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PRINCIPAL FIELDS OF INTEREST

Parametric Design; Computer Aided Design; Architecture and Virtual Reality; History of Kuwait Architecture; Sociology and Psychology of Architecture, Evolution and Architecture; Vernacular Architecture; Architecture Behavior; Architecture Design Education; Industrial Design. Theory and Philosophy of Architecture;

DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

Academic Degrees

1999-2004	(**Ph.D.**) Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture, University of California at Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A. Dissertation: "*Advanced Solution to Present Continuity in Urban Change*".
1997-1999	(**M.Arch**) Master of Architecture, University of California at Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A.
1991-1996	(**B.Arch**) Bachelor of Architecture University of Louisiana at Lafayette, LA, USA.

Certificates

2011	*Certificate of Project Management Program* *Cornell University*, Ithaca, NY, USA.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016 – 2018	Acting chair of Architecture Department, College of Architecture, Kuwait University, KUWAIT
2015 – 2017	Director of Orientation and Guidance office, College of Architecture, Kuwait University, KUWAIT
2004 – still	Assistant Professor of Architecture, Department of Architecture, College of Architecture, Kuwait University, KUWAIT.
2002–2004	Part-time Computer Aided Designer at UCLA Cultural Lab, Los Angeles, CA, USA.
2000 –2001	Part-time Computer Aided Designer at UCLA Department of Architecture, Los Angeles, CA, USA.
1998–1999	Part-time Computer Aided Designer at Los Angeles Urban Simulation Lab, Los Angeles, CA, USA.
1997–2004	Scholarship from the College of Engineering & Petroleum, Kuwait University, KUWAIT to pursue Master and Ph.D. in the field of Architecture.
1996–1997	Architect at SSH Architecture and urban Design Consultation Office, KUWAIT.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1. Kuwait Society of Engineers.
2. Human Right Society, Kuwait.
3. Association for Computer Aided Design in Architecture (ACADIA).
4. Thukur Initiative.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2011:	Best Project Proposal for Kuwait Development Plan from Cornell University.
1999:	Best Master Thesis Award from UCLA Department of Architecture.
1997:	The Kuwait University Scholarship to pursue a Ph.D. in Architecture
1996:	Best Graduation Thesis Award from University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
1995:	Design Excellence Award from University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
1994:	Design Merit Award from University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
1993:	Best Design Award from University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
1991:	The Ministry of Education Scholarship to pursue a Bachelor of Architecture.

TEACHING

Courses Taught:

Undergraduate

ARCH 105	Basics in Architectural Design.
ARCH 205	Architectural Design (1).
ARCH 206	Architectural Design (2).

ARCH 305	Architectural Design (3).
ARCH 306	Architectural Design (4).
ARCH 405	Architectural Design (5).
ARCH 406	Architectural Design (6).
ARCH 121	History of Architecture (1)
ARCH 221	History of Architecture (3).
ARCH 491	Architectural Graduation Project (1).
ARCH 492	Architectural Graduation Project (2).
ARCH 211	Computer Applications in Architecture.
ARCH 286	Introduction to Graphic Design.
ARCH 334	Introduction to Product Design.
ARCH 220	Theories and Philosophies of Architecture.
ARCH 358	Architectural Professional Training.
ARCH 224	Architectural Criticisms.
ARCH 480	Special Topics in Architecture.

Graduate:

ARCH 565	Regional and Vernacular Architecture.
ARCH 573	Methods of Research in Design and Theory.

RESEARCH / CREATIVE WORK

Refereed Journals:

1. Ballam, A. F. "Architecture as the Ultimate Artificial Exoskeleton", Design and Nature (July 2014,).
2. Ballam, A. F. "The Role of Mate-Guarding Behavior in Old Kuwait City", Islamic Heritage (May 2016.

Refereed Conferences:

1. Ballam A. F., "Architecture as an Artificial Exoskeleton", Design and Nature Conference, Opatija, Croatia, July 9-11, 2014.
2. Ballam A. F., "Resurrecting the Green Belt of Kuwait", The Role of Private and Public Sector in Development, Environment and Sustainability Conference, Kuwait City, November 12-14, 2012.
3. Ballam A. F., "Psychological and Sociological principles of Architectural Creativity", Dresden International Symposium of Architecture-Aesthetics and Architectural Composition, June 16 to 19, 2004.

Approved Supervised Master Student Thesis:

1. Resurrecting Vanished Architecture: Cross-Referencing Historical Data to 3D Reconstruct the 1951 Shaikh Mubarak Al-Kabeer Palace. Submitted by Al-Anood Shafaqah Al-Enezi, July 2019.
2. Corelating Disordered Historical Data to 3D Reconstruct the Vanished Architecture of Kuwait's 1st Disciplinary School. Submitted by Saad Al-Obaid, December 2019.

Art exhibitions

2009	*3D Arabic calligraphy*, Bodrum, Turkey.
2008	*Architecture as an Art*, Marbella, Spain.

SERVICES

College Level

- Member of the "*Architecture College council*" (2015-2017).
- Member of the "*College of Engineering and Petroleum Undergraduate Programs Committee*" (Fall 1995-Spring 1997).
- Coordinator of the "*Facilities and Construction of College of Engineering and Petroleum*" (2005). Duties included following up construction needs and requirements of each department and the communication with Office of the Vice-President for Planning regarding these requirements.
- Member in the "*College of Engineering and Petroleum Students affair Committee*" (2006).

Department Level

- Coordinator for *Facility and Safety Committee*, (2013; 2014)
- Coordinator for *Undergraduate Program Committee*, (2013; 2014)
- Coordinator of the *TAG group: Design Group*, (2012)
- Committee Member of the *Recruiting and Renewal Contracts Committee*, (2010).
- Committee Coordinator for *Arch Voice Committee*, 2009.
- Editor of *T-Square* magazine (Departmental quarterly magazine), 2008.
- Advisor for the *Kuwaiti Architectural Student Association (KASA),* 2007.
- Coordinator of the Public Relationship committee for *Sources of Architectural Forms Conference* (2006).
- Committee Coordinator for *Student's advising Committee*, 2006.

Local Community Level

- 2013   Member in committee to evaluate the accordance between the Master Plan of Kuwait (MPK) and Kuwait Development Plan (KDP).
- 2013   Member in a committee established by Public Authority for Housing to evaluate the New Olympic City.
- 2010   Member in a committee established by the Private University Council (PUC) to evaluate the new Community in *al-Jahra*.
- 2007   Weekly column writer, Al-Jarida Newspaper, Kuwait

International Community Level

- Member of the International Scientific Advisory Committee of *Islamic Heritage Architecture and Art* 2016 to be held in Valencia, Spain, from 17 - 19 May 2016.

Computer Skills

Computer software
- Twinmotion   (Excellent).
- Maya   (good).
- SketchUp   (excellent).
- 3D Max   (good).
- Adobe Photoshop   (excellent).
- Adobe Premier   (good).
- Adobe Illustrator   (good).

Computer Programing Languages
- HTML   (good).
- VRML   (good).
- JAVA   (good).