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EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN URBAN DESIGN & PLANNING (INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM)	
University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA	2006
MASTER OF URBAN PLANNING (W/ CERTIFICATE IN URBAN DESIGN)	
University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA	1991
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING (MAGNA CUM LAUDE)	
University of Tripoli, Libya	1983

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

GRANT AWARD

- Working Group Member, "Producing the Public," Arab Council of Social Sciences 2013-2015

FELLOWSHIPS

- Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation, UW 2004
- Teaching Fellowship, UW 1998
- Department Scholarship, UW 1998
- Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (Turkish), UW 1995-1996
- Pio Prize for Italian Studies Scholarship, Architecture in Rome Program (Italy) 1992-1993

AWARDS

- Recipient, Certificate for Participation in the Intercollegiate Public Speaking Competitions, Emirates Environmental Group (EEG), UAE, for 9 consecutive years 2007-2015
- Recipient, Certificate for Presentation at American Corner, Alhosn University, UAE Jun 2012
- Recipient, Certificate for Serving as Jury Member, Inter-School Public Speaking Competition, EEG 2008
- Recipient, Certificate for Serving as Advisor for Student Competition, Municipality of Ajman, UAE 2007
- Recipient, Certificate for Organizing Earth Day@Alhosn, Alhosn University, UAE 2007-2011
- Recipient, Certificate for Organizing First Urban Design Charrette, Alhosn University, UAE 2007

TEACHING

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM, UNIVERSITY OF TRIPOLI	2019-Present
ASSISTANT / ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF URBAN PLANNING, ALHOSN UNIVERSITY	2006-2019
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF ARCHITECTURE & URBAN DESIGN, ABU DHABI UNIVERSITY	2018-2019
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF DESIGN & MANAGEMENT, ABU DHABI SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT	2017-2018
LECTURER, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON	1998-2004

COURSES TAUGHT

UNDERGRADUATE

AHU (2006-2018)

- ARC 101 Introduction of Architecture
- ARC 206 Graphic Communication
- ARC 302 Architecture Studio IV (Public Library Design)
- ARC 407 Architecture Capstone Project

- UPL 203 Introduction to GIS
- UPL 205 Urban Ecology
- UPL 303 Intro to Urban Design
- UPL 407 Planning Capstone Project
- UPL 406 Negotiation Skills
- UPL 410 Urban Design Studio

GRADUATE

UW (2002-2004)

- UrbDP 500 Survey of Urban Planning
- UrbDP 503 Communications and Spatial Thinking
- UrbDP 512 Practical Research Planning and Design

- INT 207 AutoCAD
 - UPL 200 History of Urban Form
 - UPL 202 Process & Theory of Planning
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- UT** (2019-present)
 - ARCH 371 History & Theory of Planning
 - ARCH 433 History of Modern Architecture
 - ARCH 405 Urban Design Studio
- ADSM** (2017-2018)
 - EIS 6210 Innovation
 - EPS 6110 Entrepreneurship (ADSM)
 - UT** (2019-present)
 - ARCH 604 Urban Design Theories
 - ARCH 618 Advanced Studio (Design II)
 - ARCH 699 Master's Thesis

COURSES DEVELOPED & INTRODUCED

- UPL 206 Spatial Thinking and Communication
- UPL 458 Photography for Architectural/Urban Inquiry
- UPL 468 Documenting the City
- UPL 472 Architectural Heritage and Conservation Planning
- FES 131 Freehand Drawing

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Consultant, *German Development Agency (GIZ)* 2025-present
- Member, Advisory Committee (Libyan Building Code), *Ministry of Housing & Urban Development* 2024-present
- Member, Urban Planning Reform Task Force, *National Council for Econ. & Social Development* 2023-present
- Consultant, *Crown Agents Ltd., Libya* 2020-2021
- Consultant, *DAI-Global, Libya* 2020-2021
- Acting Dean, *Faculty of Engineering, Alhosn University* 2018
- Acting Chair of *Urban Planning, Alhosn University* 2018-2019
- Director, *American Corner of Abu Dhabi City, UAE* 2013-2016
- Consultant, *Municipality of Tripoli, Libya,* 2011-2014
- Consultant, *Ministry of Higher Education, Libya* 2011-2012
- Consultant, *AECOM, Libya* 2009-2010
- Community Organizer, *collaboration with several agencies, institutions, & NGOs (UN-Habitat, University of Genève, New Libya Foundation, NYU-Abu Dhabi)* 2008-2017
- Founding Chair, *Department of Urban Planning, Alhosn University, UAE* 2006-2011
- Geospatial/CAD Consultant, *Tukay Associates, Houston, Texas* 2004-2006
- Graphic Designer/Principal *Husnéin Design Studio, Seattle, Washington* 1996-2006

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS & ONGOING RESEARCH

BOOK CHAPTERS

- "The Evolution and Development of Urban Plans in Tripolitania," (in Arabic *نشأة وتطور المخططات العمرانية في طرابلس الغرب*) in *Municipality of Tripoli in 50 Years*, Tripoli: Municipality of Tripoli Publications, 2021, pp. 391-460 (peer-reviewed).
- "Planning the Recovery: Dubai's Search for a New Model," (first author with S. Chakravarty) in *Transforming Distressed Global Communities: Making Inclusive, Safe, Resilient, and Sustainable Cities*. Ashgate, 2015, pp. 265-276 (peer-reviewed).

ARTICLES

- "Spatial Adaptation for Alternative Care Facilities During Covid-19 Pandemic: Siting Field Hospitals for Abu Dhabi City," (second author with R. Meziani) *International review for spatial planning and sustainable development A: Planning Strategies and Design Concepts*, 10:4 (2022), pp. 23-48 (double-blind peer-reviewed).
- "The Evolving Role of Modern Urbanistic Heritage in Shaping Sustainable Public Realm: The Case of Abu Dhabi," *International Review for Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development*, 5:3 (2017), pp. 5-24 (double-blind peer-reviewed).
- "Stewarding the Recent Past in a Fast Growing Present: Making the Case for Abu Dhabi's Late Modern," in *Heritage 2016: Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Heritage and Sustainable Development (Vol. 1)*, pp. 845-857 (double-blind peer-reviewed).

PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH

INVITED LECTURES

- “History of Urbanization in Abu Dhabi,” presented to a *research group* from the Wharton School and the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania, The American Corner of Abu Dhabi City, 6 June 2016.
- “Participatory Mapping: A Creative Approach to Building Community Narratives,” presented at the *Gulf Cartography from Past to Present Seminar*, co-presented with S. Khiati, hosted by H.E. Dr. Sheikh Sultan Al Qasimi Center for Gulf Studies (27 Mar 2013).
- “Mapping Neighborhoods: Quality of Life Perspective,” presented at the *Gulf Cartography from Past to Present Seminar*, co-presented with S. Khiati, hosted by H.E. Dr. Sheikh Sultan Al Qasimi Center for Gulf Studies (27 Mar 2013).
- “The Role of Urban Planning in Post-Conflict Libya.” Paper presented to the *International Forum of Libyan Experts*, Derna, Libya (3-5 Oct 2011).
- “The Urban Evolution of Abu Dhabi,” presented to a collaborative workshop with Zayed University (Apr 2011).
- “Envisioning Neighborhoods for the 21st Century” presented at *Seminar on Urban Planning and Sustainability*, organized by the UAE Society of Engineers, Dubai Municipality (23 Feb 2011).
- “Towards a Harmonious Urbanism: Learning from Past Modernities” A special lecture presented to the *World Habitat Day* hosted by UN-Habitat at the historic Red Castle, Tripoli, Libya (8 Aug 2008).

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- “Poetics of In/formality in Laboring New Libya: Spaces of Struggle, Inclusion, and Dialogue,” paper presented to the *Arab Council of Social Sciences*, 2nd Conference, Beirut (13-15 Mar 2015).
- “Planning the Recovery: Dubai’s Search for a New Model,” paper accepted at the *5th Joint AESOP-ACSP Congress*, Dublin, Ireland, co-authored with S. Chakravarty (15-19 Jul 2013).
- “New Urban Politics in Libya,” presented to the *Colloque du Programme CITADAIN*, Institut de Géographie de Paris, Université Paris 7 (10-11 Jun 2009)
- “Gazing at Colonial Tripoli (Libya): Italians’ Search for Regionalist Expression.” Paper presented at the *International Forum on Islamic Architecture and Design (IFIAD 2008): Ideals, Innovation, and Sustainability*, University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (8-10 Apr 2008)
- “Identifying Challenges to Technology Integration in Segregated Education Using Hybrid e-Learning.” A paper submitted to a conference track titled “Education Technology: Effective Integration and Management” at the *Integrated Design Process Technology (IDPT 2007)* Antalya, Turkey (3-8 Jun 2007)
- “Approaching Modernity: The Creation of Public Spaces in Tripoli, Libya (1870-1940),” at the *International Symposium on Urban Form (ISUF 2005)*, London (25-27 Aug 2005)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Research interests are focused primarily on the “urban society” in the age of global transformation in a variety of interrelated interests:
 - Modern (& Italian Colonial) Architecture/Urbanism & Identity
 - Urban Heritage Management
 - Post-Conflict Community Revitalization
 - Architectural and Design Pedagogy in the Arab World

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Coordinator, Graduate Studies at DAUP, University of Tripoli
- Organizer, *GIS Day 2025*, University of Tripoli 4 Oct 2025
- Organizer, *Community Design Charrette* “Khoms Vision 2050”, with Municipality of Al Khoms 11 Oct 2025
- Founder, Organizer, *Mezran Street Fair*, Tripoli (3 editions so far) 2023- present
- Founder/Organizer, *Community Design Charrette (Roghata)*, Tripoli, Libya 4 Jan 2014 / 25 May 2025
- Peer Reviewer, *University of Sharjah Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences* 2020
- Peer Reviewer, *International Review for Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development* 2016-present
- Co-Founder/Vice President of the *Urban Planning Committee, Society of Engineers, UAE* 2010-2018
- Member, *Emirates Environmental Group, UAE* 2007-2018
- Member of Jury Panel, *the Inter-School Public Speaking Competition, EEG, UAE* 2009
- Vice President, *Association of Libyan Academics in UAE* 2011-2015
- Coordinator, *Fabrication Workshop*, in collaboration with TechShop, Abu Dhabi Spring 2017
- Organizer, *Urban Design Public Workshop*, Qasr Al Hosn Festival 20-21 Feb 2015
- Chair, *Roundtable on Smart Energy*, Arab Future Cities Summit, Doha 23-24 Apr 2012
- Co-Organizer, *Collaborative Scientific Workshop* with Université de Genève and UCLA Apr 2011
- Organizer, Track and Workshop, *International Forum of Libyan Experts*, Derna, Libya 3-5 Oct 2011

- Panel Chair/Reviewer, *IFHS 8th International Conference on High-Rise Buildings* 10-12 Dec 2007
- Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Engineering and Applied Sciences*, Alhosn University 2007-2011
- Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Engineering and Applied Sciences*, Alhosn University 2007-2011

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Committee Memberships at University of Tripoli

- Chair, Department Graduate Studies Committee, DAUP 2021-2022
- Member, College Self Study Committee, Faculty of Engineering 2022 - 2024
- Coordinator of the 'planning' module', Scientific Committee, DAUP 2021- present
- Chair (acting), Department Graduate Studies Committee, DAUP 2021-2022
- Chair, Department E-Learning Committee, DAUP 2020 - present
- Member, Faculty E-Learning (ad hoc) Committee, Faculty of Engineering 2020
- Member, Hiring Committee, DAUP 2022 - present

Committee Memberships at Alhosn University

- Chair, Fabrication Lab (ad hoc) Committee 2017
- Member, Library Committee 2016-2017
- Chair, University Website Committee 2009-2011
- Chair, Committee on Outreach 2006-2009
- Chair, Faculty of Engineering Curriculum Committee 2006-2008
- Member, Committee for Research and Faculty Affairs 2011-2013
- Member, Committee for Student Affairs 2007-2008
- Member, College of Engineering Hiring Committee 2006-2011
- Lead, Accreditation Renewal, Urban Planning program 2010-2011
- Lead, Initial Accreditation, Architectural Engineering program 2006-2007
- Assistant to Provost Office, Licensure, Alhosn University 2007 & 2009

Additional University Services

- Founder/Chair/Organizer, *Planning Day 2010*, Alhosn University 15 Dec 2010
- Founding Editor, *Urban Planning Update Newsletter*, Alhosn University 2009-2011
- Initiator/Advisor, *Green Club*, Alhosn University 2008-2016

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Initiator, *Planning Lecture Series*, University of Tripoli, 2023-present
- Co-organizer, *Public Seminar on the State of Our Public Spaces*, Tripoli Days of Summer 2024 12 Sep 2024
- Member, *Scientific Committee*, 5th Arab Ministerial Forum on Housing and Urban Development Aug-Dec 2023
- Coordinator, *Interactive meeting between students and Municipal Council of Tripoli* Aug 2022
- Panelist, *Planning in Libya: Present and Future*, Urban Expo and Forum, Tripoli 23 Mar 2022
- Panelist, *Urban Planning and Design In Libya*, Skyline Expo, Tripoli 6-7 Jun 2021
- Member, *Scientific Committee*, Municipality of Tripoli 2020
- Trainer, *Integrated Municipal Development Planning*, Municipality of Suq Al Jumua, Libya 2020
- Trainer, *Urban Planning and Disaster Risk Reduction*, various municipalities, Libya 2020-2021
- Jury Member (regular), *Urban Design Studio*, Department of Architecture, Abu Dhabi University since 2018
- Jury Member, *Urban Design Studio*, University of Sharjah Jun 2016
- Jury Member, *Architecture Studio*, American University of Ras Al Khaimah Oct 2017
- Organizer, *Community Youth Workshop (Mind Crafting with Minecraft®)*, NYU Abu Dhabi 2 May 2017
- Jury Member, *Environmental Competition*, TADWEER (Center for Waste Management), Abu Dhabi Feb 2016
- Discussant, *Community and Education Engagement Roundtable*, New York University Abu Dhabi 2016-2018
- Discussant, *Sustainable Campus Conference*, Abu Dhabi 9 Feb 2015
- Solo Artist, *Evolution of Artistic Thought Exhibition*, Alhosn University 20 Nov 2012
- Co-organizer/Field Director/Fundraiser/Presenter, *TEDxTripoli 2012*, Libya 13 Feb 2012
- Founder, *Planning Lecture Series*, Alhosn University 2008-2010

MEDIA COVERAGE

- "The Architectural Heritage of Tripoli" hosted by *Al Watania TV* 6 Nov 2025
- "Rokkabat Mezran" hosted by *Al Watania TV* 28 Jul 2024
- "Italian Architectural Legacy in Tripoli" Interview with *Aljazeera TV's* Naima Morelli 3 Aug 2023
- "Organizing Mezran Street Fair" *Libya Al-Ahrar TV, Al Watania TV* 16 Jun 2023

- “Interactive Meeting between Students and Municipal Council,” *Al Rasmiya TV* 24 Aug 2022
- “Ottoman Influence on Tripolitan Architecture and Urbanism,” *Al Watan TV* 30 Oct 2019
- “American Corner,” for a promotional video, *Alhosn University PR* 30 Sep 2014
- “Big plans for Abu Dhabi's Corniche welcomed,” *The National* (Newspaper) 29 Apr 2013
- “Hosting first TEDxTripoli 2012,” *Alaan TV* 11 Feb 2012

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ International Network for Traditional Building, Architecture & Urbanism ▪ American Planning Association | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ International Council of Monuments and Sites (US) ▪ Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) ▪ Arab Council for Social Sciences ▪ International Seminar on Urban Form |
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TRAINING & COMPUTER / RESEARCH SKILLS

- Abu Dhabi Green Building Seminar, Sesam and Abu Dhabi Green
- GISWORX, GIS workshops, GISTEC-UAE
- Seminar on GIS in Education, Dubai
- Teachers’ Workshop on Green Living, Emirates Environmental Group
- Graphic communication—freehand and digital (ACAD, SketchUp, MS Suite, Creative Suite)
- Building Pearl Rating System (similar to LEED for UAE)
- Historic preservation methods and techniques

LANGUAGES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English/Arabic
Native Bilingual | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Italian/French
Working Knowledge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Modern/Ottoman Turkish
Reading Knowledge |
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INTERESTS

When not teaching or researching, I enjoy painting, reading, photography, guitar playing, traveling, tennis, mountaineering and participating in endurance sports.