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### **Professional Experience**

#### **Assistant Professor**

*Kuwait University - Department of Information Studies*

##### **2016–Present**

- Developed and taught undergraduate courses, including Information Literacy, Information Behavior, Internet Applications, and Multimedia.
- Applied training methods and hands-on practices in teaching, allowing students to gain practical knowledge and apply what they learn in class to other courses and their daily lives.
- Actively participated in strategic planning and various departmental committees, including the Cultural and Libraries Committee.
- Provided mentorship to students through the Information Club, focusing on cultural and academic initiatives.

#### **Director of Consultation and Training Office**

*Kuwait University - College of Social Sciences*

##### **2021–2023**

- Managed and led the Consultation and Training Office, overseeing training programs for faculty members, academic staff and students.
- Implemented key initiatives to promote continuous learning and professional development within the college, in alignment with university-wide goals.

#### **Assistant Chief Training Specialist**

*Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED)*

##### **2004–2012**

- Played an instrumental role in managing the Kuwait Fund Training Program for Newly Graduated Engineers and Architects, collaborating with both local and international organizations.
- Evaluated training programs and developed customized courses on topics like project management, effective communication skills, and time management, ensuring tailored content that meets specific learning objectives.
- Collaborated with national and international companies to provide on-the-job training for trainees, ensuring hands-on experience in diverse industries.
- Coordinating with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and maintaining strong communication with foreign embassies in Kuwait as well as Kuwaiti embassies abroad.

## **Relationship Officer**

*National Bank of Kuwait (NBK)*

**2003–2004**

- Managed client relationships, ensuring high levels of service and communication.
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## **Education**

### **Ph.D. in Information Science**

*University of North Texas, Denton, TX - College of Information*

**2012–2016**

- Dissertation: *Conversational Use of Photographic Images on Facebook: Modeling Visual Thinking on Social Media*

### **Master of Library and Information Science**

*Kuwait University, College of Social Sciences*

**2007–2010**

- Thesis: *Overcoming Knowledge Sharing Barriers*

### **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**

*California State University, Long Beach, CA - College of Business*

**1997–2002**

- Major: Management Information Systems (MIS)
  - Concentration: Electronic Commerce
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## **Social Responsibilities and Community Involvement**

- Since 2018, I have organized bi-annual exhibitions at the College of Social Sciences, where students present projects and promote well-being and positivity, aligning with Kuwait University's mission to foster collaboration and innovation.
- Conducted a workshop at Jaber Alahmad Library titled "Image Searching Skills" for Kuwait University faculty and library staff (11/2/2019, Kuwait).
- Participated in knowledge-sharing initiatives with the Bareec Program for Positivity and Wellbeing, facilitating training sessions for Bareec KUNIV Trainers at Kuwait University (02/21/2018, Kuwait).
- Conducted a workshop in Al Sharqiya High School - Girls Campus titled "Information Literacy and Social Media" for Mubarak Alkabeer Governorate faculty and staff (12/6/2016, Kuwait).
- Delivered a seminar on the "Kuwait Fund Training Program for Kuwaiti Newly Graduated Engineers & Architects" to Kuwait University students, in collaboration with the American Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), earning recognition from ASHRAE Kuwait Chapter Adviser, Dr. Adel Ebrahim Alshayji (2009).
- Recognized by Dr. Meshel Al-Gharaib, Manager of the Engineering Training & Alumni Center at Kuwait University, for significant contributions to the 11th Job Fair of the College of Engineering & Petroleum, as part of Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development's participation (2008).

- Organized and coordinated a presentation at Kuwait University, acknowledged by Dr. Adel Mal-Allah, Manager of Engineering Training & Alumni Center, for enhancing educational and professional development (2005).
- Actively participated in various NBK initiatives, including Walkathon, Equate Camp, and Alshaab Park Entertainment, going the extra mile and receiving multiple appreciation letters from NBK CEO, Mr. Ibrahim Shukri Dabdoub (2004).

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## **Committees and Roles at Kuwait University**

### **At the College of Social Sciences Level:**

- **Member of the Cultural & Libraries Committee (2023–2024).**
- **Member of the Media Committee for the CSS 7th International Conference (2017).**

### **At the Department of Information Studies Level:**

- **Chairman of the Cultural & Libraries Committee (2023–2024).**
- **Member of the Consulting & Training Committee (2016–2023).**
- **Member of the Strategic Planning Committee (2019–2023).**
- **Member of the Budget Committee (2019–2020).**
- **Supervisor of The Information Club (2018–2019).**

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## **Achievements and Awards**

- **Awarded a scholarship by the Bareec Program for Positivity and Wellbeing to attend an international training conference (09/04/2018).**  
[Link to conference](#)
- **Ranked Number One in NBK's New Recruits Development Program - NRDP (2003).**

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## **Research Areas of Interest**

- The use and impact of images.
- Visual literacy and communication.
- Social media platforms and visual engagement.
- Management and use of visual resources.
- Internet applications and services in digital environments.

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## **Selected Publications and Research**

### **The Internet in the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council (AGCC): Vehicle of Change**

Published in *International Journal of Internet Science* (2011), Vol. 6(1), pp. 44–67.

Link: [IJIS Article](#)

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## **Professional Development Courses, Conferences & Forums Attended**

- **Association for Talent Development (ATD) OrgDev Conference**, October 11-13, 2023, Nevada, USA.
- **International Conference on Research in Education and Science (ICRES)**, March 24-27, 2022, Antalya, Turkey.

- **Bareec Program for Positive Thinking and Integrated Well-Being**, October 9-11, 2017, Kuwait.
- **14th Annual Archiving Conference**, Sponsored by the Society of Imaging Science and Technology (IS&T), May 15-18, 2017, Riga, Latvia.
- **Training of Trainers (TOT) #32 by DACUM**, August 21-31, 2016, Kuwait.
- **Linking Training Plans with Career Paths**, March 23-24, 2011, Kuwait.
- **9th Conference of The Arabian Gulf Career Development Forum**, December 13-15, 2010, Kuwait.
- **The Triangle of Distinguished Communication**, March 7-8, 2010, Kuwait.
- **Train the Trainer: Design, Delivery, & Evaluation**, February 14-18, 2010, UAE.
- **8th Conference of The Arabian Gulf Career Development Forum**, December 15-17, 2009, Kuwait.
- **Emotional Intelligence**, December 21-24, 2008, Kuwait.
- **6th Conference of The Arabian Gulf Career Development Forum**, December 10-12, 2007, Kuwait.
- **Problem Solving & Decision Making**, October 28-November 1, 2007, Kuwait.
- **Dealing with Difficult People**, June 23-27, 2007, Kuwait.
- **ASTD 2007 International Conference & Exposition**, June 3-6, 2007, USA.
- **Managing Organizational Knowledge Certificate Program**, June 1-2, 2007, USA.
- **Office Etiquette & Protocol**, September 2-6, 2006, Kuwait.
- **Communication Skills with Employees and Trainees**, May 27-31, 2006, Kuwait.
- **Creative Performance Excellence**, December 24, 2005-January 4, 2006, UK.
- **Creative and Innovative Skills in the Workforce**, February 11-15, 2006, Kuwait.
- **Letters and Memos Writing Skills**, November 26-28, 2005, Kuwait.
- **Managing the Training & Development Function**, June 4-8, 2005, UAE.
- **Kaizen Management Workshop**, February 20-21, 2006, Kuwait.
- **Core Distinctiveness for Training Specialists**, December 18-22, 2004, Egypt.
- **ISO 9001 Awareness**, November 21, 2004, Kuwait.
- **MS Outlook 2000 Training**, January 24, 2004, Kuwait.

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#### **Personal, Interpersonal, and Social Skills:**

- Demonstrated strong leadership, team-building, and coordination abilities.
- Skilled in effective communication and problem-solving.
- Creative, innovative, and adaptable to new challenges.
- Provided consultancy services to businesses, advising on strategies for improved performance.

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#### **Technical Skills**

- **Operating Systems:** Windows, macOS.
- **Office Software:** Microsoft 365, iWork.
- **Cloud Platforms:** Google Drive, OneDrive.
- **Customer Relationship Management (CRM):** Familiar with CRM systems.

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### Courses Taught at Kuwait University

- **Multimedia (432)**  
Explores the role of multimedia in communication, focusing on the use of images, video, and audio in various information environments.
- **Internet Applications and Services (332)**  
Focuses on the principles of web development and internet applications, including their impact on communication, business, and culture.
- **Information Behavior (251)**  
Examines user information-seeking behavior, cognitive models, and the impact of digital environments on information access and retrieval. Focuses on the role of information behavior in academic, professional, and everyday contexts.
- **Information Literacy (131)**  
Introduces students to the fundamentals of information literacy, including how to evaluate, manage, and use information effectively in academic and professional settings.

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### Hobbies and Interests

I have a strong interest about **perfumery**, leading the fragrance development process for niche brands by creating unique scents and narratives. My passion for photography allowed me to channel my internal creativity, ultimately inspiring me to focus my **PhD** research on the conversational use of images across social media platforms. My interests in **art** and **technology** allow me to stay connected with global trends and innovations.

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