morocco May 23-June 9, 2022, supported by VT Project Go. at ALIF, Fez, Morocco
2015 - present	<i>Director of Virginia Tech Arabic Study Abroad program in Oman</i>	• Built and directed VT Arabic Oman in summer 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2021 • Develop and sustain VT Arabic Oman for summer 2022 which also forms as part of Project GO program at VT
2020 - present	<i>Promoted to Advanced Instructor</i>	
2014 - 2020	<i>Full time Instructor of Arabic</i>	• Taught Arabic Language Courses at the elementary, intermediate and advanced levels.

Georgia Institute of Technology, School of Modern Languages, Atlanta, Georgia

2008 - 2014	<i>Coordinator of the Arabic Program Full-Time Lecturer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught Arabic Language and Culture Courses at the elementary, intermediate and advanced levels • Organized students' reach out to the Arab community and participate in their events and activities • Designed and implemented service learning volunteering program with the Arab educational institutions • Designed and taught Arab cultural course "Arab Arts, Science, Technology & Culture Through History (700-300 AD)" (English)
2012	<i>Director of the Arabic study abroad program in Jordan, LBAT-Jordan</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed program courses and curriculum • Organized cultural immersion excursions that included various business and technology institutes
2007	<i>Committee Member</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search for Arabic Candidates -Tenure Track Position-resulting in a hire

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Continued)**Ministry of Education, Beirut, Lebanon**

2000 – 2005	<i>Member of the Sociology, Official Examination Committee</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared the final official high school exam (A yearly National Standardized Exam for the High School Students), set the correcting norms and supervised correction and grading.
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Center of Educational Research and Development (CERD), Beirut, Lebanon

1997 - 2005	<i>Trainer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed and implemented training workshops for high school teachers in Beirut and rural areas, “Continuous Training Project” (Cooperative Project: The Lebanese Ministry of Education, CERD & The French Government)
	<i>Member of the “Hard Core Committee”</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed the Educational Evaluation System in Lebanon, (a part of the Educational Developing Project related to World Bank)
	<i>Member of the General Education Project’s Team</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studied and implemented “Development of the Administration of Public School” (Cooperative Project: CERD, Ministry of Education and World Bank) Participated in research studies and workshops “Development of the Educational evaluation system of the Schools in Lebanon” (A project conducted by the Evaluation and Examination Committee at CERD)

Choueifat Official Secondary School, Choueifat, Lebanon

1999 – 2004	<i>High School Teacher</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taught Sociology to high school students
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The Lebanese Association for Educational Studies (LAES), Beirut, Lebanon

2000	<i>Team Secretary</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the organizing team “Conference on Educational Administration in the Arab States: Issues and Prospects for Reform”, (7-9/12/2000)
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICE**Virginia Tech., MCLL, Blacksburg, VA**

2020 – Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize extracurricular cultural activities and events for students in collaboration with Arabic Language Club
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Virginia Tech., MCLL & Mozaiko, Blacksburg, VA

2021 – 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty Language Fellow (FLF) in the Mozaiko Living-Learning Community at Cranwell International Center (8/30/2021-5/4/2022)
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Fulbright National Screening Committee

Fall 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serve as a member in Fulbright National Committee for English Teaching Assistantship award (9/01/2021-11/19/2021)
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Virginia Tech., MOSS Art Center, Blacksburg, VA

Nov. 5/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arranged a meeting with students learning Arabic with the Artists Redouane and Habib where they learned about Arabic and Sufi music, poetry, and song
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICE (Continued)**Virginia Tech., MOSS Art Center project: SALAAM: Exploring Muslim Cultures** Blacksburg, VA

2016 - 2018		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of Building Bridges: Engagement & Service-Learning working group
Feb. 2018		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arranged visits of the Artists Omar Offendum and Karim Naji to Arabic classes to meet with students and have discussions about Arabic culture, poetry and music (2/19-21/2018)

Virginia Tech., Newman Library, Blacksburg, VA

Dec 2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed an Arabic Open textbook
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Alif Institute (Non-profit Arab American Organization), Atlanta, Georgia

2011	<i>Volunteer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted workshops: Arab art, science & technology through history and Contemporary Arab Culture
Spring 2010	<i>Coordinator</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinated Cultural and educational activities at the "Atlanta Arab Festival" Facilitated Georgia Tech Arabic program students' participation, volunteering in Atlanta Arab Festival

Foreign Language Association of Georgia (FLAG) conference, Augusta, Georgia (March 12, 13/2010)

Spring 2010	<i>Co-presenter</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Where are they coming back?" A session about Community Service-Learning activity in class ARBC-2002 with Amana Academy (a charter middle school in Atlanta)
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CONTRIBUTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS**Virginia Tech., Course Exhibit Initiative at Newman Library, Blacksburg, VA**

Fall 2019	<i>VT Arabic Oman Student Photo Exhibit</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinated with Course Initiative at Newman Library to carry out a display of students' photos and testimonials of their experience studying Arabic in Oman in summer 2018 and 2019. (Sep. 30 – Dec. 16, 2019)
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Virginia Tech., Student Affairs, Service for Students with Disabilities, Blacksburg, VA

April 2019		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received "Excellence in Access & Inclusion" Award.
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Virginia Tech., Inclusive VT Week: Celebrating Community, Blacksburg, VA

Fall 2018	<i>VT Arabic Oman Reflect and Share</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized and coordinated 3 hours of students' display of posters, photos, and interactive presentation, reflecting and sharing with VT community about their experience studying Arabic in Oman in Summer 2018. (9/13/2018)
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Virginia Tech., Center for Excellence in teaching and Learning (CETL), Blacksburg, VA

Spring 2018		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received "High-Impact Project Grant" (January 2018) Recognized with "Teaching Excellence" award (April 2018)
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Virginia Tech., Global education Office, Blacksburg, VA

July 2015		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received "Global Education Mini Grant Award" for Study abroad planning
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Georgia Institute of Technology, School of Modern Languages, Atlanta, Georgia

2007 - 2010	<i>Foster Diversity awareness</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted in organizing a cross-cultural awareness week across campus and screening an Award-winning documentary "Crossing Borders" Facilitated student's participation in a video conference with Moroccan students from the University of Al-Hassan the Second in Casablanca Expand collaboration across disciplinary borders Coordinate programs with the Lebanese Club at Georgia Institute of Technology.
	<i>Stimulator of the Arabic community involvement in the University</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with other universities in Arabic programs (Emory University, Georgia State University) Organize extra curriculum activities for students that included the following: Darwish's poetry reading, Arabic and Islamic calligraphy exhibition and a presentation about the development and history of Arabic Calligraphy at Emory's Carlos Museum, attendance & discussion of Arab films at the High Museum theater, attendance of a musical performance by the Famous Lebanese composer, Marcel Khalife and his Almayadeen Group, attendance of a celebration of Iraq music and culture at Georgia State University (Baghdad in Exile); as well as excursions to Arabic restaurants & bakeries.

Center of Educational Research and Development (CERD), Beirut, Lebanon

2000	<i>Co-Writer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write the Evaluation Guide, (Arabic Edition) in Sociology, containing samples of high school exams, evaluation, rubrics and norms. Published by the National Center of Educational Research and Development (CERD), Beirut, Lebanon.
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PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL TRAINING

- VT 14th Annual Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy organized by CETL (Feb. 9 – 11, 2021)
- How do you HIP? By Shara Lee, Ph.D.: What actually makes a practice high-impact? Organized by CETL at VT (Feb. 10, 2022)
- The Advancing Diversity Gathering**, Annual Inclusive VT Touchpoint event that brings together diversity & inclusion stakeholders at VT (January 11, 2022)
- Behind the Diversity numbers; Achieving Racial Equity on Campus by Dr. W Carson Byrd (VT2011)

PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL TRAINING *(Continued)*

- Imagining the future through the Solitude-Fraction Site: An unfinished conversation on a contested space.
- **The Inclusive VT Summit 2022** Annual Inclusive VT Touchpoint event that brings together diversity & inclusion stakeholders at VT, Tours of the Solitude-Fraction site (August 10, 2022)
- Conversation on the state of diversity, equity and inclusion in higher education, talk by Dr. Paulette Granberry Russell.
- The state of DEI at Virginia Tech.
- **Symposium: International Educational Symposium**, International learning workshops, international student perspectives panel and more (November 10, 2022)
- The role of international experiences and engagement in international education programs in students' future careers. By Dr. Leann Poirier
- Program Leader Community update, by Allie G. Oberio, Global Safety & Risk Management at the Global Education Office, VT (October 27, 2022)
- Terra Dotta Software (TDS), Online web platform used by VT to advise, track and register students who are participating in study abroad program, training by the Global Education Office (September 27, 2022)
- **Webinar:** Translation and Cultural Exchange, Sheikh Zayed Book in Collaboration with SOAS University of London (April 28, 2022)
- **Webinar:** Inclusive VT, History of disability rights and movements, featuring Judith Heuman, (September 15, 2022)
- **Webinar:** The transformation to Whole Health, by Tracy Gaudet, MD (November 15, 2022)
- Muslim Refugee Migration from Russia to the Middle East, by Dr. Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky Organized by VT Project Go (February 21, 2022)
- Making sense of Lebanon today, by Dr. Ziad Abu-Rish (April 18, 2022)
- Reflection on Islam, revolution and the State, by Noah Salomon (September 23, 2022)
- Keeping Students Engaged and Learning: Tools for the Classroom: Workshop by S. Dashiell organized by CETL at VT (Virtual. Feb.3, 2021)
- Resources and Strategies for addressing COVID related learning Impacts: Workshop: Course Design Clinic, organized by CETL, (Virtual, August 20, 2021)
- Exploring Contemporary Issues in Social Justice: Part of Hokie Talk Nights organized by VT Alumni, (March 24, 2021)
- Preparing for the first week of class-Inclusion and Diversity: A course organized by the office of Inclusion and Diversity (9/2/2021)
- Program Leader, community update, Scope University: Organized by the Global Education Office for study abroad program Leaders (10/28/2021)
- Webinar: Developing Self Awareness and Reflection: Application in Education Abroad, organized by Institute for Cross Cultural Teaching and Learning (7/29/2020)
- Webinar: Global @ Home: Brining global perspectives to the classroom, organized by GEO and CETL at VT (6/18/2020)
- Workshop: US versus International Dichotomy: creating synergy between intercultural and diversity, social justice approaches by Dr. Amer Ahmad, VT Office of Inclusion and Diversity held (9/11/2019)
- Workshop: Integrating Cross-Cultural Competencies into Short-Term Study Abroad Programs by Dr. Merkelbach. Organized by CLAHS and GEO at VT (3/25/2019)

PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL TRAINING (Continued)**Virginia Tech., Technology-Enhanced Learning and Online Strategies (TLOS), previously Network Learning Initiatives (NLI), Blacksburg, VA.**

2015 - Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop: Strategies for more effective group work, by Dr. Liesl Baum for CETL at VT (September 27, 2022) • Elements-Fall 2021: Technology-Enhanced Learning and Online Strategies (TLOS) at Virginia Tech, CLAHS and MCLL (11/11/2021) • Workshop: Course Design Clinic (7/13-15/2020) • Workshop: Moving your classes online: Basics of Zoom and Kaltura (3/19/2020) • Workshop: Canvas: Building and managing Assessments (10/3/2019) • Workshop: Collaborative Learning Groups (10/5/2018) • Workshop: Developing Utilizing Discussions (9/4/2018) • Workshop: Explore, Create, Connect: Digital Literacy Symposium (Newman library Multipurpose room, 11/2/2017) • Workshop: Developing and Managing your Online Identity (5/17/2016) • Workshop and meetings one on one: Scholar to Canvas Migration (4/12/2016)
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Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL), Blacksburg, VA. (Previously, Center for Instructional Development & Educational Research, CIDER)

2015 - Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Annual conference on Higher Education Pedagogy
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Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC

Feb. 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Intercultural Skills Enhancing Conference (WISE), (02/12-14/2020)
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Virginia Tech., MOSS Art Center project “SALAAM: Exploring Muslim Cultures” Blacksburg, VA.

Sep. 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training: Dialogue Skills for Global Leaders Led by Legacy International and hosted by the Moss Arts Center (9/16-17/2017)
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Georgia Tech Center for Enhancement of Teaching & Learning (CETL), Atlanta, Georgia

2007 - 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend CETL's seminars, workshops & training sessions
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American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) conference, Orlando, FL

Fall 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended ACTFL conference and Expo meetings (Nov. 22-24/2013)
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Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) conference, Washington, D.C.

Fall 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended MESA conference and annual meeting (Dec. 1-4/2011)
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MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATION**Pylon Society of Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia**

2021 - Present	<i>Pylon Society Member</i>
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Member in ACTFL & AATA**Georgia Association for Teachers of Arabic (GATA), Atlanta, Georgia**

2012	<i>Active Member</i>
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Alif Institute (Non-profit Arab American Organization), Atlanta, Georgia

2009 - 2014	<i>Consultant of the Educational Committee</i>
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Arab American Women Society of Georgia (AAWSG), Atlanta, Georgia

2009 - 2012	<i>Vice president</i>
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REFERENCES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST