

PERSONAL STATEMENT

- I am an enthusiastic and collaborative professional and academic with extensive and diverse work experience. I am passionate about the success of others and am committed to continuous lifelong learning.
- My teaching and lecturing style is centered on a constructivist approach to interactive teaching and learning, and to education in general. I support learners by focusing on stimulating active engagement and developing their critical thinking skills and transferring these skills and becoming independent thinkers. I like to build good relationships with students by modelling commitments and resilience to take responsibility of own learning. I also show care and celebrate my students' success.
- I like doing qualitative research work on educational/school management and leadership, and organizational management studies.

EDUCATION

- **PhD in Education**, awarded on 17th Jan. 2022 (graduated on 19th Dec. 2022).

University of Leeds, UK, Dr Trevor Male from UCL in UK examined the thesis and commented that it was '**a high-quality thesis and a pleasure to examine**'. See University's tweet (Now on X) at <https://twitter.com/ESSLGradSchool/status/1470743978744156160>

Doctorate/Thesis Title: 'The changing school leadership expectations, and educational priorities and practices for managing and leading English language pedagogy in Omani (Secondary) Post-Basic Schools'

- **Master of Arts, TESOL (Teacher Education)**, Pass with Merit (2007), **University of Leeds, UK.**
- **Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Educational Studies TESOL** (1999-2003), GPA: 2.1, **Oman MoE - University of Leeds, UK.**
- **Professional Teaching Diploma for Primary School Teachers**, Intermediate College for Male Teachers in Suhar, a two-academic years' system (1992-1994). **Suhar, Sultanate of Oman.**

WORK HISTORY

- **Senior Educational Supervisor for English Language** (at MoE Central Office, Jul. 2022 – until present time).
- **Senior Educational Supervisor for English Language** (at regional level, Suhar, Sept. 2011 – Jun. 2022).
- **Teacher Trainer Assistant Specialist** at the Regional Training Centre, Suhar (Sept. 2010 - Jun. 2011)
- **Regional Supervisor of English Language**, (Sept. 2004 - Sept. 2011); supervise and train newly appointed and experienced teachers; appraise teachers of English, Senior English Teachers and Regional Supervisors.
- **External School Performance Review Appraiser**, school year (2007-2008).
- **Senior English Teacher at a secondary school**, (Sept. 2003 to Jun. 2004), oversee teachers' work at school and providing technical support.
- **Primary school Teacher of English language**, (from 3rd Sept. 1994 to Jun. 2003).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Published 2 articles and co-researched a research paper on Academic Writing.
- Participated in and presented at many national and regional ELT educational events.
- Attended professional training workshops at British Council Oman & AmidEast Oman.
- Awarded a distinction grade for MA critical study 'Perceptions of Omani Beginning Teachers' First Year Experiences (Relationship and Access).', University of Leeds, School of Education.
- Performed a Master of Ceremonies at MOE-Leeds BA graduation ceremonies for cohorts 5 and 6 in June 2006 and 2009 respectively.
- Worked closely with the reviewing team of Grade 9 course book (Piloting edition, 2005) and attended regular meetings.
- Ambassador for the International School Award (ISA), International Educational Programme Office, Ministry of Education, Sultanate of Oman & British Council Oman.
- Diplôme D'Études En Langue Française DELF A2, Ministère De L'Education Nationale, République Française.
- German language training course (beginners level) administered by the Training and Qualifications Department, DG of Administrative Affairs, MoE central office, Muscat. Conducted by German teacher specialist Ms. Hind Al-Jindy. (from 2nd to 25th October, 2023).

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Contributed a chapter article to an edited book, Sultan Qaboos University, Academic Board:

Al Balushi, A. (2011). A Reflective Socio-Cultural View of Identity Construction in the Omani ELT Context. In Al Mahrooqi, R. & Tuzlukova, V. (Eds.). *The Omani ELT Symphony: Maintaining Linguistic and Socio-Cultural Equilibrium*. Sultanate of Oman. Sultan Qaboos University, Academic Publication Board.

2. Participated as a co-researcher in a study published by Ministry of Education:

Arnold, E. et al. (2010). The Impact of the BA (TESOL) on the Writing Skills of Graduates from Al-Batinah North, Cohort 2. In Atkins, J. et al (Eds.). *International Collaboration for Educational Change: The BA Project*. Sultanate of Oman: Ministry of Education.

3. Contributed an adapted article to an edited book by Ministry of Education:

Al Balooshi, A. (2009). Beginning teachers' Perceptions of their First Year's Teaching Experience. In Wyatt, M. & Atkins, J. (Eds.). *Research Perspectives on Education in Oman*. Sultanate of Oman: Ministry of Education.

PRESENTATION AND LECTURING EXPERIENCE

- Early career teachers orientation programme under the title **'The Learning Teacher'** on 12th September, 2023 to all beginning teachers of English language at all public and private schools.
- Presentation session entitled **'Arab Spring and Education'** for the Education Policy Discussion Group in the School of Education at the University of Leeds on 28th Feb. 2017. A one-and-a half hours academic session to BA in Education undergraduates entitled **'Navigation Oman's Education: Aspiring Nation, Progressing Schools 1970-2018'** on 22nd October 2018. An invitation from lecturer Dr Judy Sayers, University of Leeds, School of Education.
- Presentation session to the International Education Leadership and Policy MA students 2018/19 at the University of Leeds, School of Education on, and 14th May 2019 entitled **'Exploring Omani Secondary Schools' Relational Leadership Practices within Education Policy Enactments'**.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

- Hiking, socialising, and networking with colleague friends.
- Eclectic reader & freelance translator from Arabic into English and vice versa.

TRAINING & PARTICIPATIONS

Participated in and presented at a number of national, regional and international forums, conferences and symposiums	
Date	Event and venue (with certificates of attendance/participation)
26 th – 28 th June 2024	Presented a paper entitled ' The degree of practice of English language teachers in applying artificial intelligence applications in the educational process and its challenges ' at the 4th International Conference on Intelligent Systems and Pattern Recognition "ISPR 2024", Istanbul, Turkey.
28 th February 2024	A session moderator at the ' Symposium on Shadow Education in the Sultanate of Oman; realities, reasons ad recommendations ', organized by A'Sharqiyah University in collaboration with the Ministry of Education at Ministry of Education central office in Muscat.
21 st – 25 th May 2023	Methodicalness of Efficient Educational Supervisory Teams . The Specialised Institute for Professional Training of Teachers (SIPTT). Sultanate of Oman, Muscat.
8 th – 9 th March 2023	Oman 22nd International ELT Hybrid Conference . 21 st Century Language Classroom: Challenges and Opportunities. Sultan Qaboos University, Sultanate of Oman, Muscat.
15 th February 2023	Symposium on Excellence and Academic Standards in ELT . A Professional Development Event organized by Oxford University Press. Sheraton Oman Hotel. Sultanate of Oman, Muscat.
29 th – 30 th June, 2022	Attended the International English Language Teaching Symposium (IELTS-2022) with the theme " Pathways, Paradigms and Possibilities in ELT " organized by English Language Centre, University of Technology and Applied Sciences – Ibri, Al-Dhahira.
6 th – 8 th November, 2021	Attended the 6th Annual Qatar University International Conference titled ' Changing Roles and Expanding Responsibilities of ELT Teachers in Post-Covid Era ', organized by the Foundation Program, Department of English at Qatar University. Doha, State of Qatar.
8 th June, 2021	' Leeds for Learning ' certificate of training completion: Virtual: Governor – Preparing for Ofsted and Effective Governance. Funded by Rosebank Primary School, Leeds, UK.
7 th January, 2021	' Leeds for Learning ' Training certificate: Virtual: Safeguarding for school governors. Funded by Rosebank Primary School, Leeds, UK.
7 th – 8 th November, 2020	Attended the 5th Annual Qatar University International (Virtual) Conference on English Language Teaching and 21st Century Skills – Communicate, Collaborate, Create. Qatar University, Doha, State of Qatar.
6 th – 7 th December, 2019	Attended and presented at ResearchLink International Conference on Education, Educational Policy, Leadership & Management, Greensboro, North Carolina, USA.
5 th November 2018	Contributing to a teaching lecture session on an undergraduate module EDUC2101 (International Perspectives of Pedagogy and Practice), University of Leeds, U.K.
13 th June 2017	Presenting to the University of Leeds Education Policy Discussion Group at School of Education, Coach House, University of Leeds, U.K.

Feb. 19th & 20th,2016	Attended the 2016 ELTPN Conference at the Military Technological College under the title "Engaging, Educational, Effortless- Ideas and Activities in the Classroom". Organised by British Council, Muscat, Oman.
11th to 15th Jan. 2015	Observing Teachers, Learners, Resources and Classroom. Developing a Strategy for Oman English Language Supervisors. Professional Development Course at The British Institute, Centre for British Teachers (CfBT) in Muscat, Oman.
1st April to 5th April 2014	Participated in a Pre-Conference Event on 1 st April 2014 and in the 48 th Annual International IATEFL Conference and Exhibition from 2 nd to 5 th April 2014 in Harrogate, UK.
17th &18th April 2013	Participated in Oman Annual International ELT Conference , 'Changing Times and Emergent Opportunities'. The Language Centre, Sultan Qaboos University. Sultanate of Oman.
20th to 23rd March 2013	TESOL Convention 2013 Texas , 'Harmonizing Language, Culture and Heritage'. Dallas, USA.
March and April 2012	Project Management Professional (PMP), 36 hours, AmidEast Oman. Muscat, Oman.
18th &19th April 2012	Participated in Oman International ELT Conference, Quality in ELT: Raising Pedagogical Standard. The Language Centre, Sultan Qaboos University.
6th to 9th Jun. 2011	Participated in the 29th Summer School of Applied Language Studies "New Dynamics of Language Learning: Space and Place- Intentions and Opportunities at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland.
21st Nov. to 22nd Nov.2010	Participated in 'Building Future Education' Conference and Exhibition for Middle East and North Africa (MENA), organized by Abu Dhabi Education Council. UAE, Abu Dhabi.
22nd Oct. to 29th Oct. 2010	Participated in and presented at 'The Training for GCC Educationists 2010' planned by the Government of Japan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) as assistance to GCC's Human Resources Enhancement, conducted by Japan International Cooperation Centre (JICE), Tokyo, Japan.
31st April 2010 to 22nd April 2010	Participated in SQU's 10th Oman International ELT Conference: Current Perspectives in ELT, New Methodologies, Research, and Best Practices. Muscat, Oman.
31st Oct.2009 to 4th Oct.2009	Trainer Training Course (25 hours) DG of Human Resources Development at Al Qurm Training Centre, Oman, Muscat.
25th July to 29th July 2009	The Sixth Educational Summer Forum for Educators, Dhofar Region, MOE, Sultanate of Oman.
14th Feb. to 25th Feb. 2009	Teaching Knowledge Test, TKT Course , Module 1 (50 hours) at British Council Oman.
22nd and 23rd April 2009	Participated in SQU's 9th Annual International ELT Conference: Responding to Challenges of Curriculum, Assessment and Independent Learning, Muscat, Oman.
15th to 17th December 2008	Participated in and presented at the Conference for Continuing Professional Development for English Language Supervisors, Al Qurm Training Centre, MOE, Muscat.
10th to 12th December 2007	Presented a paper at the Conference of English Language Teachers and Supervisors (CETS 2007) organised by the DG of Education at the Ministry of Education, "Perceptions of Omani Beginning Teachers' First Year Experiences (Relationship and Access).' Muscat, Oman.
April 2006	Participated in The Language Centre 6th Annual ELT Conference (Language Learning in the Cyber Age: Innovations and Challenges), Sultan Qaboos University.

December 2005	Co-presenter of a paper at the Conference of English language Teachers and Supervisors (CETS 2005): Voice and Ownership in Academic Writing Skills Improvement (Part 1)
March 2005	Participated in the forum of Regional English Supervisors and Teachers (FOREST 2005) in the Directorate General of Education in Batinah North region.
25th to 27th April 2005	Participated in King Faisal Schools 2nd International TEFL Symposium in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
December 2003	Presented a paper at the Regional English language Teachers and Inspectors Forum (RETIF 2003): Team Teaching; a School Research. MOE, Suhar.