

**Dr. Osama Omari**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

**1. Personal Info. :**

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- ResearchGate website: [https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Osama\\_Omari](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Osama_Omari)

**3. Education:**

2011: Ph.D. in Linguistics, Memorial University, Canada.

Dissertation title: Grammatical Subjects of Jordanian Arabic: Syntactic and Discourse Functions.

Committee: Phil Branigan (Chair), Martha McGinnis, Hamid Ouali,  
Margurite MacKenzie, Julie Brittain, Douglas Wharram.

2003: MA. in Linguistics, Yarmouk University, Jordan.

Thesis title: *Wh-Movement in Arabic: A Minimalist Approach*. Supervisor: Mohammad al-Shorafat

2000: BA. in English Language and Literature, Yarmouk University, Jordan.

#### **4. Experience:**

##### **A. Administrative**

September 2019-present Vice Dean of the Faculty of Arts for Academic Affairs, Yarmouk University, Jordan.

2016-2017 Assistant to the Director of the Language Center for Academic & Quality Assurance Affairs, Yarmouk University.

##### **B. Teaching**

2019-present Associate Professor, Department of English Language & Literature, Yarmouk University.

2012-2019 Assistant Professor, Department of English Language & Literature, Yarmouk University.

2014-2015 Part-time Lecturer, Department of English Language & Linguistics, Jordan University of Science and Technology.

Fall 2009 –Spring 2010 Per-course instructor, Department of Linguistics, Memorial University, Canada.

2004-2006 Instructor, The Language Center, Al al-Bayt University, Jordan.

##### **C. Visiting Scholar**

September 2019 Visiting Scholar, The Catholic University in Ruzomberok, Slovakia.

June 2015 Visiting Scholar, University of Genoa, Italy.

#### **5. Research Interests:**

- Syntax
- Language variation

#### **6. Publications:**

##### **A. In-Review Articles:**

**Omari, Osama & Phil Branigan.** Fin, Force, and Complementizer Agreement in Arabic.

**Omari, Osama**, Amina Rabehi, & Aziz Jaber. Object Clitics in Chaoui Berber.

**Omari, Osama**, Hadeel Mohammad, & Aziz Jaber. The Syntax of Answers to Positive Yes-No Questions in Jordanian Arabic.

#### **B. Published Articles:**

Jaber, Aziz, **Osama Omari**, Rasheed Al-Jarrah (2019). The domain of emphasis spread in Arabic: Evidence from Urban Jordanian Arabic. *Lingua* 222:10-25.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lingua.2019.02.005>.

**Omari, Osama** & Aziz Jaber (2019). Variation in the Acoustic Correlates of Emphasis in Jordanian Arabic: Gender and Social Class. *Folia Linguistica* 53 (1): 169-200. <https://doi.org/10.1515/flin-2019-2007>

Jaber, Aziz & **Osama Omari** (2018). Proper Name Subcategory: A Prominent Position. *Language Sciences* 69 (5): 113-124, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.langsci.2018.07.002>

**Omari, Osama** & Aziz Jaber (To appear). The Impact of Extra-Linguistic Variables on the Interaction between Emphasis, Manner, and Voice in Urban Jordanian Arabic. *International Journal of Arabic-English Studies*.

**Omari, Osama** & Gerard Van Herk (2016). A Sociophonetic Study of Interdental Variation in Jordanian Arabic. *The Jordanian Journal of Modern Languages & Literature*. 8(2): 117 – 137.

**Omari, Osama** (2016). A Quantitative Analysis of the Pragmatic Functions of Overt and Null Subjects in Jordanian Arabic. *Al-Manara* 23(2).

Bubenik, Vit, John Hewson, & **Osama Omari** (2013). Tense, Aspect and Aktionstart in Arabic. *Folia Orientalia*. 50: 7-48.

#### **7. Conference Presentations:**

2019 The Syntax of Answers to Positive Yes-No Questions in Jordanian Arabic. With Hadeel Mohammad & Aziz Jaber. *Linguistics in the Gulf* 6. Qatar University, Doha, Qatar. April 1-2.

2018 Overt/Null Subjects in Algerian Arabic: A Quantitative Approach. With Ryan Labrozzi & Amina Madani. *North Atlantic Conference on Afroasiatic*

- Linguistics (NACAL 46)*. California State University, Long Beach, California, USA. June 1-3.
- 2018 The domain of emphasis spread in Arabic: Evidence from urban Jordanian Arabic. With Aziz Jaber & Rasheed Al-Jarrah. North Atlantic Conference on Afroasiatic Linguistics (NACAL 46). California State University, Long Beach, California, USA. June 1-3.
- 2016 Variation in the Acoustic Correlates of Pharyngealization in Jordanian Arabic: Gender and Social Class. *Annual Symposium of Arabic Linguistics 30*. Stony Brook, New York, USA. March 28- April 2.
- 2014 Fin, Force, and Complementizer agreement in Arabic. With Phil Branigan. *Annual Symposium of Arabic Linguistics 28*. Gainesville, Florida, USA. March 13-15.
- 2011 Subjects and Subject Clitics in Embedded Clauses in Jordanian Arabic. Canadian Linguistics Association (CLA). Fredericton, NB, Canada. May 28-30.
- 2009 Parameters of Stress in Jordanian Arabic. The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Linguistics Association Conference (APLA). St. John's, NL, Canada. November 6-7.

## **8. Languages**

- Arabic (native)
- English

## **9. Committees:**

### **Yarmouk University:**

#### **A. Department of English:**

Member of the Quality Assurance Committee

Member of the Graduate Studies Committee.

Member of the Study Plan Committee.

Member of the Academic Journals Accreditation Committee.

Member of the Student Affairs Committee.

Member of the Library Committee.

Member of the Social Activities Committee.

**B. Faculty of Arts:**

Member of the Scientific Research Committee

Member of the Graduate Studies Committee

Member of Study Plans Committee

Member of Academic Agreements Committee

Member of the Course Offerings Committee

Member of the Faculty of Arts Budget Committee

Member of the Social Activities Committee.

Department Representative to the College Council (2013-2015).

Member of the Website Administration Committee for the Journal of the  
Faculties of Arts.

Member of the Faculty of Arts Website Administration Committee.

Member of the Academic Journals Accreditation Committee.

Member of the Study Plans Improvement Committee.

Member of the E-learning Committee.

**Memorial University:**

Member of the organizing committee for the Atlantic Provinces

Linguistic Association Conference (APLA).

Graduate Students' Representative.

**10. Awards, Fellowships, and Scholarships:**

2019 Erasmus+ Fellowship

2015 Erasmus-Mundus Fellowship

2010 Fellow of the School of Graduate Studies Award, Memorial University,  
Canada. (Awarded in recognition of academic excellence)

2006-2010 Memorial University Graduate Fellowship.

**10. Reviewing**

I have worked as a reviewer for the following academic journals:

- Lingua
- Annual Symposium of Arabic Linguistics 31
- International Journal of Arabic-English Studies (IJAES)
- The Jordanian Journal of Modern Languages & Literature
- Al-Manara Journal

## **11. Master Thesis Advisory**

I have had the pleasure to advise the following MA theses:

### **-2019**

- Ola Khaza'leh

Thesis title: Pharyngeals in Horani Arabic: A Sociophonetic Study

- Asma' Jaradat

Thesis title: Gender Neutralization in Subject-Predicate Agreement in Jordanian Arabic

### **-2018**

- Duaa al-Momani

Thesis title: A Sociophonetic Study of the Vowels in Al-Mazaar Ash-Shamaali Community in Jordan

- Hadeel Harbi

Thesis title: The Syntax of Answers to Yes-No Questions in Jordanian Arabic

### **-2017**

- Amina Rabhi

Thesis title: A Syntactic Analysis of Clitic Doubling in Chaoui Berber

- Khaira Harshawi

Thesis title: A Systemic Functional Grammar-Based Critical Discourse Analysis of Jamaica Kincaid's *Lucy and A Small Place*

- Amina Madani

Thesis title: The Pragmatic Functions of Overt / Null Subject in Algerian Arabic:

## A Quantitative Approach

### **-Membership in Master Thesis Examination Boards**

- Anas al-Natour

Thesis title: Language Maintenance among the Armenians in Jerusalem

- Ghada Tawalbeh

Thesis title:

Lyna Keraghel

Thesis title: A Syntactic Study of the Status of Object Verbal Affixes in Sétifien  
Algerian Arabic

- Chaïma Braham

Thesis title: The Phonetic Implementation and Phonological Implications of the  
Definite Article Allomorphy in Algerian Arabic.

- Dalel Omri

Thesis title: Acoustic Correlates and Directionality of Emphasis in Algerian Arabic.

- Nesrine Salem

Thesis title: Emphasis in Consonant Cluster: A Sociophonetic Study on Algerian  
Arabic

- Sorayya Uraib

Thesis title:

- Khadija Daoudi

Thesis title:

- Omar Ghneimat

Thesis title: A Pragmatic Study of Animal Metaphors in Jordanian Arabic.

- Hana Shatnaawi

Thesis title: The Effect of Speech Problems on the Language Production in Jordanian  
Arabic.

- Laila al-Dhoun

Thesis title:

- Amal al-Zoubi

Thesis title:

**12. Teaching:**

**Yarmouk University**

**-Graduate:**

Engl 622 Advanced Syntax

Engl 621 Advanced Phonology

Engl 628 Sociolinguistics

Tra 684 Advanced Arabic Writing

Engl 692 Readings in Arabic Linguistics

**- Undergraduate:**

Engl 101 English Fundamentals

Engl 102 Reading Skills

E 103 Reading and Vocabulary Development

Engl 104 Listening & Speaking Skills

Engl 105 English Language Skills

Engl 204 Paragraph Writing

Engl 205 Essay Writing

Engl 203 English Phonetics I

Engl 310 Introduction to Linguistics

Engl 313 Advanced Grammar I

Engl 323 English Syntax

Engl 417 Semantics

Tra 404 Translating Short Stories

**Memorial University:**

Ling 1103/2103 Introduction to Morphology and Syntax

Ling 1100 Language and Communication

Introduction to Spoken Arabic (taught to the public community)

**Al al-Bayt University:**

**Department of English:**

E 110 Listening and Speaking

E 111 Reading Comprehension



E 112 English Grammar  
E 211 Writing 2  
E 231 Phonetics and Phonology  
E 432 Comparative Linguistics

**The Language Center (service courses taught to students of different majors):**

E 099 English Language  
E 101 English Language I  
E 102 English Language II

**Jordan University of Science & Technology:**

Engl. 111 English Language I (a service course taught to students of different majors)  
Engl. 771 Syntax (graduate)

**13. Lectureship & Community Services:**

Winter 2016 Finding your Research Path in Linguistics, Yarmouk University.  
Winter 2016 Evaluation Committee of English Language Skills at Nadira Bint Imran Elementary School.  
Winter 2008 Weight-Sensitive Languages: The Case of Jordanian Arabic. Presented to the Phonological Theory (LING 4201) class, Memorial University.  
Fall 2007 Arabic Sounds. Presented to the Arabic I (LING 4058) class, Memorial University.  
Fall 2007 Definiteness in Arabic. Presented to the Arabic I (LING 4058) class, Memorial University.  
Winter 2007 Tense and Aspect workshop (organized in collaboration with Dr. Bubenik), Memorial University.

**14. Seminars:**

Winter 2010 Serial Verbs in Spoken Arabic (co-presented with Dr. Vit Bubenik and Dr. John Hewson). Memorial University.

**15. Professional memberships:**

- 2014, 2016 Arabic Linguistics Association of America
- 2011 Canadian Linguistics Association
- 2010 Atlantic Provinces Linguistics Association

**16. Computer & Software Skills:**

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Access)
- Goldvarb X (for analysis of sociolinguistic data)
- PRAAT (for analysis of speech sounds)
- SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences)
- E-learning applications (Moodle, WebCT, Desire2Learn)

**17. Professional Development Courses/workshops attended:**

- Workshops in integrating technologies in university teaching, Memorial University.
- A training course in university teaching for newly appointed faculty, Yarmouk University.
- Training Courses in using SPSS in Statistical Analysis, Yarmouk University.
- How to Get your Research Published, Yarmouk University.

**18. Other Professional Experience:**

Winter-Spring 2010: Aboriginal Languages Archivist, Department of Linguistics,  
Memorial University, Canada.

**19. Teaching Assistantships:**

**Department of Linguistics, Memorial University:**

Winter 2010 Introduction to Morphology and Syntax (LING 1103/2103),  
Language & Communication (1100/2100).

Fall 2009 Language and Communication (1100/2100), Arabic I (LING  
4058).

Spring 2009 Language and Communication (1100/2100)

- Winter 2009 Introduction to Linguistics: Phonetics and Phonology (LING 1104), Generative Phonology (LING 3201)
- Fall 2008 Language and Communication (LING 1100/2100), Introduction to Linguistics: Phonetics and Phonology (LING 1104).
- Winter 2008 Arabic II (LING 4058)
- Fall 2007 Arabic I (LING 4058)
- Winter 2007 Research Assistant with Dr. Phil Branigan and Dr. Vit Bubenik.
- Fall 2006 Introduction to Language Acquisition (LING 3155), The Wonder of Words (LING 1105/2105)

**ESL Program, Memorial University:**

- Winter 2008 Tutoring students learning English from different social and linguistic backgrounds.
- Fall 2007 Tutoring students learning English from different social and linguistic backgrounds.

**20. Presence in Media:**

- March 26, 2008 Interview with Radio Canada International (IRC) on teaching Arabic at Memorial University.

**21. References:**

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