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## Summary

Translator, interpreter, and professor with over seventeen years of experience. Excellent reputation for linguistic skills, creativity, and communication. Permanent Resident of the USA.

**Language combinations: English ⇔ Arabic; Spanish ⇔ Arabic; English ⇔ Spanish**

## Experience

### **Freelance Translator & Copy Editor | 2007 - Present**

Translate a variety of texts in the fields of professional training, business, law, literature, and others. Companies include Salahi Law (USA), Alliance for California Traditional Arts (USA), ILLATrain Ltd (UK), TAWABI Language Services (UAE), Thaqafa Publishing and Distribution (UAE), Arab Scientific Publishers (Lebanon), Al-Ajyal Publishers (Tunisia), Ray Publishers (Syria).

### **Translator & Copy Editor**

#### **Wanabqa Collective | 2025 - Present**

Translate and copyedit a wide range of journalistic content between English and Arabic, including news articles, opinion pieces, and investigative reports.

Ensure linguistic accuracy, cultural relevance, and stylistic consistency across all texts.

Collaborate closely with writers and editors to maintain the collective's editorial voice and support its mission of cross-cultural dialogue and resistance through media.

### **Interpreter & Translator**

#### **Villanova University, PA | 2012 - 2013**

Facilitated interpretation between law students and Spanish-speaking asylum seekers.

Translated, edited and proofread documents between Spanish and English.

Oversaw the interpretation work of undergraduate interns.

### **Lead Translator, Interpreter & Head of PR**

#### **Bright Fingers Publishers (Syria) | 2008 - 2011**

Translated and copy-edited publications between English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

Supervised a team of four translators working on legal contracts, financial agreements, international communications, and children literature.

Interpreted on-phone calls between executives at Bright Fingers and foreign publishers and companies.

Established connections & negotiated agreements with over 20 international publishing houses.

Directed cultural program on arts & literatures aimed at children in refugee camps in Damascus.

### **Interpreter**

#### **Syrian Enterprise and Business Center | 2008 - 2010**

Interpreter between English, Spanish and Arabic for a variety of events involving the economic relationships between Syria and the European Union, such as the 7th Euro-Syrian Contact Days.

**Assistant Professor – Spanish & Arabic literatures****University Of California, Berkeley | 2018 - 2025**

Translated Arabic poetry into English, as part of book project on Arabic women writers.

Taught and developed a myriad of curricula for 10+ courses in Spanish, English and Arabic.

Served on placement committee for graduate students on job market: reviewed applicants' resumés, cover letters, and writing samples; conducted mock job talks; helped students identify suitable jobs.

**Project Manager****University of Virginia | 2014 – 2015**

Worked on NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor project with Professor Emily Scida to create and manage online collaborative teaching community for instructors of foreign languages at UVA.

Collaborated with over 50 lecturers and professors. <https://teachertalk.shanti.virginia.edu/>

**Citizenship Exam Instructor****Immigration Institute of The Bay Area (IIBA)| 2023 - 2024**

Helped adult Citizenship applicants, mostly Yemeni women refugees, to learn English and Civics to pass their U.S. Citizenship Exam.

Worked with individuals and small groups in a mixed-level classroom setting.

**ESL Instructor****Paper Airplanes | 2020 - 2021**

Taught English to Syrian refugees in Turkey over Skype.

**Education****Ph.D. | Nov 2017 | University Of Virginia, USA**

Spanish Languages & Literatures

**M.A. | Aug 2013 | Villanova University, USA**

Hispanic Studies

**B.A. | Jul 2011 | Damascus University, Syria**

Spanish Linguistics

**Language skills**

**Arabic:** Native speaker

**English:** Native-like

**Spanish:** Native-like

**French:** Intermediate

**Italian:** Beginner

**Portuguese:** Reading knowledge