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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Over 20 years of teaching organization, coordination, and administrative experience, teaching theoretical and technical skills in photography, video editing, and other design software.
- Over two decades of professional work experience internationally in the United States of America and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Highly motivated and works efficiently in a team environment. Has assessed and supervised international VIP projects with the British Council in Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom. A multicultural background consistently leads to successful outcomes in international relations projects with clients.
- A celebrated female artist with over 30 exhibitions internationally, including global award recognitions. Created the first women's photo club in Saudi Arabia and was involved in curriculum assessment for the Photography diploma at Dar Al-Hekma University and other institutions in Saudi Arabia.
- Directed and supervised media projects with her students in creating videos to promote public awareness of Middle-Eastern women's interests that broadcast in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates, on Al-Aan TV. Continues to curate and serve as a liaison for several students' exhibitions, acting as a cultural bridge and promoting artistic expression.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Royal Embassy of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Washington, DC, USA

#### Job Description:

*Supervised and assessed the exhibitions at the Embassy. Researched, gathered resources, and developed budget proposals. Collaborated with other managers at the Embassy. Liaised with media, vendors, and the maintenance team to facilitate the event's execution. Managed a team of 15 staff to accommodate the 100 guests on opening nights.*

Social Media Photo/Video Editor for HRH Ambassador Reema Bint Bandar Al Saud	November 2021 - to Current
Photographer Saudi Founding Day	February 2023
Social Media Photo/Video Editor for "Catmosphere"	November 2021, 22
Photographer Passport DC, Saudi National Day	2012-2014, 2022
Curator and Event Manager, Exhibition "Women's Point of View from Saudi Arabia"	Nov. 2017 - Feb. 2018
Curator and Exhibitor "A Woman's Stand" (Zahara Breast Cancer Association)	Oct. - Dec. 2011
Curator and Exhibitor "Photography Through the Eyes of Saudi Arabian Women"	July 2010

### Lifetouch Company, Washington, DC, USA

#### Job Description:

Spring 2017

*Lead photographer on location sites, photographing children at Northern Virginia schools. Collaborated with "Spring Hill Elementary School," serving 5 years as photo and book editor. Responsible for pre- and post-production of school yearbooks.*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

### University of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Faculty Member (Department of Studio Arts) Taught Photography Courses	2012 - 2016, 2023
Curator/Juror/Project Supervisor of Student Exchange Exhibitions	2010 - 2019, 2025

### The American University, Washington, DC, USA

Faculty Member (Visual Media Communications)	2013
Taught subject matters of visual media communications	
Curator/Juror/Project Supervisor of Student Exchange Exhibitions	2010 - 2019

### Dar Al-Hekma University, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

2002 - 2011

Assistant Professor of Photography

#### Job Description:

*Taught subject matters of photography, video production, editorial, and visual media communications. Board Member of the University's Exhibition, Graduation, and Publication Committee. Consultant to the University's exhibitions, symposiums, and VIP events. Entrusted with oversight of production design publications of the University's Design Department. Over-saw the photography studio and darkroom from blueprints to completion of the space. Extensively researched, authored, and presented curriculum requirements, course files, budget requests, inventory, and department management and development reports.*

<b>University College of Creative Arts</b> , Farnham, England, UK Photography Guest Lecturer	2004
<b>Desert, Design and Diplomacy, (Publication Released 2014)</b> Photographer, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	2010 - 2012
<b>Advertising Companies</b> (Freelance Photographer)	2001 - 2012
<b>Author/Book Publication (Released March 2010)</b> "Photography Through the Eyes of Saudi Arabian Women"	2010
<b>Middle-East Institute</b> "Photography Through the Eyes of Saudi Arabian Women" Presentation and Book Signing, Washington, DC, USA	July 2010
<b>Basmat Banat TV Program (Al-Aan TV in Memorandum with Dar Al-Hekma University)</b> Promo Awareness Video Project Supervisor and Presenter, Dubai, United Arab Emirates	2008 - 2010
<b>British Council Connecting Futures Program</b> "Images of Islam in the UK" and "As We See It," Supervising Photographer and Curator <b>Job Description:</b> <i>Supervised and organized exhibitions of the photography exchange program project, overseeing production roles to opening events that included Royal and VIP guests along with HRH Prince Andrew, Duke of York. Participated in presentations and exchanged dialog events. Supervised travel arrangements for participants and exhibition work of the project.</i>	2003 – 2007
<b>Photo Exhibition Film Festival 3 des Continents</b> , Nantes, France Exhibition Project Supervisor and Curator	Nov. - Dec. 2006
<b>The White House</b> Intern, Scheduling Office of the President of the United States of America, Washington, DC, USA	Spring 1999
<b>Arab Network of America (MBC_Middle-East Broadcasting Channel)</b> Washington, DC, USA Event and Programming Coordinator & Producer Event Manager during the Arab Festival Awards	1997 - 1999

## EDUCATION

<b>M. A. Film and Video Production Communications</b>	2001
<b>B. A. Visual Media Communications</b> The American University, Washington, D.C.	1997
<b>B.A. English Literature</b> University of Evansville, Evansville, IN	1993

## EXHIBITIONS, PUBLICATIONS and AWARDS

*Photography and creative experience led to work being shown in over 30 exhibitions, including those from the British Council, attended by HRH Prince Andrew, Duke of York. Work published in over 35 books and magazines in multiple countries.*

<b>PhotoPlace Gallery, Photo Exhibitor</b> , Middlebury, Vermont, USA "Portals: Windows, Mirror and Doors" "Color" "Open Call 2021" "Finding Light"	January 2025 Aug. - Sept. 2022 Aug. - Sept. 2021 Dec. 2020 - Jan. 2021
<b>Praxis Gallery, Photo Arts Center, International Juried Photography Exhibition</b> "THE PORTRAIT" "MOTION > BLUR" "THE PORTRAIT" "DIPTYCH-OPEN THEME" and "On THE ROAD AGAIN" "MOTION > BLUR"	June - July 2025 Aug.-Sept.2024 June - July 2024 April - May 2024 December 2022
<b>18th JULIA MARGARET CAMERON AWARD PROFESSIONAL, FOTONOSTRUM</b> , Barcelona, Spain	November 2022

<b>Saudi Art Council, SHARA ART FAIR</b> , Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia "Open Call"	December 2021
<b>Glenecphotoworks, Photo Exhibitor</b> , Glen Echo Park, Maryland, USA "Official - Unofficial Photographs of Washington, DC"	October 2021
<b>Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center Photo Exhibit</b> "In My Head, In My Body"	Oct. - Dec. 2020
<b>Studio Gallery (FotoWeek DC) Photo Exhibitor</b> , Washington, DC, USA "Emergence" "A Loss/Found: Exploration in Photographic Time and Space" "Narrative: Contemporary Photography and the Art of Storytelling" "Abstraction/Representation: Deconstructing the Photographic Index" "Photography/Praxis" "Photographer's @ Work Series" "Portraits" "The Inconsistency of Being"	November 2021 November 2019 November 2018 November 2017 November 2016 November 2015 November 2013 November 2012
<b>Winner</b> (Santa Fe Photographic Workshops Competition) <b>Honorable Mentions, "HOME"</b> <b>Grand Prize Abstract Category, "WATER"</b>	June 2016 October 2014
<b>King Abdulaziz National Museum</b> , Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Finalist Exhibitor "Europe Seen Through Saudi Eyes"	Fall 2002 May 2012
<b>DUCTAC (Dubai Community Theater and Arts Center) Exhibition</b> "Photography Through the Eyes of Saudi Arabian Women" Dubai, United Arab Emirates	February 2011
<b>Elegant Home Main Hall</b> Curator and Exhibitor, "Photography Through the Eyes of Saudi Arabian Women" Exhibition Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	April 2010
<b>L'Art Pur Foundation Gallery</b> , Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia "O" Photography and Art Exhibition	January 2010
<b>Royal Art Gallery / Dar Al-Hekma University</b> , Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Photo Competition "Social Responsibility: We Are All Responsible" 1 <sup>st</sup> place	June 2008
<b>British Council Exhibition Project</b> "As We See it: A Photographic Exchange between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" Hilton Hall, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia "Images of Islam in the UK" Dray Walk Gallery, London, Great Britain Al-Alamia Gallery Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Guest of Honor HRH Prince Andrew, Duke of York)	2007 2006 2005
<b>UNESCO Palace Gallery 2<sup>nd</sup> Int'l Saudi Photography Exhibition</b> Beirut, Lebanon	July 2003
<b>Al-Alamia Gallery, Solo Exhibits</b> , Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia "Moments in Time" and "Still Life"	2003 - 2004
<b>Arts Club of Washington</b> Washington, DC, USA (1 <sup>st</sup> place with honors)	June 1997

## SOFTWARE / LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Microsoft Office, both for PC and Apple • Apple Software, including Final Cut Pro and iMovie
- Adobe Creative Suite (Acrobat, Lightroom, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro, and After Effects).
- Languages (English and Arabic Fluent, with minimal French and Spanish).