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Education

- PhD in Linguistics and English Language. Thesis entitled: “Quantifying syntactic priming in oral production: A corpus-based investigation into dyadic interaction of L1-L1 and L2-L2 speakers of English”.
 - Lancaster University, 2017.
- M.A. Linguistics and English Language. Dissertation entitled: “Revisiting transfer and Arab EFL learners’ errors: A corpus-based study”.
 - Lancaster University, 2013.
- B.A. English Language and Literature
 - An-Najah National University, 2010
- Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera
 - Instituto Cervantes, Spain, 2010

Working Experience

- Assistant professor in linguistics
 - The English Department, An-Najah National University, May. 2017-present.
- Private tutor of Arabic as a second language
 - Lancaster, UK, Mar. 2016- Apr. 2017.
- Translator and market researcher
 - Intersperience, Lancaster, Jan.2014-Feb. 2015.
- International Volunteer Recruiter
 - Project Hope, Nablus, May 2011-Aug. 2013.
- Teacher of Arabic as a foreign language
 - Project Hope, Nablus, May 2011-Aug. 2013.
- Interpreter
 - Doctors Without Borders, Nablus, Mar. 2011-Jul. 2011.
- English Program Manager
 - Project Hope, Nablus, Feb. 2011-May 2011.

Virtual Exchange Programs

- Collaborated with Soliya in implementing multiple cycles of the Connect Global and the Connect Express programs, Oct. 2019-Present.
- Implemented a virtual exchange program on climate change in collaboration with Clivex, Oct.-Dec.2024.
- Co-designed and implemented a virtual exchange program with Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences entitled “From Palestine to the Netherlands: Global Challenges, Local Voices. Oct.-Nov.2024.
- Co-designed and implemented a virtual exchange program with the Elon University on the Role of Young People in Actualizing Democracy, Justice and Freedom. Apr.-June.2024
- Co-designed and implemented a virtual exchange program with DePaul University on Living Online and New Media Communication, Apr.-May 2024.
- Co-designed and implemented a virtual exchange program with Wake Forest University on Cross-cultural Conversations on Freedom, Apr.-May 2023.

Selected Academic Publications

- Zawawi, A., Kmail, Z., Shamali, M. (2025) “The Practice of Digital Citizenship Values among Higher Primary School Students in Jenin Governorate,” *An-Najah University Journal for Research - B (Humanities)*, 39(7), 505–516. <https://doi.org/10.35552/0247.39.7.2400>
- Faraj, J., Zawawi, A. (2024) “Unraveling Arabic Learning Challenges: A Case Study at SOAS”, *An-Najah University Journal for Research - B (Humanities)*, 38(12), 2425–2440. <https://doi.org/10.35552/0247.38.12.2297>
- Zawawi, A. (2017). *Quantifying Syntactic Priming in Oral Production: A Corpus-based Investigation into Dyadic Interaction of L1-L1 and L2-L2 Speakers of English*. PhD thesis, Lancaster, UK.
- Mubarak, O., Sharaf, L., Bakri, L., Zawawi, A. (submitted) Unmasking Colonial Narratives: Palestinian Identity in Bassim Khandaqji's a Mask, the Color of the Sky. *Jordan Journal of Modern Languages & Literatures*
- Zawawi, A., Cook, T. (submitted) What about Holoclast Denial? *Journal of Palestine Studies*.

Conference Papers

1. Abuzant, M., Helm, F., Gilbrecht, A., Zawawi, A. (October, 2025) Voices from Palestine and Europe: A Climate Justice Virtual Exchange Through Genocide [paper presentation] *UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competences Conference, Rabat, Morocco*.
2. Abuzant, M., Zawawi, A., Haug, E., Gilbrecht, A. (September, 2025) Virtual Exchange as Resistance—Palestinian Academic Agency in North-South Partnerships [paper presentation] *UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competences Conference, Rabat, Morocco*.
3. Marshall, S., Zawawi, A. (September, 2025) Beyond Competence: COIL as a Tool for Critical Consciousness and Student Empowerment [poster presentation] *UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competences Conference, Rabat, Morocco*.
4. Zawawi, A., AbuZant, M, Gilbrecht, A. (2025, July) From Dialogue to Action: Advancing Climate Justice through Virtual Exchange [paper presentation] *Global Virtual Exchange Summit 2025, Hong Kong*.
5. AbuZant, M., Haug, E., Zawawi, A., Gilbrecht, A. (2025, July) From Palestine to the Netherlands: A Just Model for Virtual Global Learning – A Case Study of ANNU & AUAS Collaboration [paper presentation] *Global Virtual Exchange Summit 2025, Hong Kong*.
6. AbuZant, M., Zawawi, A., Gilbrecht, A. (2025, May) Sumud through Debate: Exploring Resilience and Empowerment Among Female Students in Higher Education [paper presentation] *The International Conference on Debate and Dialogue 2025, Doha, Qatar*.
7. Zawawi, A. (2015, June) Syntactic priming in L2 spoken interaction: the case of dative alternation and particle placement [paper presentation] *New Directions in Implicit and Explicit Language Learning Conference 2015, Lancaster, UK*.
8. Zawawi, A. (2014, July) An investigation into the use of dative alternation by L1 and Arab L2 users of English [paper presentation] *Teaching and Language Corpora Conference 2014, Lancaster, UK*.

Scholarships and Awards

- **The SAFE Project Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2025-2027**
 - Awarded a full postdoctoral scholarship to conduct research at the University of Salento, Lecce, Italy.
- **Erasmus + (International Mobility for Academic Staff), 8 -15 May, 2023**
 - Conducted workshops for MA linguistics students at Pavia University, Italy.
- **An-Najah PhD scholarship, Oct. 2013-Oct. 2016**
 - Awarded a full scholarship from An-Najah University to pursue a PhD in Linguistics and English Language at Lancaster University, covering tuition fees and a monthly stipend.
- **An-Najah MA scholarship, Oct. 2012-Sep. 2013**
 - Awarded a full scholarship from An-Najah University to pursue an MA in Linguistics at Lancaster University, covering tuition fees and a monthly stipend.

Selected Trainings, Workshops and Conferences

- **AAC&U Institute for Virtual Exchange/COIL: Creating US-MENA Centers of Excellence**
 - Member and Virtual Exchange Implementer, 2025-2026.
- **International English Language Olympiad, - Amman, 5-7 Dec. 2024.**
 - Coached English language students who won the first award in teamwork.
- **Collaborative Online International Learning Design Workshop (COIL)**
 - Florida International University, 2023
- **Erasmus Exchange Professor of Linguistics**
 - University of Pavia, May, 2023
- **Stevens Initiative Virtual Exchange Academy**
 - The Steven's Initiative, 2023
- **EuroSLA 26, Jyväskylä University**
 - Presented a paper entitled: “Syntactic priming in spoken language interaction: The case of verb-particle construction, 2016
- **TALC, Lancaster University, 2014**
 - Presented a paper entitled: “An investigation into the use of dative alternation by L1 and Arab L2 users of English”
- **The Role of Translation in the Dialogue of Civilization 3, An-Najah National University, 2010**
 - Presented a paper entitled “Be Aware of Political Translation”
- **“Rule of Law – Public Awareness Campaign in Balata Refugee Camp”**
 - EUPOL COPPS, Dec 2009 - Jul 2010
- **“Project Management and Leadership Development”**
 - Center for Organizational Excellence, Ramallah, Aug 25th- Sep 25th , 2010
- **“Photographic Reports and Recording Oral Stories”**
 - FotografiSenzaFrontiere ONLUS/IBDA'A Cultural Centre/Happy Childhood Club, May 2010
- **“Youth and Civil Peace”**
 - Youth Voices for Community Action Project/United States Agency for International Development/Catholic Relief Services, Jan 15th – 19th, 2010
- **EFL conference, “New Prospective: New Challenge”**
 - An-Najah National University, 2009
- **“The Role of Translation in the Dialogue of Civilization 2”**
 - An-Najah National University, 2009

Languages

- Arabic: Native Language
- English: Fluent
- Spanish: Basic

Computer

- Outstanding skills in using and utilizing Microsoft Office Computer Programs and statistical software such as Wordsmith, AntConc, Wmatrix, R and RStudio.

Professional References

- Dr. Marije Michel
 - Chair of Language Learning at the Faculty of Arts, Groningen University, The Netherlands, Tel: +31 50 36 35850, m.c.michel@rug.nl
- Dr. Nabil Alawi
 - Chair of the Department of English Language and Literature, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine Tel: 00972599674258, alawi@najah.edu
- Mr. Hakim Sabbah
 - Director of Project HOPE – www.projecthope.ps, 29, An-Najah Al-Qadim Str. (Next to the French Cultural Center) Nablus, Palestine, Tel: 00970599220137, nablus@projecthope.ps