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Jordanian scholar, researcher, and academic with extensive experience across various Jordanian universities, faculty member at Jadara University since 2008/2009. Research specializations include classical and modern Arabic narrative heritage, literary criticism, and travel literature. Active member of the Jordanian Writers Association (served on the Administrative Board of Irbid Branch, 2013–2015). Dedicated advocate for environmental awareness and the preservation of tangible and intangible Jordanian cultural heritage, with numerous peer-reviewed studies, authored books, and critical articles.

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Award & Recognition:** Awarded the Jordan Academy of Arabic Award for Best Authored Book (2022) for: 'Ibn Fadlan's Journey and Civilizational & Cultural Interaction'.
- **Associate Professor:** Jadara University (2008/2009 – Present) | *Dept. of Arabic Language & Literature (Promoted 2015/2016)*
- **Head of Department:** Department of Arabic Language and Literature, Jadara University.
- **Part-time Lecturer:** Master's Program, Dept. of Arabic Language & Literature, Faculty of Arts, The University of Jordan (Taught 'Travel Literature in Arabic Literature', 2020–2021).
- **Assistant Professor:** Department of Arabic Language and Literature (2008–2009). | *Jerash University*
- **Part-time Lecturer:** Department of Arabic Language, Yarmouk University (Spring & Summer Semesters 2000/2001).
- **Part-time Lecturer:** Arabic Language Division, Dept. of Humanities, Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) (2000–2001).
- **Part-time Lecturer:** Department of Arabic Language, Yarmouk University (Second Semester 1996/1997).

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Arabic Literature and Literary Criticism** | Yarmouk University, Jordan (2000)
- *First female Jordanian doctoral graduate in Arabic Literature from Yarmouk University.
- **Master of Arts (M.A.) in Arabic Literature and Literary Criticism** | Yarmouk University, Jordan (1996)
- **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Arabic Language and Literature** | Yarmouk University, Jordan (1992)

AUTHORED BOOKS

- *Perspectives on Novel and Poetry* (Nadharat fi al-Riwayah wa al-Shi'r), Al-Aan Publishers and Distributors, Amman, Jordan, 2022.
- *Ibn Fadlan's Journey and Civilizational & Cultural Interaction* (Rihlat Ibn Fadlan wa al-Tafa'ul al-Hadari wa al-Thaqafi), Al-Aan Publishers, Jordan, 2021 (1st & 2nd Eds.). Peer-reviewed at Jadara University; Winner of the Jordan Academy of Arabic Prize for Best Authored Book (2022).
- *Dictionary of Writers from the Pre-Islamic Era to the End of the Mamluk Era* (Mu'jam al-Kuttab min al-'Asr al-Jahili ila Nihayat al-'Asr al-Mamluki), Alam Al-Kuttab, Irbid, Jordan, 2009. (Approved as a distinguished publication by Jadara University on Dec 22, 2011).
- *The Structure of Narrative Text in Al-Jahiz's Book of Animals* (Binyat al-Nass al-Hikā'i fī Kitāb al-Hayawān li-l-Jāḥiẓ), Azminah Publishing, Amman, 2005.

- *Anecdote in Al-Muhassin Al-Tanukhi: Between Storytelling and Historiography* (Al-Khabar 'inda al-Muḥassin al-Tanūkhī bayna al-Qaṣṣ wa al-Ta'rīkh), Al-Warraq Publishing, Amman, 2004.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Shakhathreh, K. (2026). Point of view and space in the novel *The Cat that Taught Me How to Fly*. *Cogent Arts & Humanities*, 13(1). Open Access. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/23311983.2026.2641249>
- 2. Shakhathreh, K. (2025). The Unspoken in Al-Wahrani's Dreams and Tales: Models of Personalities of His Era. *Scientific Culture*, 11(3.1), 1014–1023.
- 3. Shakhathreh, K. (2025). The Other Frankish (the Europeans) in the Crusades According to Usama Ibn Munqidh and Ibn Jubayr. *Journal of Posthumanism*, 5(3).
- 4. Shakhathreh, K. (2023). Image of the Other by Al-Muhassin Al-Tanukhi. *Information Sciences Letters*, 12(6).
- 5. Shakhathreh, K. (2023). Reviewing Social Life in Eastern Jordan through Burckhardt's Tour in 1812 AD. *Information Sciences Letters*, 12(6).
- 6. Shakhathreh, K. (2020). Narration and History in 'Wadi Al-Safsafah' (Valley of Willow Tree) Novel by Ahmad Al-Tarawneh. *Historical Research Letter*, 52.
- 7. Shakhathreh, K. (2018). Irony in 'Taghribat Qarya' (Exile of a Village) by Muhammad Nayel Obeidat. *Journal of Arabic Language for Specialized Research (JISTSR)*, 4(1).
- 8. Shakhathreh, K. (2018). Prolepsis (Anticipation) in 'The Day the Butterflies Let Me Down' by Ziyad Muhafedha. *Tanweer Journal*, Issue 6.
- 9. Shakhathreh, K. (2018). Songs of the Defeated Knight from Passion to Death (An Hermeneutic Reading). *Jordanian Journal of Arabic Language*, Mutah University, 14(2).
- 10. Shakhathreh, K. (2011). The Heritage Text in 'Sayyid Al-Utmah' (Master of Darkness) by Rabee Jaber. *Journal of Humanities*, College of Arts, University of Bahrain (Accepted: May 17, 2011).
- 11. Shakhathreh, K. (2007). Kalila wa Dimna, The Lion and The Diver: Dimensions of the Intellectual's Relationship with Power. *Al-Balqa Journal for Research and Studies*, 12(1).

Accepted for Publication (Scopus Indexed):

- 'The Structure of the Narrative Style in Ibn Fadlan's Expedition' — *Manusya: Journal of Humanities*.
- 'The Frame Narrative in Mirrors for Princes: Selected Models' (Al-Hikayah al-Itar fi Maraya al-Muluk) — *Dirasat: Human and Social Sciences*, The University of Jordan.

ACADEMIC SUPERVISION & THESIS EXAMINATION

Master's Theses Supervised:

- *The Utilization of Cultural Heritage in the Jordanian Novel*.
- *The Novelistic Experience of Jihad Al-Rantisi*.
- *Narrative Discourse in the Works of Ziyad Muhafedha*.
- *Narrative Discourse in the Autobiographical Novel in Jordan*.

Master's Theses Examined (Defense Committee Member):

- Rhetorical and Stylistic Study in 'Naqd al-Shi'r' by Qudama ibn Ja'far (Jan 26, 2026).
- The Impact of the Crusades on the Representations of the Other in Arabic and Western Literature, Yarmouk University (May 26, 2024).
- Effectiveness of Cultural Patterns in Narrative Structures of 'One Thousand and One Nights', University of Jordan (Aug 16, 2023).

- The Poet's Relationship with Predecessors in Al-Baroudi's Imitations (Mu'aradat) in Light of Anxiety of Influence Theory, University of Jordan (Aug 14, 2023).
- Literariness of the Medical Maqama in 'Da'wat al-Atibba' by Ibn Butlan, Al al-Bayt University (Sep 5, 2021).
- Nature Poetry in Ibn al-Rumi, Al al-Bayt University (Dec 27, 2018).
- Occasional Poetry of Mihyar al-Daylami: An Objective and Technical Study, Al al-Bayt University (Jul 29, 2018).
- Mental Imagery in Al-Mutanabbi's Poetry, Al al-Bayt University (May 2, 2018).
- The Arabic Prose Movement in the Fatimid Era in the Maghreb (260–370 AH), Al al-Bayt University (May 18, 2016).
- Poetry Keeping Pace with Events in the Nahda (Renaissance) Era, Jadara University (Mar 13, 2016).
- Epistolary Art (Al-Tarassul) in Abbasid Literature, Al al-Bayt University (Jan 17, 2016).
- Structure of the Narrative Text in 'Uyun al-Hikayat' by Ibn al-Jawzi, Hashemite University (Aug 11, 2014).
- Children's Literature in Jordan: Rashid Isa as a Model, Jadara University (Jan 17, 2013).
- The Development of the Concept of Inimitability (I'jaz) in Classical Arabic Criticism, Jadara University (Nov 7, 2012).

CONFERENCES & ACADEMIC SYMPOSIA

- Paper: 'Ibn Fadlan and Michael Crichton's Eaters of the Dead', 7th Jordanian Novel Conference, organized by Irbid Directorate of Culture & Al-Hussein Library / Yarmouk University (Oct 20, 2021).
- Paper (Online): 'Ibn Fadlan in the Land of the Volga Bulgars', Conference on 1100 Years of the Official Adoption of Islam in Volga Bulgaria, Quranic & Sunnah Studies Center – Kazan, Republic of Tatarstan (Sep 16, 2021).
- Paper: 'The Image of Irbid in Hashim Gharaybeh's Novel: The Cat that Taught Me How to Fly', 2nd Novel Conference in Jordan (Irbid in the Novel), Irbid Directorate of Culture & Ministry of Culture (Nov 29, 2019).
- Participant: Conference on 'Women in Literary, Media, and Cultural Discourse', Jadara University (Mar 24–26, 2015).
- Participant: Conference on 'The Art of Narration in Arabic Literature', Jordanian Writers Association / Irbid Branch & Yarmouk University (Nov 28–29, 2014).
- Participant: Conference on 'Literature as a Platform for Civilizational Interaction: Travel Literature & Civilizational Dialogue', Mutah University (Apr 28–30, 2014).
- Participant: Conference on 'Literary and Linguistic Discourse Between Culture and Specialization', Jadara University (Apr 7, 2009).

LECTURES, SEMINARS & CRITICAL ARTICLES

- Moderator: Panel discussion on Majdi D'eibes's novel 'Al-Hawraniyyah', in collaboration with Irbid Directorate of Culture (May 26, 2024).
- Article: 'Between the Award and the Pandemic: The Birth of Dr. Muhammad Meshbal's Journey (Tawakkalna)', *Afkar Magazine*, Jordan (2024).
- Article: 'Human Archetypes in Hisham Meqdadi's Collection Salsal (Clay)', *Sawt Al-Jeel Magazine*, Jordan (2023).
- Speaker: 'Evolution of the Cultural Movement in Northern Jordan' (Critical paper on 'Salsal' by Hisham Meqdadi) (Oct 5, 2022).
- Article: 'Keys to Narrative Treasures by Said Al-Ghanimi: A Reading of Classical Arabic Narrative Landscape', *Afkar Magazine*, Jordan (2022).
- Article: 'Oppression Has Other Faces: A Reading of Beautiful Blue Handkerchief', *Afkar Magazine*, Jordan (2021).
- Speaker: Arar Chair Seminar - Yarmouk University on 'Jordanian Women's Experience in Short Story', Paper: 'Death and the Curse of Knowledge: Stars Do Not Tell Stories by Basma Al-Nisour' (2018).
- Lecture: 'The Traditional Guest-House (Al-Madafah) and its Historical Connection to Scholarly Councils and Local Community' (May 6, 2017).
- Participant: Panel Discussion on 'East and West: From Hate Narratives to Horizons of Tolerance' (Apr 30, 2017).

- Article: 'Irony in Taghribat Qarya by Muhammad Nayel Obeidat: When History Infiltrates the Novel', *Thaqafat* Platform (2014).
- Public Lecture: 'Ibn Fadlan's Journey', Jordanian Writers Association – Irbid Branch (Apr 11, 2011).

MEDIA APPEARANCES & BROADCASTS

- Guest Academic: *Al-Rahhalah* (The Travelers) Docuseries (2 dedicated episodes on Ibn Fadlan's journey), Al Jazeera Documentary Channel.
- Guest Scholar: Book review program, Al-Mehwar TV Channel (London) (Available on YouTube).

COMMITTEE SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

External & National Committees & Associations:

- Recommendations Drafting Committee, Jadara Conference on 'Research Trends in Humanities in Light of COVID-19' (2021).
- Jordanian Writers Association (Active Member, 2008 – Present). Served on Administrative Board, Irbid Branch (Apr 28, 2012 – Apr 28, 2014).
- Rapporteur, 3rd International Conference on 'Women in Literary, Media, and Cultural Discourse' (2015).
- Preparatory Committee for Criticism Conference, Jerash University (2002/2003 & 2004/2005).
- Editorial Board Member, *Thakha'er Journal for Humanities*.
- Jordanian Society for Environmental Preservation.

University & Faculty Committees (Jadara University):

- Departmental Committees & Graduate Studies Committee, Faculty of Arts & Languages (2008/2009 – Present).
- Preparatory Committee, 5th International Conference of Faculty of Arts (2019).
- Preparatory Committee Member & Conference Rapporteur, 'Literary, Media, and Cultural Discourse' (Mar 24–26, 2015).
- Preparatory Committee, Scientific Conference of the Faculty of Arts & Languages (2008/2009 & 2010/2011).