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II. Education

Ph.D., Education	September 2017 – July 2022
Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus	
<i>Dissertation: "An Investigation of Doctoral Students' Publication Experiences in a 'Publish or No Degree' Context"</i>	
Sub-Specialization: English Language Teaching	

MA, Education	September 2009 – June 2012
Aleppo University, Aleppo, Syria	
<i>Dissertation: "Teaching Vocabulary to EFL Young Learners Using Total Physical Response"</i>	
Sub-Specialization: English Language Teaching	

BA, English Language and Literature	September 2003 – June 2009
Aleppo University, Aleppo, Syria	

III. Professional Experience

University Instructor	October 2021 – Present
Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught courses for English Language Teaching students (ELTE 114 Reading Skills II, ELTE 116 Writing Skills II, and ELTE 118 Listening and Pronunciation Skills II)	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Co-worked with the chairman in teaching two other courses (ELTE 220 Second Language Acquisition and ELTE 418 Testing and Evaluation. ● Prepared and corrected quizzes, midterm, and final exams. ● Provided students with feedback about their performance and supported them with extra tools to improve their skills. ● Mentored students to provide individual instruction and explanation during office hours on a weekly basis for multiple courses.

University Instructor	October 2015 – January 2017
Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Taught many courses related to the English Language to 150 students ● Participated in Improving the Writing Curriculum ● Provided feedback and took part in research conducted by the Faculty of Education. 	

Research Assistant	February 2018 – September 2021
Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Worked on preparing admissions to prospective students at the registration office. ● Responded to the ‘admissions’ emails and communicated with departments, administrators, and students to provide the students with the best quality. ● Translated official documents from Turkish into English. 	

Researcher	September 2016 – Present
Freelancer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conducted research about publication challenges, teaching via technology, and EFL learning. ● Edited and revised “From Syria with Love” Book for Molly Masters ● Offered analysis services for qualitative and quantitative research to different researchers. ● Provided proofreading services to theses, dissertations, and articles. 	

IV. Relevant Experience

English Coordinator	September 2010 – June 2012
Al-Ibdaa Montessori Schools, Aleppo, Syria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advised and mentored English teachers and measure the effectiveness of their teaching techniques. 	

- Educated teachers on implementing new curricula.
- Administered the testing and evaluation process.
- Trained teachers about the latest teaching methodologies.
- Held workshops for parents about education

TV Presenter for an English Language Course	February 2015 – June 2015
Syrian Digital School, Kahraman Maras, Turkey	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presented the 9th grade English language subject of the Syrian Curriculum. ● Recorded the voiceover of the 7th, 11th, and 12th grades. ● Assisted in preparing the presented materials for grades 7, 9, 11, and 12. 	

V. Certification (with accredited certificates)

- 2009** BA in English Language and Literature from Aleppo University
- 2012** MA in English Language Teaching from Aleppo University
- 2014** TOEFL Certificate
- 2014** GRE Certificate
- 2015** Training of Trainers TOT Certificate
- 2017** IELTS Certificate (Band 8)
- 2020** Quantitative Method, the University of Amsterdam through Coursera
- 2020** Qualitative Method, the University of Amsterdam through Coursera

VI. Conferences & Workshops

- 2007** TEFL Conference, Aleppo University – Syria
- 2009** Teaching and Technology, Aleppo University – Syria
- 2015** IATEFL Conference, Gaziantep University, Turkey
- 2015** Cambridge Workshop, Gaziantep – Turkey
- 2016** Cambridge Workshop, Gaziantep – Turkey
- 2018** Professional Development, Famagusta - North Cyprus

VII. Publications

Mertkan, Ş., Takir, A., Fawzi Shamsi, A., & Vanci Osam, U. (2024). Predoctoral publications and academic career: a systematic review and future directions. *Studies in Continuing Education*, 1-17.

Tarabelsi, N., Aboud, F., & Shamsi, A. F. (2024). Investigating Arab Students' Communication Strategies in Speaking English as a Medium of Instruction. *Arab World English Journal*, 15(2).

Shamsi, A. F. & Osam, U. V. (2022) Challenges and Support in Article Publication: Perspectives of Non-Native English Speaking Doctoral Students in a 'Publish or No Degree' Context. Sage Open.

Shamsi, A. F., Altaha, S., & Gilanlioglu, I. (2019). The Role of M-Learning in Decreasing Speaking Anxiety for EFL Learners. *Online Submission*, 2(1), 276-282.

Shamsi, A. F. (2015). A theoretical study about motivating auditory learners. *Electronic International Journal of Education, Arts, and Science (EIJEAS)*, 1(1).

Shamsi, A. F. The Motivating Factors of EFL Young Learners in North Cyprus. *Journal of Studies in Education* 9(3) 64-71.

Aboud, F., Alafeshat, R., & Shamsi, A. F. (2019) Thesis Challenges for Arab PhD Candidates in English Medium of Instruction Context. *Journal of Studies in Education* 9(4), 13-27.

Shamsi, A. F. Aleppo Martyrs in World War I 1914 – 1918. *Historical Kan Periodical Journal* 44(2), 187-218. DOI: 10.12816/0055411

VIII. Research Areas

- Teaching Methodologies
- Academic Writing

- Second Language Acquisition
- Teaching via Technology
- EFL Studies
- Anxiety and Learning Challenges

IX. Taught Courses

- Second Language Acquisition
- Testing and Evaluation
- Listening and Pronunciation II
- Reading Skills II
- Writing Skills II

X. Languages

- **Arabic** Native
- **English** Native-like
- **Turkish** B2
- **French** B1
- **Ottoman** B1

XI. Communication Skills

- Quick Learning with great thirst for knowledge
- Ability to follow instructions well and make decisions
- Good social skills
- Ability to work with teamwork and under pressure

- Management and leader skills
- Time management
- Communication skills: very good in the use of the internet browsers, emails and software programs

XII. Technical Skills

- Microsoft Office Word
- Microsoft Office PowerPoint
- Microsoft Office Excel
- Fast typing (75 words per minute)
- SPSS

XIII. Participation

2015 Presented the English curriculum for grade 9 in the Syrian Digital School Program.

https://www.digitalschoolsy.com/subject/subject_details_guest/90

2019 Prepared an episode of 'Dystopia Arabi' TV Program.

<https://www.facebook.com/Syriastream/videos/788726661557443>

2019 Took part in an article in the **Guardian Newspaper** entitled: *Rebuilding Aleppo: 'We cannot preserve the place but we can save our memories' about Aleppo city.*

<https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2019/jul/15/how-war-shattered-aleppo-is-preserving-its-culture?fbclid=IwAR2orhKNmBBOXibACO5bTCdDJA-o4GodUBtFc4M7Y0YSiy0awlHIETO7fOU>

XIV. Hobbies

- Reading educational, cultural, historical, political, and human heritage books
- Learning Languages
- Transcribing Ottoman scripts
- Traveling