RESUME

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EDUCATION

1983 -1985

Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics (TEFL).
Texas University, Austin, USA.

1981 - 1982

M.Sc. in Applied Linguistics Teaching of English for nonnative Speakers.
Texas University, Austin, USA.

1976 - 1977

Diploma in Educational Training.
University of Damascus, Syria.

1971 - 1975

B.Sc. in English Language and Literature.
University of Damascus, Syria.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date and Place of birth: 1953, Der Ezzor, Syria.
Nationality: Arab Syrian.
Marital Status: Married.

LANGUAGES

English, Arabic.

GHIAS BARAKAT

- Professor of Applied Linguistics, University of Damascus.
- Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Al-Sham Private University.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC FUNCTIONS

Present
Chairman of the Board of Trustees | Al-Sham Private University.
Member of the Board of Trustees | IUST Private University.
Consultant | Al-Andalus University for Medical Sciences.

2014 - 2018
Chairman of the Board of Trustees | Al-Jazeera Private University.

2006 - 2011
Minister of Higher Education. Ministry of Higher Education, Syria

2006 - 2011
Chairman of the Higher Education Council. Ministry of Higher Education, Syria

2000
Supervising Language Proficiency Tests for PHD candidates.

1995- 2000
Supervising Language Proficiency Tests for faculty members and teaching assistants

1995 -2006
Professor of Applied Linguistics | Department of English Literature. Aleppo University, Syria

1991-1995
Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics | Department of English Literature. Aleppo University, Syria

1988- 1993
Supervising English Language Programs at Scientific Research Centre. Aleppo, Syria

1987- 2000
Director | English Advisory Centre. Aleppo University, Syria

1992
Member of Scientific Research Committee. Higher Education Council, Damascus

1990
Member of Student Admission Committee. Higher Education Council, Damascus

1986
Member of Teachers Association. Aleppo University branch.

1986- 1987
Member of English Department Council. Aleppo University.

1985 -1991
Assistant Professor of Applied Linguistics | Department of English Literature. Aleppo University, Syria

1979 -1985
Deployed to the University of Texas at Austin to prepare M.A and PHD in TEFL Austin, USA

1979
Teacher Assistant, English Department. Aleppo University.

Teaching Experiences

1. **Graduate Studies, Aleppo and Damascus Universities 1986- 2013**
   a. *Graduate Diplomas*

   - 1986-2000: "Methods of Teaching English for Non-native speakers", Qualifying Diploma in Educational Studies, Aleppo University.
   - 1986-2000: "Applied Linguistics", Graduate Diploma in Linguistics Studies, Department of English, Aleppo University.
   - 1990-1993: "Methodology of Research", Graduate Diploma in Linguistics Studies, Department of English, Aleppo University.
   - 1985-1986: "Methods of Teaching", Graduate Diploma of Linguistics Studies, Department of English, Damascus University.
   - 1986-1990: "Introduction to Applied Linguistics", Graduate Diploma in Linguistics Studies, Department of English, Aleppo University.
   - 1986-2000: Qualifying Diploma in Translation, Department of English, Aleppo University.

   b. *Master Level*

   - Psycholinguistics, Damascus University.
   - Sociolinguistics, Damascus University.
   - 2011-present: "Methods of Teaching English as a Second Language", Department of English, Damascus University.

2. **Undergraduate Studies**

   - 1990-2000: "Linguistics", 4th year, Department of English, Aleppo University.
   - 1986-1990: "Linguistics", 3rd year, Department of English, Aleppo University.
   - 1985-1986: "Linguistics", 3rd year, Department of English, Damascus University.
   - 1985-1986: "Language" and "Composition", Department of English, Aleppo University.
   - 1988: "TOEFL" Courses, English Advisory Centre, Aleppo University.

Scientific Experiences

- 2022: Head of the scientific committee of developing English curricula, Ministry of Education.
- Supervising a number of M.A. dissertations and PHD theses in applied linguistics, Aleppo and Damascus Universities.
- 2004: Supervised the first PH.D. thesis in Applied linguistics, Aleppo University.
- 2011: Supervised a PH.D. thesis on Intelligent WEB-Based Interactive System for Education, Faculty of Science, Aleppo University.
- 1996: Deployed to English language teaching centers in the USA in a field visit.
- 1995: Deployed to English language teaching centers in the UK in a field visit.
- 1992-1993: Member in M.A. and PH.D. committees. English Department, Damascus University.
- 1999-2000: Designing ESP teaching programs in the English Advisory Centre, Aleppo University.
- Member in committees of testing faculty member candidates in a number of Syrian and Arab Universities.
- 1986-1987: Evaluating the project of English teaching curricula at elementary level, Ministry of Education.
- 1986: Member in the committee of endorsement of English language teaching at elementary level, Ministry of Education.
- 1984-1985: Supervising research about introducing Arab culture, Middle East Studies Centre, Texas University.
- 1984- 1985: Designing educational computer programs for English language, Texas University.
- 1981-1983: Designing educational computer programs for Arabic language, Texas University.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Conferences and Symposia

- 1997: "History of Computers", Aleppo University, Syria.
- 1996: "Difficulties in Teaching English to Syrian Students", Univ. of Texas, Austin.
- 1994/93/92: "Syrian Educational System: Policy and Structure", Aleppo University, Syria.
- 1993: "Creativity and ESL", Cairo, Egypt.
- 1992: "Contemporary Syrian Policies", Aleppo University, Syria.
- 1992: "Issues and Trends in 2nd Language Acquisition", Cairo, Egypt.
- 1992: "Linguistics: Theory and Practice", Arab Cultural Centre, Idleb, Syria.
- 1991: "A Practical Linguistic Paradigm for Teaching and Learning Foreign Languages", Arab Writers Union, Damascus, Syria.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Academic Text Books

- Translated: 50 Prominent Political Thinkers.
- Translated: Who Rules America?
- Theories of Teaching English as a Second Language.
- 2018: Translated: Washington's Long War on Syria.
- 2016: Translated: Political Discourse in the Media: Cross-Cultural Perspectives, edited.
- 2012: Contributor to a book entitled: A Grammar of Domari: Yaron Matras.

Research Papers

- 2009: Generating Adaptive Courses according to Students' Learning Styles using IWEBISE System, Case study: Modeling Learning Styles of Students at Higher Institute of Languages of Aleppo University, Aleppo Research Journal, Basic Sciences, 66.
- 2008: Student modeling using NN-HMM for EFL course. In Information and Communication Technologies: From Theory to Applications, ICTTA 2008. 3rd International Conference on (pp. 1-6). IEEE.
- 2008: A Hidden Markov Model Approach to Predict Students' Actions in an Adaptive and Intelligent Web-Based Educational system. In Information and Communication Technologies: From Theory to Applications, ICTTA 2008. 3rd International Conference on (pp. 1-6). IEEE.
- 2008: Student Modeling using HMM for Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Aleppo Research Journal, Basic Sciences, 58.
- 2006: Adaptive web-based educational system using neural networks in EFL Course. In Information and Communication Technologies, ICTTA'06. 2nd (Vol. 1, pp. 622-625). IEEE.
- 2004: "EFL Teacher Evaluation of Student Compositions" Aleppo University Research Journal.
- 2004: "Student Reaction to Teacher Evaluation of EFL Student Compositions", Aleppo University, Research Journal.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Research Papers

- 2003: " Levels of Communicative Competence, and Classroom Reaction", Aleppo University, Research Journal.
- 1998 :"Factors Affecting teaching Reading Comprehension", Aleppo University, Research Journal.
- 1995: "The Transition from Grammatical to Communicative Competence", Aleppo University, Research Journal.
- 1995: Co-author of "From Traditional to Communicative ESL Testing", Aleppo University, Research Journal.
- 1994: "Issues in Second Language Acquisition: The Age Factor", Aleppo University, Research Journal.
- 1992: "Trends in TEFL", a presentation at the 12th national TEFL Conference, Published by Ain Shams University Press.
- 1992: "Research in 2nd Language Acquisition: Issues, Trends and Direction", Aleppo University, Research Journal.
- 1991: "Computers in Foreign Language Learning", Aleppo University, Research Journal.
- 1987: "Amazigh Languages", Entry in Encyclopedia Arabica.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Teaching courses related to applied linguistics and pedagogy of teaching English as a foreign language in the undergraduate graduate and programs of the English departments at Syrian universities.
- EFL consultation at Al-Andalus university for medical sciences.
- Supervising a number of Ph.D. and MA thesis in the field of applied linguistics.
- Participated in a number of committees to assess the academic qualifications of Ph.D. holders in the process in their appointments and promotion as faculty members in the English departments at Arab and Syrian universities.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 1996: Scholarship sponsored by the British Council for teachers of English as a foreign language, American university in Cairo, Egypt.
- 1994: Scholarship sponsored by the British council on Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Oxford University, Oxford. The program included workshops and seminars on EFL.
- 1990: International Visitor Program for directors of English as a foreign language centers in the Arab World, in USA. The program included visits to various American academic EFL institutes and participation in workshops on issues related to EFL.

POLITICAL FUNCTIONS

- 2000-2014: Member of the central committee of the Arab Baath Socialist Party
- 2000-2005: Member of the leadership of the Arab Baath Socialist Party, Head of the Office of Higher Education and Scientific Research.
- 2003-2005: Head of the country organization office mandate.
- 1986-2000: Deputy Secretary of the branch of the Arab Socialist Baath party, head of the sub-organization office, University of Aleppo.

OTHER FUNCTIONS

- 2001: Member of Board of Trustees in the Syrian Scientific Computer Society.
- 1997: 2001: Chair of Syrian Scientific Computer Society Branch, Aleppo.
- 1996: Member of the executive establishing Syrian Computer Society Branch in Aleppo.
- 1995: Member of Syrian Computer Society.
- 1986: Member of Teachers Syndicate.