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## CV

### **Education:**

2009-2016

PhD. in Rhetoric. University of California, Berkeley. (Dissertation: A Combat in a World Not for Us: Revolutionary Writing in Aimé Césaire and Ghassan Kanafani)

2001- 2007

MA - Gender, Law and Development- Birzeit University. (Thesis: “Representations of Palestinian Women in Western Colonial Discourse.”)

1996-2000

BA – Arabic Language and Literature. Birziet University.

### **Work Experience:**

2014----

Instructor: Gender and Development MA program. Birzeit University.

2008-2009

Senior Researcher in Bisan Center for Research and Development.

- Research projects: - Research on Empowering strategies of grassroots organizations
- Development in Palestine: critical review of NGO’s work.

2007-2009

Instructor in Gender Studies- Institute of Women Studies – Birzeit University

2004-2007

Research and teaching assistant – Institute of Women Studies – Birzeit University.

2003-2004

Research Coordinator - Palestinian Environmental NGOs Network. Beit Hanina – Jerusalem. (Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign).

- Research and reports on the impacts of the Wall.

February2003- July 2003

Project assistant – part time-: Teacher Creativity Center. Ramallah.

- Research project, The 2002 Invasion’s impacts on education.

2002-2003

Special Education Teacher- Spafford Children’s Center. Old City – Jerusalem.

2000-2001

Librarian and Cultural Activities Coordinator- Saraya Center for Community Service.  
Old City- Jerusalem.

**Research Interests:**

- Anti-colonial Theory.
- Aesthetics and literature
- Marx, Nietzsche
- post-structuralism: mainly interested in questions of Knowledge production. Ideologies and discourses, subjectification and resistance.
- Classical Philosophy: The Sophists, Aristotle.
- Feminist theory.

**Language skills:**

Arabic: mother tongue: excellent writing skills.

English: written and spoken excellent

French: reading very good.

**Computer skills:**

- Microsoft word.
- Internet.
- Power point.

**Publications:**

- 2010- “Masyun between Architectural Changes and the Fear of Losing the Social Position.” In *Amkinah Saghira wa-Qadaya Kabirah: Thalathat Ahya’ Filastiniyah fi Zaman al-Ihtilal*. Abu Duhou et al. Beirut: Institute of Palestine Studies.
- 2010- “NGOs, A Tool for Development? A Conceptual Revision.” In *The Illusion of Development*. (Wahm al Tanmia). Eileen Kuttab et al. Ramallah: Bisan.
- 2007- Representations of Palestinian Women in Western Colonial Discourse. (MA Dissertation). Published by Muwatin in 2008 : *Of Women and Resistance: the Colonial Narrative*. 2008 (Arabic)
- 2005- “A Story of Two Young Women”. *Review of Women’s Studies*. (3). 115.

**Courses Taught:**

- Rebellious Texts: Anti-Colonialism in Third World Women’s Writings. Gender and Development- MA Program, Birzeit University.
- Theoretical Approaches to Gender and Development, Gender and Development, MA Program, Birzeit University.
- Historical and Theoretical introduction to Gender and Development Studies. Gender and Development MA Program, Birzeit University.
- Theoretical Approaches to Gender and Development. Gender and Development MA Program, Birzeit University.

- Introduction to Women's Studies, Women's Studies (undergraduate) Program, Birzeit University.
- Critical Readings in Sociological Texts, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, BZU.
- Revolutionary Writing, Department of Rhetoric – Undergraduate Program-, University of California Berkeley.
- Third World Women's Writings, Department of Rhetoric Undergraduate Program, University of California Berkeley.