

## Curriculum Vitae



### 1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Name Mohammed Shormani  
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### 2. HIGHER EDUCATION

2008-2011: Hyderabad University, India.  
PhD, Linguistics.  
Thesis: L2 Acquisition and Syntactic and Semantic Error Gravity in University Learners English of the Arab World  
2005-2007: Hyderabad University, India.  
MA, Linguistics scoring an overall grade of Excellent, 96.9%, Hons., first with distinction).  
Thesis: Nominalization in Modern Standard Arabic. A morpho-syntactic perspective.  
2001-2002: Ibb University, Yemen.  
Equivalence in Arts.  
1997-2001: Ibb University, Yemen.  
BE, English (scoring an overall grade of Very Good, 88.45%, Hons., first with distinction).

### 2. AWARDS AND HONORS

2014: Ibb University grant-2014 for the paper “Semitic construct state: A phase approach” (roughly, 100,000 YR)  
2005-2007: Ibb University scholarship for studying MA, University of Hyderabad, India.  
2008-2011: Ibb University scholarship for studying Ph.D, University of Hyderabad, India.  
2008: The Best Paper Prize for (the Phonological and Semantic Errors Committed by Arab Learners of English), a paper presented in the 36<sup>th</sup> All India Conference of Dravidian Linguistics held in the Department of Tamil, Sri Vasavi College, Erode, Chennai.  
2001: Ibb University Golden Medal for getting the topper of BE batch, majoring in English.  
2000: Nominated by Ibb University for the topper-rank program to participate in Arab Inter-University Students’ training program, held at South Valley University, Sohaj, Egypt.

### 3. APPOINTMENTS AT IBB UNIVERSITY

2002: Teacher assistant (demonstrator).  
2011-present: Lecturer (Assistant Professor) Linguistics, Department of English.  
2015-present: Vice-dean, Center for Languages and Translation, Ibb University, Yemen.  
2016-present: Associate Professor of Linguistics.  
2016: MA Program Committee

- 2016: MA Course Specification Committee (Courses specified)  
 General Linguistics  
 Advanced Syntax  
 Language Acquisition  
 Historical and Comparative Linguistics  
 Psycholinguistics and Sociolinguistics
- 2016-present: Member of Quality Assurance and Development Council.

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- 2015: Setting MA and BA Certificate Models for Ibb University Graduates.
- 2011: Setting Admission TOEFL Tests for the TOEFL Program, Centre for Languages and Translation, Ibb University, Ibb, Yemen.
- 2015-present: translating different kinds of texts (legal, scientific, literary, social and religious fields, political, cultural, geographical, Islamic, literary, etc.), Center for Languages and Translation, Ibb University, Yemen
- 2014-present: Member of the Editorial Board Qalam Journal, published by Qalam University)
- 2013-present: Ad hoc reviewer for *Arab World English Journal*, *AlQalam Journal*, *Studia Linguistica*, *International Journal of Arabic Linguistics*, *JTTE*, *Scientific Publishing Center*, *University of Bahrain*, *Arab World English Journal*, *English Language Teaching*, *International Journal of Language and Linguistics*

#### **OTHER UNIVERSITIES (part time job)**

- 2012-2016: Member of the Department of English and Translation Council, Science and Technology University.
- 2016-present: coordinator, MA program, University of Alandalus, Yemen.
- 2015-present: Dean, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Qalam University, Yemen.
- 2014-present: Head, Department of English, Qalam University, Yemen.
- 2014-present: A member of Qalam University Council.

#### **4. PARTICIPATIONS AND CONFERENCES**

- 2016: Committee and Lecturing member, a Two-day training program on *Teaching Methods and Test Construction*, organized by Center for Languages and Translation, Ibb University, Yemen.
- 2016: attended a Three-day workshop on *Course Specification*, organized by Jazeera University, Ibb, Yemen.
- 2015: Semitic Construct State: A Phase Approach. Generative Syntax in the Twenty-first Century: The Road Ahead. Athens, Greece, May 28-30, 2015. (Accepted, but not attended due to the current crisis in Yemen).
- 2014: Collocability Difficulty: A Psycholinguistic Study in Search of a Solution. 13th Annual Second Language Acquisition & Teaching (SLAT) Roundtable. Short Title: SLAT Tucson, AZ, USA, 28-Feb-2014–01-Mar-2014. (Accepted, but not attended due to the current crisis in Yemen).
- 2013: Structural Ambiguity in Modern Standard Arabic: A Minimalist Account, a paper presented in *the International Conference in Honor of Abdelkader Fassi Fehri on "Language, Knowledge, Semiosis, planning and education"* held on 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 in Mohammed V University, Rabat, Morocco.
- 2013: Chairing the fifth Session in *the International Conference in Honor of Abdelkader Fassi Fehri on "Language, Knowledge, Semiosis, planning and education"* held on 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 in Mohammed V University, Rabat, Morocco.
- 2010: *Syllable Structure and Syllabification in Yemeni and Indian Arabic*, the 32nd All-India Conference of Linguists (32AICL), held on 21-23 December 2009, Centre for Applied Linguistics and Translation Studies, Hyderabad University, Hyderabad, India.

2010: *Semantic Errors Committed by Arab Learners of English: Classification and L1 and L2 Sources*, Language as a Tool of Discovery: Two Days Students' Seminar, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India.

## **5. TEACHING AT IBB UNIVERSITY (and other Yemeni Universities)**

B A Courses (Linguistics Courses)

Syntax

Semantics

Phonology

Morphology

Advanced Topics in Syntax

Introduction to Linguistics

Introduction to L2 Acquisition

## **OTHER COURSES**

Spoken English I, II & III

Speaking & Listening

Advanced Composition

Grammar I, II & Comparative (Arabic and English) Grammar

Oral Translation

Study Skills

Research Methodology

## **MA COURSES (Linguistics Courses)**

General Linguistics

Discourse Analysis

Stylistics

Language Acquisition

Advanced Phonetics and Phonology

Advanced Syntax

## **6. PUBLICATIONS**

Shormani, Mohammed. 2012. Sources of Syntactic Errors in Yemeni Learners' English Compositions: A Psycholinguistic Analysis. *AWEJ*, 3(4), 275 –296.

Shormani, M (2013). Fossilization and Plateau Effect in Second Language Acquisition. *Language in India*, 13, 763- 784.

Shormani, Mohammed. 2014. Structural Ambiguity in Arabic DPs: A Minimalist N-Spec Approach. *AlQalam Journal*, 1, 1-35.

Shormani, Mohammed. 2014. Lexical Choice Difficulties: A Psycholinguistic Study towards a Solution. *IISTE*, 3, 66-76.

Shormani, Mohammed. 2014. Mentalo-Behaviorist Approach to Language Acquisition. *JTTE, Scientific Publishing Center, University of Bahrain*, 2(2), 76-92.

Shormani, Mohammed. 2014. Collocability Difficulty: A UG-based Model for Stable Acquisition. *IISTE*, 4, 54-64.

Shormani, Mohammed. 2014. Clitic Construct State in Semitic: A Minimalist N-Spec Approach. *AlQalam Journal*, 3, 1-47.

Shormani, Mohammed. 2014. The Nature of Language Acquisition: Where L1 and L2 Acquisition Meet? *IISTE*, 4, 24-34.

Shormani, Mohammed. 2015. A Minimalist Approach to Collocation Acquisition: Integrating Syntax and Semantics. *JTTE, Scientific Publishing Center, University of Bahrain*, 3, 13-32.

Shormani, Mohammed. 2015. Is Standard Arabic a VSO language? Evidence from syntax and semantics. *AlQalam Journal*, 3, 1-49.

Shormani, Mohammed. 2015. Structural Ambiguity in Modern Standard Arabic DPs: A Minimalist Account. In *Proceedings of the International Conference in Honor of Abdelkader Fassi Fehri on "Language, Knowledge, Semiosis, planning and education"*, Mohammed V University, Rabat, Morocco.

Shormani, Mohammed. 2016. Biolinguistics, the 'Magnetic' Mechanism of Language Faculty and

Language Acquisition. *JTTE, Scientific Publishing Center, University of Bahrain*, 4(1), 71-88.

Shormani, Mohammed. 2016. Phase Theory: A Promising Approach to the Analysis of Semitic Construct State. *AlQalam Journal*, 5, 1-44.

Shormani, Mohammed. 2016. Are Noun Phrases Phases? Evidence from Semitic Construct State. *International Journal of Arabic Linguistics*. 2(2), 196-132.

Shormani, Mohammed. (to appear). (In)definiteness Spread in Semitic Construct State: Does it really exist? (to appear in *Linguistik Online* 80, 17(1). 125-159.

Shormani, Mohammed. 2016. A person approach to personal passives in Standard Arabic. *Al-Lisaniyyat*, 23(2). 86-134.

Shormani, Mohammed. (to appear). SVO, (silent) topics and the interpretation of referential *pro*: A discourse-syntax interface approach. *Italian Journal of Linguistics*, 29.2. 91-159.

Shormani, Mohammed. (to appear). Clause Structure Asymmetries and Subject Position in Standard Arabic (To appear in *IJOL*).

Shormani, Mohammed. (to appear). Vocatives in Yemeni (Ibbi) Arabic: functions, types and approach (To appear in *JSS, Oxford*).

Shormani, Mohammed. (to appear). The Syntax of Razihi's Word Order: SVO, VSO or both? (To appear in *JEL*).

Shormani, Mohammed. (to appear). How Impersonal is Impersonal Passive: Evidence from Arabic. (To appear in *JLL*).

Shormani, Mohammed. (in press). Semitic Free Genitives: A Minimalist N-Spec Approach.

Shormani, Mohammed. (in press). Which is first Language or Thinking?

Shormani, Mohammed. (in press). The Semantics of Number in Yemeni Arabic.

Shormani, Mohammed (in press). Vocatives in Arabic: Syntax or something else!

Shormani, Mohammed. & Alsohbani, Yehia. 2012. Semantic Errors Committed by Yemeni University Learners: Classifications and Sources. *IJEL*, 2(6), 120-139.

Shormani, Mohammed. & Alsohbani, Yehia. 2015. Phonological Transfer and Universal Grammar: Evidence from Arabic. *JTTE, Scientific Publishing Center, University of Bahrain*. 3(2), 129-151.

Shormani, Mohammed. & Alsohbani, Yehia. (to appear). E-Learning in Yemen. (Chapter in *Springer*).

For updates, please see [https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Mohammed\\_Shormani2/contributions](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Mohammed_Shormani2/contributions)

### **Supervision (MA students):**

#### **Completed**

##### **Ameen**

**Al qasim, Ameen (2016).** *Designing (ESP) English Courses for Dentistry Students of Ibb University*. MA thesis, Ibb University.

##### **Nabil Abu Holika:**

**Abu Holika, Nabil. (2016).** *Translating English Perfective Aspect into Arabic: a Case Study of Third Year Yemeni Students, Faculty of Arts, Ibb University*. Aden University (awaiting viva).

#### **In progress:**

##### **Alia Al-samki**

**Thesis:** *The Syntax of Relativization in English and Arabic: A Phase Approach*

##### **Mokhtar Albadani**

**Thesis:** *Concepts of Racial Discrimination in the Prophet Mohammed's Farewell Sermon: A CDA approach*

##### **Saleh Khushafa**

**Thesis:** *Translating Arabic MA and PhD Thesis Abstracts into English: A Case Study of Ibb University Central Library Theses*

**Programs and programing languages**

A good command on SPSS

A good command on python

**Languages:**

**Yemeni Arabic:** native, mother tongue

**Standard Arabic:** excellent command, speaking and writing

**English:** specialization, excellent command, speaking and writing

**Hindi:** good proficiency

**French:** working proficiency