

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

- 2005-2009** Ph.D. in Architecture, Graduate School of Architecture, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Major: Architecture. Minor: Educational Administration.
- 2003-2005** M. Arch, the University of Texas at Austin.
- 1994-99** Bachelor of Arch., King Faisal University, Saudi Arabia.

### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

- 2018 to present** Head of the Dept. of Architecture, College of Architecture at Kuwait University
- 2009 to present** Assistant Professor at Kuwait University, College of Architecture
- 2007-2009** Teaching Assistant at the Graduate School, the University of Nebraska- Lincoln.
- 2000-2002** Teaching Assistant at the Dept. of Architecture, Kuwait University.

### SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

- Award of the Advanced Teaching Excellence Workshop organized and held by The Center for Teaching and Learning at The University of California, Berkeley, and funded by KFAS, Berkeley January 2018.
- Award of the Advanced Teaching Excellence Workshop organized by The Center for Teaching and Learning at The University of California, Berkeley, and hosted by Kuwait University, Kuwait March 2017.
- Recognition Award for contribution in the Historic Building Preservation workshop from 18/11-22/11/2012 from National Council for Culture, Arts, and Literature, 2012.
- Certificate of Appreciation for contribution in the 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Engineering Design Exhibitions from the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, 2011, 2011.
- Award of the Best Online Course in the College of Engineering, Kuwait University, 2010-2011.
- Certificate of Appreciation for contribution in the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference for Enhanced Building Operations (ICEBO 2010) organized by Energy Systems Laboratory at Texan A&M University and held by Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), October 2010.
- Award for the Outcome-Based Teaching & Assessment-Principles & Applications workshop from Office of Consultation & Carrier Development, Kuwait University, 2010.
- Kuwait University Master and Ph.D. Scholarship, 2003-2009.
- Ministry of Higher Education Certificate of Academic Merit, 1994 – 1999.
- Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education Scholarship, 1994 – 1999.

### PUBLISHED RESEARCHES (internationally refereed journals):

- Al-Haroun, Y., & AlAjmi, M. (2018). UNDERSTANDING SOCIO-CULTURAL SPACES BETWEEN THE HADHAR AND BADU HOUSES IN KUWAIT. *International Journal of Architectural Research: ArchNet-IJAR*, 12(3), 68-89. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.26687/archnet-ijar.v12i3.1712>
- Book Contributor: Alajmi, M. (2020), in Alnaim, M. and Al Sayyed, W, (ed.), *The moment and the place: Mosque Architecture in twenty first century* (Taward Media and Publishing, Beirut).

### GRANTS & FUNDED ACTIVITIES

- Fully funded field trip to inspect 5 proposed locations for the Kuwait-Lebanon Friendship Monuments in Lebanon by Kuwait Fund Arab Economic Development, March 2019.
- Research Initiation Grand: Benefits of Historic Preservation: Survey of the Survived Kuwaiti Traditional Architecture. ZE08/10, Kuwait University, 2011.

### CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

- Alajmi, M. "Critical Green Approach to Neighborhood Design in Kuwait", Gulf Conference on Sustainable Built Environment, Kuwait, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- Alajmi, M. "Between Symbolism and Functionalism: Meaning of Minaret in Contemporary Kuwaiti Mosques." DAKAM, ARCHTHEO'18, Istanbul, 2018.
- Alajmi, M. "Historic Preservation Movement in Kuwait" in the Heritage Day, Kuwait, 2015.
- Alajmi, M. "Green Approach to Neighborhood Design in Kuwait " in the 26<sup>th</sup> conference of Arab Engineers, Kuwait Society of Engineering, 2012.
- Alajmi, M. and Xiao, H. "Recreating Urban Identity for Kuwait City: Urban Regeneration and Reusing Traditional Architectural Elements." At 6th International Conference on Design Principles and Practices. University of California, Los Anglos, USA 2012.
- Alajmi, M. "Historic Preservation Movement in Kuwait" at National Council for Culture, Art, and Literature 2012.
- Alajmi, M. "The Authenticity of Kuwait's Architectural Heritage: The Evolution of Kuwaiti Traditional Urbanization Prior to the Discovery of Oil." CHSS, Cairo, 2011.

- Co-author of a booklet titled “A new Central Library for Austin.” Published by the city of Austin public library and the University of Texas at Austin, USA in 2004

#### **INVITED LECTURES**

- Invited lecturer at Kuwait Institution for Scientific Research (KISR), July 21th, 2019.
- Invited lecturer at Knowledge Development Seminar at Arab Open University March 6<sup>th</sup> 2019.
- Invited lecturer at Gulf Cooperation Council Architectural Codes Conference. “GCC Architectural Codes; Between Theory and Practice”, Kuwait, 2014.

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES**

- Technical Reviewer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of Abdullatif **Al Fozan Award** for Mosque Architecture, 2019.
- GSAS - D&B CGP: Global Sustainability Assessment System (GSAS) Design & Build Certified Green Professional, 2019.
- Technical Committee member, 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Civil Engineering and Architecture (ICCEA), Seoul, South Korea.
- Certificate of Appreciation from International Islamic Charity Organization for organizing, managing, and contributing to the Tanzania Eco-Village project competition, 2017.
- Certificate of Appreciation from the Kuwait Tradition Café (al-mgahi alshabiya) for organizing and contributing to the new Salmiya Traditional Café project, 2016
- Certificate of Appreciation for contribution in the GCC Unified Architectural Codes Conference organized and held by Kuwait Municipality, Kuwait, 2015.
- Head of architectural committee in the National Project for Kuwaiti Building Codes 2012-13.
- Member of Evaluation Committee in Sheikh Naser Saud Al-Sabah Real Estate Award for the Best Mall Design, Kuwait 2011.

#### **TEACHING & ADVISING**

##### **Courses Taught**

1. Architectural Design VI
2. Architectural Design V (Traveling Studio, Tanzania)
3. Architectural Design II
4. ARCH 305- Architectural Design III
5. Architectural Design IV (Vertical studio pilot experiment, Spring 2018)
6. ARCH 121- History of Architecture I
7. ARCH 221- History of Architecture II (Islamic Architecture)
8. ARCH 485- Research in Architecture
9. ARCH 222- Indigenous Architecture
10. Architectural Historic Preservation
11. ARCH 111- Architectural Communication I
12. ARCH 112- Architectural Communication II
13. ARCH 455- Working Drawings
14. ARCH 284- Ceramics I

##### **Masters Courses Taught**

15. ARCH 511- Research Methods in Theory and Design
16. ARCH 565- Regional and Vernacular Architecture

##### **Workshop and Short Courses**

- Workshop moderator: Happiness in the City: Redesigning Urban Living. Organized and Sponsored by KFAS, RIBA Gulf, pace Architecture and Engineering + Planning, the UK Dept. of International Trade (DIT), and College of Architecture at Kuwait University.
- Lead instructor; Architecture Summer Camp (KISR 42<sup>nd</sup> camp), 2019, Kuwait.
- Participant in the Workshop (The Practice of Public Participation) with Prof. Henry Sanoff at Kuwait Engineering Society, Kuwait, Feb. 2019.
- Workshop (Calligraphy & its Application in Islamic Architecture) in collaboration with master calligrapher Abbas Dashti at Tareq Ragab Museum of Islamic Calligraphy, Kuwait, 2013.
- Workshop on Arabic Calligraphy and its application in Islamic Architecture (in cooperation with Horof Center) 2010 at Kuwait University.
- Workshop: Drawing: realism and representation for beginner artist, Kuwait, 2011.

#### **ACADEMIC SERVICES**

- Head of the Dept. of Architecture, 2018-to present.
- Coordinator of History & Theory Committee at the Dept. of Architecture 2017-2018
- Director of the Traveling Studio (Studio Tanzania), 2017.
- Coordinator of Design Studios Committee at the Dept. of Architecture 2016-2017
- Member of Appointing Committee at the Dept. of Architecture 2015-2016
- Member of Scholarship Committee at the Dept. of Architecture 2012-2013
- Head of Students advising committee at the Dept. of Architecture 2012-2013
- Member of Master Program Committee in the College of Architecture at KU 2012
- Member of evaluation committee for Best Online Courses Award in the College of Engineering and Petroleum 2011.
- Co-founder, organizer and participant in the First Housing Conference in Kuwait University titled (Dwelling Kuwait: area/block/street/ house) 2011.
- Member of evaluation committee for the Best Graduation Project in College of Engineering and Petroleum 2011 sponsored by KFAS.
- Organizer and participant in press conference titled (The First Ring Road Project and its devastating effect on Kuwait Traditional Buildings) 2010.
- Head of Budget Committee of College of Architecture 2010-2013.
- Member of Scholarship Committee in College of Architecture 2010-2013.

- Jury member for 20<sup>th</sup> Engineering Design Competition sponsored by KFAS 15-16 June 2011.

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS**

- International Network for Traditional Building, Architecture and Urbanism (INTBAU)
- Society of Architectural Historians, USA.
- The Saudi Umran Society, Saudi Arabia.
- Kuwait Engineers Society, Kuwait.

#### **REFERENCES**

- Nezar Al-Sayyad, Prof. of Architecture, Planning, Urban Design, and Urban History. University of California, Berkeley, USA.
- Lawrence W. Speck, Prof. GOL 2.308 School of Architecture, Austin, Texas, USA.
- Miles Bryant, Prof. Department of Educational Administration, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. USA.
- Jamel Akbar, Associate Prof. Department of Architecture, King Faisal University, Dammam, Saudi Arabia.
- Mishary Al-Naim, Prof. School of Architecture at Al Dammam University, Saudi Arabia.

#### **HOBBIES**

- Traveling, PS strategy games, football, freehand drawings, gardening.