

ALUMNI PRESENTERS

(In alphabetical order by first name)



DR. ADHAM ALSHARKAWI



**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN
FULBRIGHT JUNIOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM ALUMNUS, JORDAN
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, 2021**

Dr. Adham AlSharkawi is an Associate Professor of Mechatronics Engineering at the University of Jordan, where he teaches System Dynamics, AI, Industrial Process Control, and Reinforcement Learning at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He holds a Ph.D. in Automatic Control and Systems Engineering from the University of Sheffield (UK), a Master of Science in Advanced Control and Systems Engineering from the University of Manchester (UK), and a Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence in Business and Industry from KU Leuven (Belgium), both Master's degrees earned with Distinction.

His research spans automatic control, deep reinforcement learning, neural networks, and robotics, with recent publications addressing autonomous agriculture control, global emissions forecasting, human-drone communication, and stability augmentation for commercial aircraft. In 2025, Dr. AlSharkawi received first place in the Amman Chamber of Commerce Economic Research Award for work on enhancing urban food security using deep reinforcement learning, selected through blind peer review from over 180 applicants across Jordan and the Arab world.

Dr. AlSharkawi is a Fulbright alumnus, having completed the Junior Faculty Development Program at the University of Florida in 2021 and received a Fulbright Alumni Development Grant in 2024. He has contributed to curriculum development across the MENA region through the Erasmus+-funded DeCAIR project on AI and Robotics curricula and has established two new programs at the University of Jordan: a Master of Science in Smart Systems Engineering and a Technical Bachelor in Intelligent Systems Engineering. He is an Associate Fellow of Advance HE (UK) and serves as IEEE Chapter Advisor for the Control Systems Society and the Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society at the University of Jordan.

DR. AHMED ASSAF



**ASSISTANT LECTURER
QENA UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, EGYPT
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, 2024-2025**

Dr. Ahmed Assaf is an academic and a researcher and has been a certified dentist in Egypt since 2013. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Dental Medicine and Oral Surgery from Minia University in 2013. He worked as an intern dentist at Almaz Military Hospital during his military service. In 2014, he was appointed as a Dentist at Sohag University Hospitals.

In 2020, Dr. Assaf was awarded a Master's degree in Operative Dentistry from Minia University. He registered for a Ph.D. in 2021 at the Operative Dentistry Department at Minia University. In the same year, he moved to Qena University and was appointed as an Assistant Lecturer of Restorative Dentistry at the Faculty of Oral and Dental Medicine. A milestone in his career happened in 2024, when he was awarded a Fulbright Student grant – Ph.D. Joint Supervision at the University of Washington in the United States.

Since completing his grant and returning to Egypt, he has been pursuing his career at Qena University and practicing restorative dentistry in his private practice. His research interests lie in restorative and prosthetic dentistry, dental materials, cariology, and diagnostic imaging techniques in dentistry. He is a peer reviewer for the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry.

DR. ALAA ABOUEL FETOUH



**PROFESSOR AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR
ALAMEIN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO, 2012-2013**

Dr. Alaa Abouelfetouh is a pharmacist by training and a Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Alexandria University and Alamein International University (AIU). She is PharmD Program Director and runs the “Next Generation Researcher” program for undergraduate research at AIU.

Dr. Abouelfetouh was a BioVision.Nxt fellow (2012) and a Fulbright Scholar at the lab of Dr. Alan Wolfe at Loyola University Chicago between 2012 and 2013. She then conducted a second post-doctoral fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin (2013-2014). She was a Newton-Mosharafa fellow at the University of East Anglia (2017-2018) and a visiting researcher at Helmholtz Institute for Pharmaceutical Research Saarland in 2018. She also received a USAID Graduate Scholarship for Professionals Activity between 2019 and 2020.

Dr. Abouelfetouh is on the editorial board and/or serves as a reviewer for a number of international journals and funding agents. She is a fellow in the Responsible Conduct of Research (the Fogarty International Center JORDAN Program) and currently serves as a Co-Chair of Africa Bioethics Network working group for conference, convening and strategic engagement. She is the principal investigator of a number of research projects that use genomics to study population structure, virulence, and antimicrobial resistance among isolates from LMICs, in order to guide discovery of novel antimicrobial agents. She also studies the ethical aspects of biomedical research and speaks about research ethical issues in national and international meetings.

DR. AMINA ELHALAWANI



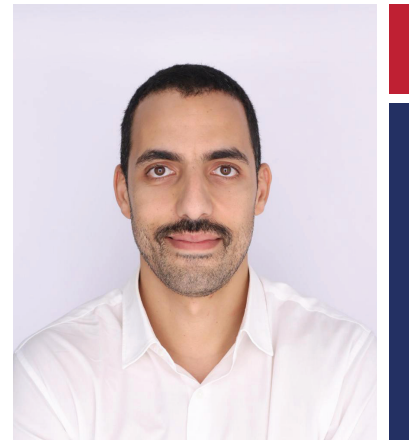
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM
ALUMNA, EGYPT
BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN COLLEGE, 2012-2013**

Dr. Amina ElHalawani is an Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature at the Department of English Language and Literature at the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University. After finishing her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English Literature at Alexandria University, Dr. ElHalawani pursued her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature at l'Université de Perpignan via Domitia and Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen through the award of a three-year Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate Fellowship. During that time, she also spent research stays at the Università degli Studi di Bergamo in Italy and the University of Sydney in Australia.

Dr. ElHalawani is a Fulbright alumna, having received a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant grant in 2012, spending a year in the United States, and teaching classes on Arabic language and culture. In 2020-2022, Dr. ElHalawani held a postdoctoral research fellowship at the ICI Berlin Institute for Cultural Inquiry. Her research project entitled, "Vignettes of Homes in the Making: Towards a Theory of Home Between Practices and Affect" was concerned with approaching the issue of home and homemaking in different literary texts.

Dr. ElHalawani is an internationally published scholar and has presented her work at various academic conferences and events both in Egypt and abroad, including Germany, Italy, Australia, the Netherlands, Brazil, the United States, Ireland, and the UK. She has several publications in the fields of theatre, comparative literature, and Global South studies, and is the author of the book: *Staging Revolutions and the Many Faces of Modernism: Performing Politics in Irish and Egyptian Theatre* (Routledge 2024). Dr. ElHalawani's research interests include performance studies, 20th century literature and global modernism, theatre of the absurd, trauma and memory, contemporary migrant literature, home writing, post-coloniality, and the Global South.

DR. AMINE ABROUG



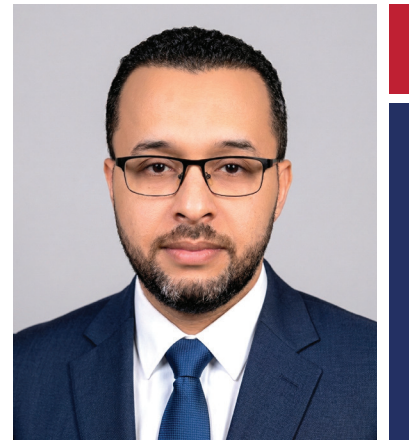
**INDEPENDENT PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCHER
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, TUNISIA
MIAMI UNIVERSITY, 2023-2025**

Dr. Amine Abroug earned his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Monastir's Faculty of Pharmacy and a Master of Public Health from the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine. He has developed a strong foundation in the pharmaceutical industry, with specialized expertise in marketing and sales, where he built extensive experience engaging with various healthcare stakeholders. Through this work, he has cultivated a broad professional network spanning national actors across both government institutions and the private sector. He is currently expanding his industry experience through a role with a leading multinational organization specializing in healthcare data analytics, real-world evidence, and clinical research solutions — bringing data-driven insights to help life sciences companies optimize their commercial and medical strategies.

Dr. Abroug's research experience began during his Master of Public Health at the University of Miami, where he contributed to projects focused on disease prevention and harm reduction. His work integrates both quantitative and qualitative methods to better understand and address structural barriers to healthcare access.

Dr. Abroug also collaborated on a global health study with the University of Miami Public Health Policy Lab through the BRIDGE Project — a multi-institutional international initiative conducted in partnership with the United Nations University and the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) Global Public Health Institute. The project aims to strengthen regional health cooperation and explore governance models that support effective epidemic preparedness and response in the Global South. His contributions included global outreach, conducting interviews with world health leaders, performing quantitative analysis, and participating in the drafting of policy papers. Through this varied experience, Dr. Abroug brings a unique blend of industry expertise, public health research, and global health policy engagement to his work.

DR. AMIR ISMAIL



**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND COORDINATOR
CAPITAL UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM ALUMNUS, EGYPT TEXAS
A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI, 2023-2024**

Dr. Amir Ismail is an Associate Professor of Applied Geophysics and the Director of the Petroleum and Mineral Sciences Program at Capital University (formerly Helwan University) in Cairo, Egypt. He holds a Ph.D. in Geophysics and Seismology from Helwan University, where he also earned his Master of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees in Geophysics. He completed part of his doctoral research as a visiting Ph.D. student at the University of Naples Federico II, Italy (2018-2020), and later returned as a Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher (2022).

With over 15 years of academic and industry experience, Dr. Ismail began his career as a Teaching Assistant before being promoted to Assistant Professor and then Associate Professor. He has also served as a Fulbright Scholar and Research Associate at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (2023-2024). His expertise spans seismic interpretation, rock physics, quantitative reservoir characterization, and machine learning applications in geoscience. He has led and co-supervised more than 15 Ph.D. and Master of Science students across multiple Egyptian universities.

Dr. Ismail is an active peer reviewer for numerous international journals and has published extensively on seismic attributes, machine learning, reservoir modelling, and subsurface imaging. He has guided student teams to top international placements in SEG, EAGE, and AAPG competitions. His research integrates geophysical, geological, and petrophysical data to evaluate subsurface architecture and hydrocarbon potential across Egypt, Italy, New Zealand, and the United States.

DR. AMR ELBANHAWY



**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
AIN SHAMS UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM ALUMNUS, EGYPT
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, 2024-2025**

Dr. Amr ElBanhawy is an Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Ain Shams University (ASU) and the Director of the Energy Technology and Climate Change Laboratory. He holds degrees from both Cairo University and the University of Manchester and was a Visiting Fulbright Scholar at the Stochastic Analysis and Nonlinear Dynamics Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. ElBanhawy's research bridges the intersections of decarbonisation, computational science, and technology planning/policy. He has publications that span the critical areas of renewable energy integration, energy storage, decarbonization of agriculture, and biomass-based clean fuels.

Professionally, Dr. ElBanhawy is a Chartered Member of Council of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and has served in roles at Bechtel Power, the UK's Welding Institute, and most recently as Senior Technology Advisor for Egypt's Orascom Construction.

DR. ARWA HASSAN



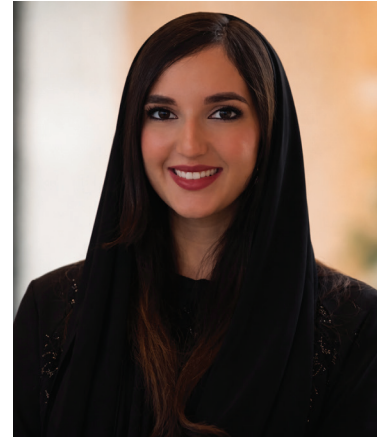
**LECTURER
ASSIUT UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO, 2023-2024**

Dr. Arwa Hassan is a Lecturer of Media Studies at the Faculty of Arts, Assiut University, Egypt. She earned her Ph.D. through a Fulbright-funded joint supervision program with an American academic supervisor, becoming the first Egyptian recipient of this Fulbright doctoral supervision award.

Dr. Hassan's work sits at the intersection of media diplomacy, public diplomacy, and sustainable development communication, with a particular focus on how digital transformation and AI are reshaping global communication and international engagement. Her research explores narrative framing, cross-cultural exchange, and the role of media in shaping perceptions and influence, especially within U.S.–MENA relations.

As a former visiting student in the United States, Dr. Hassan has contributed to intercultural dialogue through teaching and public lectures on media diplomacy and global communication. Her work reflects a strong commitment to bridging academic research with real-world challenges in international communication and public diplomacy. In recognition of her contributions to cross-cultural understanding, she has received a commendation from the Ohio House of Representatives as a Fulbright student, as well as the “Global Cultural Bridge Builder” award from the University of Toledo. She continues to engage in interdisciplinary research that examines how emerging technologies are transforming communication, diplomacy, and global connections.

MS. ASMA KHALIFA ALMLHEM



DIPLOMAT BAHRAIN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, BAHRAIN UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, 2023-2024

Ms. Asma Khalifa AlMulhim is a Bahraini diplomat and Fulbright alumna with a background in international security, intelligence, and emerging technologies. She completed her Master's degree in International Security and Intelligence at the University of Kentucky's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, where her research focused on intelligence in emerging technologies and its implications for Bahrain's security, with particular attention to how advancements such as AI and unmanned systems are shaping institutional preparedness and decision-making.

Ms. AlMulhim currently serves at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain, where she has contributed to administrative and policy-related work supporting diplomatic operations. In addition to her role, she has gained international professional experience through a fellowship in strategic communications in Washington, D.C., where she engaged with policy-focused environments and contributed to research and analysis related to global affairs.

Ms. AlMulhim has also been exposed to high-level international policy and security dialogues, including contributing to forums organized by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, such as the Manama Dialogue. These experiences have strengthened her interest in bridging academic research with practical policy discussions. Her broader interests focus on security and intelligence in the context of emerging technologies, particularly how institutions can adapt to technological change and enhance resilience in the MENA region. She is committed to advancing conversations at the intersection of technology, security, and policy, with a focus on translating emerging technology insights into practical, forward-looking approaches that strengthen institutional resilience and support informed decision-making in an increasingly complex global landscape.

DR. AYMAN REFFAI



**POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER
STANFORD UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, MOROCCO
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, 2020-2021**

Dr. Ayman Reffai is a research scientist, mentor, and Fulbright alumnus whose work bridges scientific research, education, and innovation. His research focuses on molecular profiling, multi-omics integration, and systems-level approaches to diseases, including cancer, with particular emphasis on biomarker discovery, translational research, and precision medicine.

As a Fulbright student, Dr. Reffai earned his Ph.D. with the highest honors in Molecular Biology, Medical Biology, Bioinformatics, and Biotechnology through a joint research program between the Faculty of Sciences and Technologies Tangier (FSTT), Abdelmalek Essaadi University (Morocco), and the Stanford University School of Medicine (USA). His doctoral work and training led to the first molecular characterization of nasopharyngeal cancer in Morocco, resulting in multiple peer-reviewed publications in high-impact journals and presentations at international conferences. His broader research experience encompasses interdisciplinary collaborations that integrate genomics, proteomics, multi-omics, and bioinformatics across cancer and neurodegenerative diseases, aiming to identify biologically meaningful signatures, actionable biomarkers, and therapeutic targets to improve patient outcomes.

Since his Fulbright journey, Dr. Reffai has actively contributed to scientific education and outreach. He has mentored over 40 students across institutions and disciplines, including Lumiere Education, guiding them in research design, experimental and computational analysis, and scientific writing, with several mentees achieving scientific publications. He has served as a peer reviewer for international journals, such as Springer Nature and PLOS ONE, delivered invited talks at international conferences, and contributed to global research training through the ReachSci Society at the University of Cambridge. In parallel, he has mentored Fulbright grantees and prospective applicants, helping cultivate the next generation of globally engaged researchers. Beyond scientific research, Dr. Reffai designs and delivers workshops and authors blog articles on productivity, science, health and fitness, and career development, with the aim of empowering individuals to reach their full potential.

MR. AYOUB ABUSALIH



**LEAD MANUFACTURING ENGINEER
HIGH LOCK CO. FOR METAL INDUSTRIES
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, PALESTINIAN
TERRITORIES
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY, 2023-2025**

Mr. Ayoub Abusalih is an industrial engineer working in operations, with a focus on operations research and practical decision-making. He holds a Master's degree in Industrial and Management Systems Engineering from West Virginia University through the Fulbright Foreign Student Program, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He currently works as a Manufacturing Lead Engineer in the metal manufacturing industry, where he focuses on process optimization, continuous improvement, operations management, and leveraging data and analytics to improve day-to-day operations.

Mr. Abusalih is a member of Alpha Pi Mu, the Industrial Engineering Honor Society. His experience spans mechanical design for manufacturing, operations management, and academic research. This mix of experience has helped him develop a strong understanding of how engineering systems move from design to implementation. In his work, he has been involved in improving processes, reducing inefficiencies, and supporting operational planning in real industrial environments. His current interests include manufacturing systems, supply chain management, and transportation. He works on applying operations research and optimization to real industrial problems and is also exploring how data analytics and AI can support better decision-making in complex situations. He is particularly interested in practical solutions that can be applied in real settings.

Through his work and research, Mr. Abusalih aims to connect theory and practice by applying analytical methods to drive meaningful improvements in industrial performance and operations.

MR. AYOUB ZEKRI



**SECURITY RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISOR
GIZ**

**FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, TUNISIA
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, 2020-2022**

Mr. Ayoub Zekri is a seasoned Security Risk Management Advisor currently serving with the German cooperation agency GIZ, where he leads operations and security coordination for both Tunisia and Libya. With over 10 years of distinguished service in the Tunisian Armed Forces, Mr. Zekri brings an extensive background in physical security and comprehensive risk mitigation within across the Middle East and North Africa.

Mr. Zekri's professional foundation is built upon a solid academic background, holding an Engineering Degree in Electromechanical Engineering (2012) and a Master's degree in Safety, Security, and Emergency Management (2022) through a Fulbright grant. This unique combination of technical and managerial expertise allows him to approach security management with a highly analytical, data-driven methodology. Throughout his career, he has successfully coordinated intricate operations, ranging from the supervision of technical military assets to the implementation of rigorous physical security standards.

In his current role at GIZ, Mr. Zekri specializes in geopolitical monitoring, the development of actionable risk maps, and the delivery of technical evaluations to ensure the safety of personnel and the continuity of critical international development projects. His notable accomplishments include the successful implementation of risk-based security protocols and the reinforcement of infrastructure to meet international safety standards in challenging contexts. His career is defined by a commitment to integrating military discipline with modern engineering proficiency to stabilize high-stakes environments and protect organizational assets.

MS. CAROL EID



**FOUNDER
ECULTURO**

**FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, LEBANON
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, 2015-2016**

Ms. Carol Eid is the education visionary behind Eculturo, a company reimagining education through human-centered, interdisciplinary learning ecosystems that nurture children’s wellbeing and support the unfolding of their potential. Since 2014, when she pursued a Master’s degree in Education with the intention of transforming how education is designed and experienced, she has been engaged in sustained research, design, and innovation in the field.

Ms. Eid’s work bridges psychology, learning sciences, technology, the arts, and human development, enabling her to design educational experiences that respond to the depth and complexity of each child. She has led and contributed to a range of initiatives, including educator trainings, workshops, and a parenting program focused on cultivating compassion, emotional awareness, and healthy development. She has also written on the relationship between wonder and education, advocating for learning environments that foster meaning, curiosity, and engagement.

With over 12 years of experience, Ms. Eid has worked as an education consultant, curriculum and learning experience designer, trainer, program manager, evaluator, and technical lead across different international contexts. She holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering from the Lebanese American University and a Master of Education in Learning and Design from Vanderbilt University. At heart, she is an artist.

MS. DANIELLA HAIDAR



LEGAL COUNSEL

SIDARA

FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, LEBANON PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, 2023-2024

Ms. Daniella Haidar is a Lebanese lawyer and a member of the Beirut Bar Association. She studied at International College, Beirut, before earning her Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from La Sagesse University, graduating among the top 2% of her class. She later obtained a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in U.S. Law from Pepperdine University in Los Angeles as a Fulbright Program alumna.

She currently serves as a Legal Counsel at Sidara, a leading international engineering and consulting group. In this role, she supports the company's legal and corporate functions, advising on corporate agreements, commercial contracts, compliance matters, and legal risk considerations across the group's international operations.

Prior to joining Sidara, Ms. Haidar trained at Naji Boustany Law Firm in Beirut, where she gained experience in litigation and legal research across criminal, civil, and administrative matters. She also completed internships at Hiam Mallat Law Firm and the Afif Osseirane Foundation, where she developed early exposure to corporate legal practice and legal advocacy. During her LL.M. studies in the United States, Ms. Haidar engaged actively with the academic and professional legal community, speaking at legal panels and international law societies, and contributing to discussions on comparative legal systems and global legal practice, further expanding her engagement with global legal education and dialogue.

DR. EMAN ABOELKHAIR



**LECTURER
MENOUFIA UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, 2022-2023**

Dr. Eman Aboelkhair is a Lecturer of Criminal Law at Menoufia University, Egypt, with an interdisciplinary academic background that integrates criminal law, space law, International Law, and emerging technologies. She earned her Ph.D. in Criminal Law in 2024 with the highest honors, with research focusing on international criminal liability in evolving domains, including environmental harm and outer space governance.

Dr. Aboelkhair was a Fulbright Visiting Student Researcher at the University of Pennsylvania Law School (2022-2023), where she developed comparative insights into legal systems and their responses to contemporary global challenges. Her research interests include criminal justice, space law, environmental crime, and sustainability governance. She also serves as an Adjunct Lecturer at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AAST), College of Law, contributing to legal education across institutions and enriching interdisciplinary academic engagement.

Dr. Aboelkhair has an established record of publications in national and international venues, including a publication by Routledge on criminal justice in outer space. Her academic excellence has been widely recognized through prestigious awards and fellowships, including the Mostafa Bahgat Scientific Excellence Award (2025), and a fellowship at the International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin (2023). She has also received the Medal of Excellence and Creativity (2022) and other academic excellence honors from Menoufia University. Beyond academia, Dr. Aboelkhair serves as the University Sustainability Coordinator and is actively engaged in advancing sustainability practices and policies within higher education institutions. She is also a certified trainer and has contributed to national initiatives focused on leadership and sustainable development.

MS. EMNA ACHOUR



**STRATEGY CONSULTANT
EY PARTHENON
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, TUNISIA
CLARK UNIVERSITY, 2023-2024**

Ms. Emna Achour is a Strategy Consultant at EY Parthenon, where she advises organizations across sectors on growth strategy, innovation, and organizational transformation. She holds a Master's degree in Marketing Analytics from Clark University, where she was a Fulbright student and a Beta Gamma Sigma honoree.

It was during her time at Clark that Ms. Achour's focus on small business took shape. As a consultant at the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), she worked directly with more than 20 Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and startups, helping founders structure their business models, build financial sustainability and adopt practical, high-impact solutions. That experience became the foundation for her consulting career and the lens through which she continues to approach strategy.

Today, Ms. Achour works at the intersection of strategy, entrepreneurship, and emerging technologies, with a particular focus on how AI can serve as a catalyst for inclusive innovation in the MENA region. She is passionate about equipping small businesses with the tools and frameworks they need to compete and grow in an increasingly digital world. Through her work, she advocates for sustainable growth and empowers entrepreneurs to make thoughtful, strategic choices. When she is not advising organizations, Ms. Achour is doing what defines her both personally and professionally: continuously learning and finding ways to translate that knowledge into value for her community. She strongly believes in the power of knowledge-sharing as a driver of resilience and collective growth.

MS. EYA BOUGHANMI



**PH.D. CANDIDATE
UNIVERSITY OF TUNIS EL MANAR
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, TUNISIA
TUFTS UNIVERSITY, 2024-2025**

Ms. Eya Boughanmi is a Ph.D. researcher specializing in biosensors, electrochemical sensing, and analytical approaches for agricultural and environmental monitoring. She is currently affiliated with the University of Tunis El Manar, Tunisia, where her doctoral research focuses on the development of innovative sensing platforms for the detection of biologically relevant targets in health and environmental applications.

As a Fulbright Program visiting researcher at Tufts University, she conducted advanced research on the early detection of fungal infections using electrochemical biosensing strategies. Her work specifically investigates the use of fungal enzymatic biomarkers, particularly cell wall-degrading enzymes, as early indicators of infection. The goal of this research is to enable rapid, sensitive, and field-deployable diagnostic tools for crop protection and sustainable agriculture.

Her broader research interests include electrochemical sensor design, ion-selective sensing, environmental analysis, and the development of portable diagnostic technologies for both health and agricultural applications. She is particularly interested in integrating emerging approaches, such as multi-sensor platforms and data-driven analysis, to enhance detection accuracy and real-time monitoring capabilities. Through her interdisciplinary research experience, Ms. Boughanmi aims to bridge analytical science with real-world challenges, contributing to early disease detection, improved agricultural practices, and sustainable environmental monitoring solutions.

MR. FAHED ALHAJ MOHAMAD



**GIS ARCHITECT
INTERSPATIAL ANALYTICS
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, SYRIA
INDIANA UNIVERSITY – PURDUE UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS,
2012-2015**

Mr. Fahed Alhaj Mohamad is a Geospatial Technology Architect and Consultant, specializing in enterprise Geographic Information Systems (GIS), digital transformation, and cloud-based geospatial infrastructure. He is the Founder and Principal Consultant of InterSpatial Analytics, an Esri Partner firm that supports governments, utilities, and large organizations in modernizing geospatial systems and improving the delivery of spatially enabled services. His work focuses on applying geospatial technologies and GeoAI to support evidence-based planning, stronger institutional coordination, and more effective decision-making.

A graduate of Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI, 2015) and a Fulbright alumnus, Mr. Mohamad brings both academic grounding and a deep commitment to international knowledge exchange to his practice. Based in the United States, he has led GIS modernization initiatives across multiple sectors, with particular experience in public sector and enterprise environments. His professional interests center on how geospatial infrastructure can strengthen governance, improve operational visibility, and support more responsive and efficient public services.

Mr. Mohamed is especially passionate about advancing geospatial education, applied innovation, and institutional capacity as foundations for long-term development. His current work and research explore the role of geospatial systems and GeoAI in supporting economic recovery, improved governance and post-conflict reconstruction planning in Syria.

DR. FIRAS AL-HINDAWI



**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
KING FAHD UNIVERSITY FOR PETROLEUM AND MINERALS
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, JORDAN
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, 2019-2021**

Dr. Firas Al-Hindawi is an Assistant Professor in the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department at King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM) and a Research Scholar at the Interdisciplinary Research Center for Smart Mobility and Logistics. His research focuses on machine learning, deep learning, and computer vision, with applications in healthcare, smart mobility, and energy systems.

Dr. Al-Hindawi earned his Ph.D. in Data Science, Analytics, and Engineering from Arizona State University, graduating with a perfect GPA and receiving the Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award. Throughout his graduate studies, he was supported by several prestigious awards, including the Fulbright grant, Fulton Fellowship, and SCAI Doctoral Fellowship. His doctoral work addressed domain shift challenges in computer vision and advanced AI methods for both healthcare and engineering applications.

Dr. Al-Hindawi's research spans two primary domains. In healthcare, he develops non-invasive AI systems for early detection of cognitive decline using driving behavior as digital biomarkers. In engineering, he has contributed to boiling heat transfer research, developing deep learning and computer vision techniques for critical heat flux detection in thermal systems. Dr. Al-Hindawi has published in leading journals such as Bioengineering, IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics, Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence, among others. His work bridges theory and real-world deployment, with ongoing efforts focused on scalable, data-driven solutions for smart mobility and healthcare monitoring.

MR. FIRAS HERMASSI



**BUSINESS ANALYST
CRÉDIT AGRICOLE CORPORATE AND INVESTMENT BANK
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, TUNISIA
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, 2016-2017**

Mr. Firas Hermassi is a Fulbright alumnus with a background in international business and a concentration in project management. He currently works in the banking sector as a Senior Business Analyst, where he supports project delivery, process improvement, and business transformation initiatives. His role involves collaborating with stakeholders across different functions to analyze business needs, streamline operations, and contribute to the successful implementation of strategic projects.

With a strong interest in innovation, Mr. Hermassi actively applies AI in his work to improve efficiency, enhance decision-making, and support smarter business outcomes. He is particularly passionate about the role of emerging technologies in reshaping financial services and improving the way organizations operate.

Throughout his professional journey, Mr. Hermassi has developed a solid understanding of project coordination, business analysis, and stakeholder engagement in fast-paced and complex environments. He is also keenly interested in digital transformation and the opportunities it creates for organizations to become more agile, efficient, and customer-focused. Mr. Hermassi is committed to continuous learning and professional growth, and he remains focused on contributing to impactful projects that combine business insight, technology, and innovation. Through his work, he aims to support meaningful transformation and deliver long-term value in the banking and financial services industry.

MS. HAJAR EL GADI



**FACULTY TEACHING MEMBER
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF RABAT
PH.D. CANDIDATE, MOHAMMED V UNIVERSITY IN RABAT
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, MOROCCO
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, 2022-2024**

Ms. Hajar El Gadi is a Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science at Mohammed V University in Rabat (ENSIAS) and a Faculty Teaching Member at the International University of Rabat. Her research focuses on the design of secure and intelligent systems, with particular emphasis on access control, mobile crowdsensing, and smart city applications.

Ms. El Gadi's doctoral work investigates the development of a dynamic, risk-aware, and conflict-free hybrid access control model that integrates Role-Based and Attribute-Based approaches. This research aims to address the limitations of traditional access control mechanisms in highly dynamic, decentralized, and data-driven environments. As part of this work, she explores applications in intelligent transportation systems and road safety through the SI-CAR use case, examining how advanced access control models can enable secure data sharing, improve trust in contributed data and support informed decision-making processes.

In parallel with her research, Ms. El Gadi is actively involved in higher education, where she contributes to teaching, mentoring, and the supervision of student projects in computer science. She has also accumulated professional experience as a research and development engineer, participating in the design and implementation of innovative technological solutions across different domains. Ms. El Gadi has co-authored several scientific publications in the areas of mobile crowdsensing and access control. Her broader research interests include AI, smart cities, and secure digital infrastructures. Through her academic and professional journey, she aims to develop practical, scalable, and trustworthy solutions that address real-world challenges while contributing to the advancement of intelligent and secure systems.

DR. HEIDI SHALABY

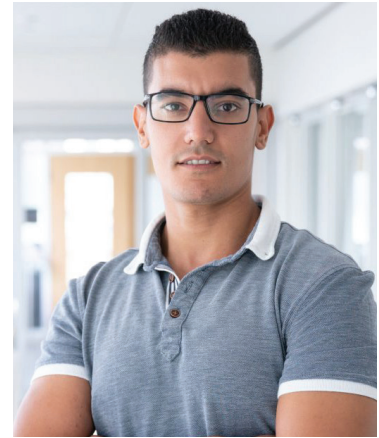


**HEAD OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION
FOR TECHNICAL AFFAIRS, NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR URBAN
HARMONY, MINISTRY OF CULTURE
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, 2024-2025**

Dr. Heidi Shalaby is the Vice Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the African Site Managers Network (ASMN) at UNESCO and a SPURS Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), United States. She is also a Professor of Urban Conservation at Zagazig University, and Director of the Central Administration for Technical Affairs at the National Organization of Urban Harmony, Ministry of Culture, Egypt.

Dr. Shalaby's academic and professional work focuses on urban conservation, heritage management, and sustainable urban regeneration in historic and Khedivial Cairo. She has authored several publications and books on urban management and heritage conservation and contributed to international projects addressing preservation and adaptive reuse. Her objective is to advance sustainable heritage conservation and city management through global collaboration.

DR. IBRAHIM RAHHAL



**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF RABAT
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, MOROCCO
CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY, 2019-2021**

Dr. Ibrahim Rahhal is an Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Head of the Software Engineering Department at the International University of Rabat in Morocco. He received his engineering degree in Information Systems in 2017 from the Mohammedia School of Engineers and completed his Ph.D. in 2024 at the International University of Rabat in collaboration with Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Informatique et d'Analyse des Systèmes in Morocco. In 2019, Dr. Rahhal was granted the prestigious Fulbright Ph.D. Joint Supervision Grant, which allowed him to spend a year at Carnegie Mellon University working with Dr. Kathleen Carley on using data science to analyze job market dynamics and skill demand.

Dr. Rahhal's research interests include AI, machine learning, data analysis, and recommendation systems, with applications in education and employment. He explores the use of natural language processing and large language models to identify skill mismatches, analyze labor market needs, and provide personalized academic and career guidance. Recently, he has been developing adaptive, AI-powered multi-agent systems that support teaching and tutoring by tailoring content and feedback to individual student levels.

Dr. Rahhal is actively involved in curriculum development, capacity building, and mentoring students and young researchers, many of whom have successfully pursued international academic opportunities. He also coordinates student exchange programs with partner universities, supporting students interested in completing a semester abroad. Through his research, teaching, and leadership, he is committed to leveraging AI to enhance education quality, workforce readiness, and social impact in the MENA region.

MR. ISLAM ALLOSH



**ACADEMIC COORDINATOR
BRIGHT VISION INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, EGYPT
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, 2015-2018**

Mr. Islam Allosh is an education professional with over 13 years of experience in teaching and educational leadership. He currently serves as the Academic Coordinator at an international school in Egypt, where he oversees curriculum development and delivery, teacher training, and academic quality standards. His career reflects commitment to academic excellence, community engagement, and the continuing professional growth of teachers. Alongside Mr. Allosh's work in education, he is a professional translator and conference interpreter whose portfolio demonstrates solid linguistic abilities and cross-culture communication skills in both academic and non-academic settings.

Mr. Allosh served as a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA), teaching Arabic language and culture at the University of Notre Dame. He also earned a Master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies through a Fulbright Student grant at the University of Arizona, which has further enriched his academic experiences and influenced his interdisciplinary approach. Moreover, Mr. Allosh holds the Cambridge CELTA qualification and is a certified mentor and mentor trainer with the Regional English Language Office (RELO) at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo.

A committed contributor to the English language teaching profession, Mr. Allosh has presented at prominent conferences such as NileTESOL and the International Language Assessment Conference in Egypt (ILACE) at the American University in Cairo. He also delivered a number of training sessions with the NileTESOL's Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Through these engagements, Mr. Allosh shares perspectives on language education, teacher development, and intercultural communication.

MR. KADER BOUREGAG



**SENIOR DATA SCIENTIST
ROCHE**

**FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, ALGERIA
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, 2022-2023**

Mr. Kader Bouregag is a Data Scientist at Roche, specializing in AI, medical informatics, and data-driven innovation in healthcare. His work focuses on applying AI to accelerate drug discovery and improve clinical trial efficiency, with a strong emphasis on real-world data, regulatory science, and generative AI applications. He has contributed to the development of scalable AI systems and data pipelines supporting oncology research and clinical reporting, helping streamline evidence generation and accelerate the delivery of new therapies to patients.

Since joining Roche in 2020, Mr. Bouregag has gained international experience across Europe, North America, and Africa, working at the intersection of data science and pharmaceutical innovation. Notably, his work has supported the implementation of cancer and rare disease registries across multiple African countries, strengthening health data infrastructure and improving access to evidence-based care in underserved regions.

Mr. Bouregag holds two Master's degrees in Health Informatics from Georgetown University and in Data Science from the University of Surrey, where he graduated with top academic distinction. He is both a Fulbright and Chevening alumnus — prestigious international awards recognizing academic excellence, leadership and commitment to global impact. His current interests center on leveraging AI to advance women's health — particularly in under-researched conditions such as polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and endometriosis — and on building digital health and real-world evidence solutions that improve equitable access to care. Through his work, Mr. Bouregag is committed to fostering inclusive, data-driven healthcare systems and advancing innovation ecosystems across the MENA region.

DR. KHALID ZAHRAN



PROFESSOR

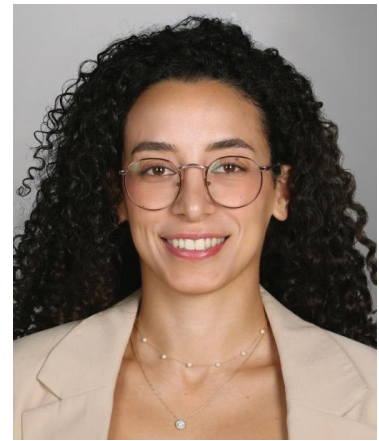
**NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF ASTRONOMY AND GEOPHYSICS
FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM ALUMNUS, EGYPT
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, 2012-2013**

Dr. Khalid Zahran is a Professor of Geodesy and Applied Geophysics at the National Research Institute of Astronomy and Geophysics (NRIAG). His main scientific interests are applied geophysics, physical geodesy, space geodesy, earth tides, geodynamics, and crustal deformation. He was awarded his Ph.D. from the Geodetic Institute, University of Hannover, Germany, in 2000. He was also a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the School of Geosciences at the University of Texas at Austin in the United States, from 2012 to 2013.

Dr. Zahran served as the Project Manager for the project on the establishment of KSA's relative gravity network and observing vertical networks using relative gravimeter, proposed by the Saudi General Commission of Surveying (GCS), from August 2014 to January 2016. He has been a Professor at the Geodetic Department at the NRIAG since 2018 and served as Head of the Geodynamics Department from 2020 to 2023. Dr. Zahran's work focuses on using integrated recent satellite data for monitoring hydrology and solid earth.

Dr. Zahran is a recipient of numerous professional honors, awards, and fellowships including DAAD Ph.D. scholarship (May 1995 – July 2000); DAAD post-doctoral scholarship (September 2005 – November 2005); DAAD post-doctoral scholarship at the Institute of Earth Sciences of the University of Jena (October 2005 – December 2005); and DAAD post-doctoral scholarship at the Institute of Geodesy of the University of Hannover (October 2009 – January 2010). He was honored by the International Conference of Applied Geophysics for the best paper in the field of gravity (2005), as well as by the NRIAG Conference of Geophysics for the best paper in the field of Geodynamics (2006) and by the Conference of the Egyptian Geophysical Society for the best research in the field of gravity (2008).

MS. LEEN ELHARAKE



**URBAN PLANNER AND PROJECT
MANAGER
BEYOND GROUP CONSULTING
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, LEBANON
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, 2021-2023**

Ms. Leen Elharake is an urban planner and architect whose work focuses on equitable development, stakeholder engagement, and the integration of data analytics into planning practice. She currently serves as an Urban Planner and Project Manager at Beyond Group Consulting, where she contributes to multidisciplinary planning efforts across the Middle East, at the intersection of policy, governance, and community development.

Ms. Elharake's research and professional interests center on data-driven planning, environmental resilience, and inclusive urban design. She is particularly interested in the application of emerging technologies and AI-informed methodologies to support more adaptive, evidence-based decision-making processes, especially in rapidly urbanizing and resource-constrained contexts. Her experience spans regional and neighborhood-scale planning, parks and open space systems, infrastructure planning, and growth management across projects in the United States and internationally.

As a Fulbright Student, Ms. Elharake earned her Master of Urban and Environmental Planning from Arizona State University, where she engaged in international development research, served as a teaching assistant, and participated in academic conference competitions. She holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the Lebanese American University in Beirut. She is an American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Candidate and a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional in Neighborhood Development (LEED AP ND), and an active member of the American Planning Association and its Women's Planning Division. She strives to be part of ongoing conversations on how data, technology, and inclusive planning practices can be leveraged to advance a more resilient and equitable urban future.

DR. MARIEM LOUKIL



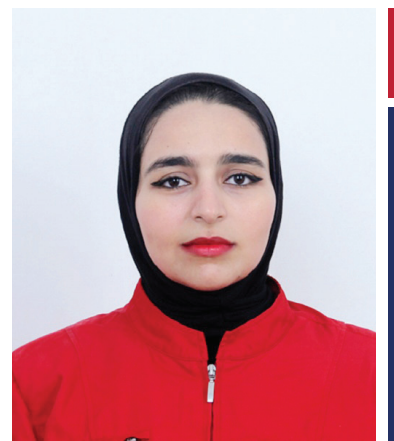
AI CONSULTANT AND EDUCATOR FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, TUNISIA INDIANA UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON, 2018-2020

Dr. Mariem Loukil is a Data Scientist, AI Researcher, and Consultant with a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the Faculty of Sciences of Tunis, a Master's degree in Data Science from Indiana University Bloomington, where she studied as a Fulbright Student, and a degree in software engineering from the National Institute of Applied Science and Technology (INSAT).

Dr. Loukil's work sits at the intersection of applied machine learning, data analytics, and responsible AI, spanning academia, industry, and public policy across Tunisia, the MENA region, and the United States. She has led and contributed to AI-powered initiatives in areas including education, disaster resilience, and digital transformation. She served as a Responsible AI Consultant for GIZ Tunisia, where she contributed to shaping the country's AI legislation framework, and led AI development for an EBRD-backed water management innovation project.

Dr. Loukil's research has been published in peer-reviewed journals spanning data science, human-computer interaction, and disaster resilience. As an educator, she has taught machine learning, data analytics, and AI ethics at engineering institutions in Tunisia and the United States. She believes that closing the gap between technical expertise and policy literacy is one of the most urgent challenges of the AI era. She is particularly committed to building AI literacy and governance capacity in the MENA region, empowering the next generation of practitioners, researchers, and policymakers to engage with AI critically and confidently. Dr. Loukil is currently exploring consulting, research, and thought leadership opportunities at the frontier of responsible AI innovation.

MS. MARYAM ELZAYAT



**ASSISTANT LECTURER
ARISH UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, 2022-2024**

Ms. Maryam ElZayat is an Egyptian educator and literary researcher specializing in English literature and critical theory. Her work is driven by a sustained engagement with questions of power, knowledge, and ethics, particularly how these forces shape both narratives and lived realities. She holds a Master's degree from Kansas State University, where she studied as a Fulbright Student, an experience that profoundly influenced her academic trajectory and deepened her understanding of education as a transformative, cross-cultural practice.

Ms. ElZayat currently serves as an Assistant Lecturer at Arish University in North Sinai, where she has been teaching for nearly five years. In the classroom, she aims to move beyond the transmission of knowledge toward fostering critical thinking, intellectual independence, and ethical reflection. Her research interests intersect with broader environmental and social concerns, as she is particularly attentive to how literature engages with issues of injustice, marginalization, and human responsibility in times of crisis.

Ms. ElZayat's work experience has strengthened her belief that education is not merely a profession, but an ethical commitment. It is a pathway through which knowledge, resilience, and critical awareness can be cultivated. Ms. ElZayat continues to seek opportunities for growth, collaboration, and further study, with the goal of contributing meaningfully to both global scholarship and her local community.

DR. MIRA YAMMINE



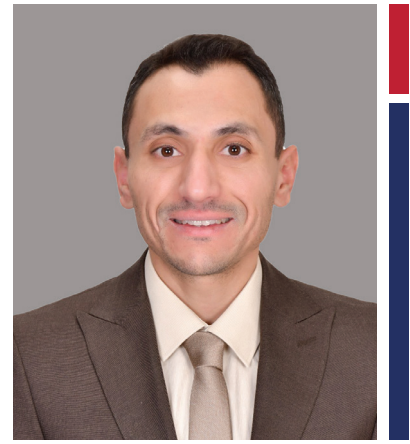
**INSTRUCTOR, HEAD OF ACCOUNTING
AND AUDIT DEPARTMENT, LEBANESE UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT JUNIOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ALUMNA,
LEBANON
BALL STATE UNIVERSITY, 2019**

Dr. Mira Yammine is a Professor of Business Management and the Head of the Accounting and Audit Department at the Lebanese University, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration. She teaches a range of undergraduate and Master-level courses, including International Financial Reporting Standards, Corporate Accounting, Management Control, Supervision of Financial Institutions, and Performance Evaluation, and supervises numerous theses in accounting, audit, and financial management.

Dr. Yammine holds a Ph.D. in Economic Sciences and Business Administration from HEC – Management School, University of Liège, Belgium, with a dissertation focused on the consistent application of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) across companies and countries. Her research and publications have been presented at international conferences, including the European Accounting Association, the American Accounting Association, and the Francophone Accounting Association, covering topics such as IFRS enforcement, earnings management, and accounting standards application.

In recent years, Dr. Yammine has explored the integration of AI in higher education, investigating how AI tools impact student research, learning outcomes, and critical thinking. She has developed pedagogical strategies to teach responsible AI use, emphasizing analytical rigor, ethical standards, and verification of AI-generated content. Her work highlights the importance of AI literacy for both students and faculty, ensuring that technology enhances learning rather than serving as a shortcut. Beyond academia, she has consulted for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Bank, supporting women-led cooperatives in the agro-food sector, developing business plans, financial feasibility studies, accounting tools, and data management frameworks. Dr. Yammine participated in the Fulbright program for junior faculty members in the United States, reflecting her commitment to advancing education, research, and the practical application of business and financial knowledge in various contexts.

DR. MOHAMED ABDELWAHED



**LECTURER
SUEZ UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM
ALUMNUS, EGYPT
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, TWIN CITIES, 2024-2025**

Dr. Mohamed Abdelwahed is a tenured Lecturer in Fixed Prosthodontics at Suez University and Suez National University. He obtained a Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) from Ain Shams University, a Higher Dental Diploma, a Master's degree, and a Ph.D. in Prosthodontics. He is a member in Suez University's International Ranking Unit and a member in the Innovation and Creativity Support Unit. He is a certified Digital Smile Design (DSD) designer and a member of the Digital Dentistry Society, the International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI), and the Egyptian Prosthodontics Association.

Dr. Abdelwahed's academic and research experiences include assistant lecturer positions at Nahda University (Beni Suef), Badr University in Cairo, and Misr International University. His work focuses on finite element analysis using ANSYS in dental applications and his research interests include digital dentistry, implant biomechanics, and restorative materials. He published his research in multiple peer-reviewed articles in internationally Q-ranked journals and serves as a reviewer for international journals. His scholarly contributions span finite element analysis, strain gauge studies, and ceramic material behavior.

In recognition of his academic achievements, Dr. Abdelwahed has been nominated for and received an award during Suez University's Science Day Celebration. Internationally, Dr. Abdelwahed completed a postdoctoral research grant at the University of Minnesota's Dental Research Center for Biomaterials and Biomechanics (MDRCBB). During his time as a Fulbright Scholar, he participated in different enrichment activities and attended the Greater New York Dental Meeting, and other academic engagements in his field, where he shared experiences on his work at Suez University. He currently leads an innovative course in data science and dental informatics, integrating AI, innovation, and sustainability into modern dental education.

MR. MOHAMED ALI YEHIA



**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
ORASCOM CONSTRUCTION
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, EGYPT
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA-CHAMPAIGN, 2008-2009**

Mr. Mohamed Ali Yehia, LEED AP, is a Project Development and Management professional with over 20 years of experience delivering large-scale infrastructure projects across Egypt, the MENA region, and the United States. As Project Development Director at Orascom Construction, he leads the end-to-end development of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and concession projects, from concept origination through implementation, spanning over the water, power, logistics, and mobility sectors.

Upon completing his Fulbright grant and obtaining a Master's degree in Project Management from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), Mr. Yehia returned to Egypt just as the country was launching its first-ever PPP project. He joined Orascom Construction at the outset of the New Cairo Wastewater Treatment Plant, the first PPP transaction in Egypt and the Middle East. Since then, he has led a series of regional infrastructure firsts, including Egypt's first PPP power plant (Ras Ghareb 900MW Wind Farm), the first Green Hydrogen Plant in Egypt and Africa, and the first PPP wastewater treatment plant of its kind in Saudi Arabia, as well as major mobility projects including the Cairo Monorail.

Mr. Yehia's work spans structuring complex financing arrangements, negotiating risk allocation frameworks, and managing the interests of public authorities, private investors, and lenders. As a LEED Accredited Professional since 2009, he also champions sustainable development and efficient building practices across his portfolio. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Architectural Engineering from Cairo University, a Project Management Professional Diploma from the American University in Cairo, and a Master of Science degree from UIUC through the Fulbright Foreign Student Program.

MR. MOHAMED ATAIEB HMOUMA



**UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTOR
ZAWIA UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, LIBYA
HOWARD UNIVERSITY, 2013-2015**

Mr. Mohamed Ataieb Hmouma is a University Instructor at the University of Zawia in Libya and is also working on his Ph.D. in English Linguistics at the Libyan Academy of Graduate Studies. With more than 20 years of experience, he has taught a wide range of courses in English language and linguistics, building deep expertise in areas such as teaching English as a foreign language, discourse analysis, and applied linguistics. In addition, he currently teaches part-time at the Waha Oil Company, helping professionals improve their English through specialized training.

Mr. Hmouma holds two Master's degrees, one in Linguistics from the Libyan Academy and another in International Relations and Public Policy from Howard University in the U.S., which he earned as a Fulbright Student. He also participated in the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program at the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point, where he taught Arabic and engaged in intercultural academic exchange. In addition, he has completed the Professional Certificate in English Language Teaching (PCELT).

Mr. Hmouma's research focuses on critical discourse analysis, teaching and learning English as a foreign language, and using technology in the classroom. He has published several articles in academic journals on topics such as rhetorical analysis, student motivation, and language learning strategies. His recent work includes applying critical discourse analysis models to political and language related speeches. Throughout his career, Mr. Hmouma has also been involved in training teachers and contributing to academic research. He is deeply committed to improving English language education and supporting academic growth in Libya.

DR. MOHAMED ZAKY



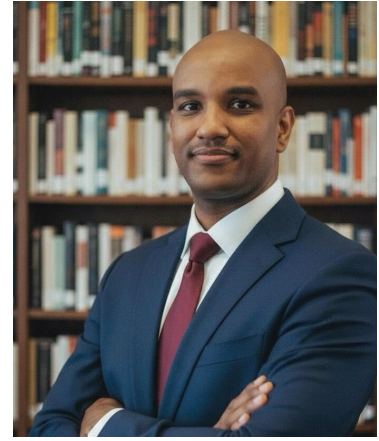
**PH.D. RESEARCHER AND TEACHING ASSISTANT
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, EGYPT
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS, 2023-2025**

Dr. Mohamed Zaky is a Fulbright alumnus and Ph.D. Student in Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas), where he also serves as a Teaching Assistant. His work bridges cancer biology, pharmacogenomics, neurodegenerative disease research, and AI-enabled education, with a focus on translating rigorous biomedical training into scalable, high-impact learning experiences. Before his graduate study in the United States, Dr. Zaky spent several years at the Children's Cancer Hospital in Egypt as a clinical pharmacist. In this role, he contributed to oncology pharmacy services by monitoring therapeutic drug levels, reviewing complex medication regimens and collaborating with physicians to optimize treatment efficacy, while reducing chemotherapy-related toxicity. He also participated in multidisciplinary protocol discussions as a member of the hospital's Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) study team. His contributions were recognized with the pharmacy's Best Employee Certificate of Excellence and the Trusted Pharmacist Medal.

At UT Dallas, Dr. Zaky completed a Master of Science degree in Biotechnology and has conducted research examining how chronic interleukin-1 (IL-1) exposure reshapes cytokine signaling in castration-resistant prostate cancer. He is co-author of the peer-reviewed article, "Chronic IL-1 Exposure Attenuates RELA- and STAT3-Dependent Synergistic Cytokine Signaling in Prostate Cancer Cell Lines" (Cancers, 2025).

Dr. Zaky is also a certified clinical pharmacist preceptor through the University of Colorado Denver and a mentor with the Egypt Scholars Mentoring Program. He is developing an AI-enabled virtual laboratory platform that converts real-world research workflows into interactive simulations, enabling high-quality lab training in both well-equipped and limited-resource institutions across the MENA region and beyond. In addition, he is interested in science and health policy and hopes to share perspectives spanning clinical care, academic research and student mentorship while building collaborations with colleagues in Egypt and the region.

MR. MOHAMMED ABDESSALEM BOUBEKRI



**BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY ENGINEER
RUHL TECCONSULT GMBH
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, ALGERIA
NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, 2023-2025**

Mr. Mohammed Abdessalem Boubekri is a Building Energy Efficiency Engineer at RUHL TecConsult GmbH, a German-American Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) engineering firm headquartered in Germany, specializing in building decarbonization and net-zero designs across residential, commercial, and industrial sectors. Previously, Mr. Boubekri worked as a Building Intelligence Engineer at Parity, Inc., a New York City-based energy technology startup, where he contributed to AI-driven HVAC optimization for a portfolio of over 100 buildings spanning more than 700,000 square feet across New York, the DMV region, New England, the West Coast, and Canada. He continues to serve global clients through his own energy efficiency consultancy. His expertise spans building energy management, HVAC systems engineering, real-time data analytics, and energy regulatory compliance.

Mr. Boubekri holds a Master of Science in Energy Management from the New York Institute of Technology, where he graduated with a 4.0 GPA and received the Energy Management Graduate Achievement Award. He also holds a Master's degree in Civil Engineering, with a HVAC Specialization from Oran University of Science and Technology in Algeria.

A U.S. Department of State Fulbright Student alumnus, Mr. Boubekri has contributed to over \$10 million in energy optimization sales and secured more than \$150,000 in incentive funding through ConEd and NYSERDA programs with his former employer. Beyond his technical work, he is an active global citizen who has engaged with organizations including the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, the UNESCO-APCEIU Youth Leadership Program, the World Youth Forum, the Graça Machel Trust, the UONGOZI Institute, and the Korean National Council on Climate and Air Quality's Global Youth Climate Challenges, representing Algeria in leadership, governance, and dialogues across Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. He speaks English, French, Arabic, Spanish, and German.

DR. NADA SOLIMAN



**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
CAIRO UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM
ALUMNA, EGYPT
MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY, 2021-2022**

Dr. Nada Soliman is an Assistant Professor of English Literature and Cultural Studies at the Department of English at the Faculty of Arts, Cairo University. She received her Ph.D. in English Literature and Cultural Studies in 2025 from Cairo University. Her research interests include English language and literature, translation studies, comparative literature, and cultural studies. Her work involves concepts of urban space, marginality, global issues, and cultural inquiry.

Dr. Soliman has participated in a range of local and international academic conferences, contributing to scholarly dialogue in language teaching and literary and cultural studies. She has multiple international scholarly publications. As a Fulbright grantee, Dr. Soliman taught Arabic as a second language to non-native speakers at Mercyhurst University in Pennsylvania through the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program (FLTA). As a Fulbright alumna, she has participated in the FLTA Program's Pre-Departure Orientations organized by the Fulbright Commission in Egypt as a volunteer presenter from 2022 to 2025.

Dr. Soliman's publications include: "Looking for a Way Out: The Dynamics of Slum Life, Poverty, and Everyday Resistance in Katherine Boo's Behind the Beautiful Forevers" (Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Springer Nature, 2024); and "Exploring Slum Life and Urban Poverty in Lagos: The Politics of Everyday Resistance in Chris Abani's Graceland" (Journal of Humanities and Applied Social Sciences, Emerald Publishing, 2023).

MR. NAJEEM HASSAN AL BALUSHI



**HEAD OF CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND TALENT
MANAGEMENT, MINISTRY OF HEALTH
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, OMAN
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, 2013-2015**

Mr. Najeem Hassan Al Balushi is a Registered Nurse and seasoned healthcare leader currently serving as the Section Head of the Center for Leadership Development and Talent Management at the Directorate General of Human Resources, Ministry of Health, Oman. In this capacity, he leads strategic initiatives to cultivate leadership capabilities and manage competencies across the national health workforce.

Mr. Al Balushi brings a wealth of experience from a distinguished career in Oman's health system, having held key leadership positions, including Director of Professional Practice and Section Head of Primary Healthcare Nursing Practice. His areas of expertise span healthcare leadership development, nursing practice, public health, and workforce capacity building. He is also a Visiting Lecturer of Community Health Nursing at the Higher Institute of Health Specialties, reflecting his commitment to education and the next generation of healthcare professionals.

A Fulbright Student, Mr. Al Balushi holds a Master of Public Health from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Villanova University in the United States. His contributions to the field are evidenced by a robust portfolio of publications in international nursing and health journals, as well as numerous national and regional presentations. An International Coaching Federation Trained Coach and Thomas Assessments Certified Practitioner, he remains actively engaged in service beyond his formal roles by volunteering with the Oman Cancer Association, where he previously served as a board member for three years.

MS. NARIMAN MAHMOUD



**PROJECT MANAGER
ESORUS**

**FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, 2024-2025**

Ms. Nariman Mahmoud is an architect-turned immersive media professional specializing in virtual environments, storytelling, and real-time production. With over six years of experience across architecture, Extended Reality (XR), and digital media, she brings a multidisciplinary approach to designing narrative-driven experiences that merges spatial thinking with emerging technologies. She currently works as a Project Manager at Esorus, where she leads both creative direction and technical workflows across digital and experiential projects, bridging the gap between concept development and execution.

In 2024, Ms. Mahmoud was awarded the prestigious Fulbright grant, through which she completed her Master's degree in Narrative and Emerging Media at Arizona State University. Her work explores how storytelling can be reimagined through immersive formats such as Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR), and virtual production, with a focus on interactivity, user experience, and emotional engagement. She is particularly interested in how digital environments can influence perception, behavior, and narrative agency.

Ms. Mahmoud has collaborated as a freelance contributor with OpenAI and worked alongside leading virtual production studios, including Amazon MGM Studios and Synapse Virtual Production, gaining hands-on experience in cutting-edge pipelines and real-time workflows. Her creative work has also been recognized internationally; she and her team won Best VR Design Experience at the MIT Reality Hack. Blending architectural foundations with narrative design and technical expertise, Ms. Mahmoud is passionate about crafting meaningful, story-driven environments that push the boundaries between the physical and digital worlds and create immersive experiences that resonate with different audiences.

DR. NEHAD MONIER



**ASSISTANT LECTURER
MANSOURA UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, 2024-2025**

Dr. Nehad Monier is an Assistant Lecturer at the Faculty of Dentistry, Mansoura University, Egypt. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Dentistry in 2013 and her Master of Science in Oral Medicine and Periodontology in 2021, both from Mansoura University, and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. She is a proud 2025 alumna of the prestigious Fulbright Ph.D. Joint Supervision Grant at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine (UBSDM), New York. Dr. Monier is a member of the American Academy of Oral Medicine (AAOM) and has presented her doctoral research work at the AAOM 2025 Annual Conference.

With over 12 years of experience in oral oncology and higher dental Education, Dr. Monier has contributed to both professional and academic communities. Throughout her career, she has been actively involved in oral medicine teaching and clinical practice, with a focus on advancing knowledge in oral cancer biology, diagnostics, and therapeutics, bridging research and patient care.

Beyond her teaching commitments, Dr. Monier is actively engaged in the Quality Assurance Unit of both her department and the Dental School, where she contributes to institutional development through shaping future policies, academic programs, curricula, and assessment frameworks, with a passion for inspiring both her students and colleagues.

MS. NEHAL HUSSEIN MOHAMED



ART THERAPIST FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT CEDAR CREST COLLEGE, 2024-2025

Ms. Nehal Hussein Mohamed is a Fulbright alumna, art therapist, and visual artist with professional experience practicing art therapy in both Egypt and the United States. She holds a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Art Therapy from Cedar Crest College, Pennsylvania, where she completed extensive clinical training through a comprehensive internship and participated in the musical *Disenchanted*, integrating creative expression and collaborative performance into her academic development.

Ms. Mohamed has worked with various populations across all ages, including seniors, adults, adolescents, and children, supporting individuals facing cancer survivorship, dementia, behavioral challenges, and mental health disorders. Her work is grounded in a trauma-informed, culturally responsive approach that emphasizes emotional safety, creative engagement, and individualized support. She has designed and facilitated cross-cultural online art therapy workshops connecting participants in Egypt and the United States and is currently developing a hybrid art therapy workshop that explores how cultural identity, technology, and visual expression shape therapeutic experiences across contexts. These workshops aim to foster meaningful human connection, promote emotional resilience, and expand access to creative mental health interventions across cultural and geographic boundaries.

Ms. Mohamed is also the creator of *Active with Art*, a program integrating art therapy with Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) skills to support emotional regulation, resilience, and self-expression. Her work bridges clinical practice and education, contributing to evolving approaches in creative and culturally responsive mental health care. She remains committed to innovation, ongoing professional development, and the exploration of new strategies that enhance both individual and community well-being through the creative arts.

DR. NERMIN MOSTAFA



**PROFESSOR
GERMAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, 2022-2023**

Dr. Nermin Mostafa is an accomplished Egyptian scientist and entrepreneurial leader, specializing in medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry. With a relentless drive to advance scientific research, she heads a dynamic team focused on developing active pharmaceutical moieties that hold immense potential as antivirals, anticancer agents, and treatments for Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Mostafa has garnered numerous national and international research grants to support her projects. Her exceptional leadership and expertise have earned her a prestigious position as a delegate of the TechWomen Program. She has received several EU funding for capacity building and exchange opportunities. Through this role, she has actively fostered collaboration and built strong networks between academic institutions in the United States, Europe, and Africa. Dr. Mostafa was awarded the Hubert Humphrey Fellowship at Pennsylvania State University, during which she embarked on a transformative journey to explore new avenues for reforming traditional Egyptian universities into entrepreneurial powerhouses. Affiliated with the Office of Entrepreneurship and Commercialization, a vital component of the Invent Penn State initiative, she actively contributed to the cultivation of an entrepreneurial mindset among students and faculty. In 2023, she was awarded Bioscience "Women in Science Award" for being a role model in the biomedical field.

Additionally, Dr. Mostafa served as a fellow at the Life Sciences Entrepreneurship Center, University of California, Berkeley, further enriching her knowledge and expertise in fostering innovation within the life sciences sector. Drawing inspiration from her experiences abroad, she harbors ambitious plans to establish Egypt's first-ever life sciences innovation center, propelling the country's scientific and entrepreneurial landscape to new heights.

DR. NOHA M. EL ZAHAR



**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
AIN SHAMS UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, 2024-2025**

Dr. Noha M. El Zahar graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy at Ain Shams University (2010) with a cumulative grade of “Excellent with Honor degree”, becoming among the Top Ten Appreciation Awards for the class of 2010. She works at the Department of Pharmaceutical Analytical Chemistry at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Ain Shams University, since 2011. Dr. El Zahar received her Master of Science in 2014 and her Ph.D. in 2018 from the same department. She conducted two years of her Ph.D. studies (2016-2018) at the University of Georgia through a governmental joint scholarship.

Dr. El Zahar conducted various projects involving determination of pharmaceuticals in bulk/dosage forms and biological fluids using spectroscopic, electrochemical, chromatographic, and mass spectrometry techniques. She published 23 international publications in high-impact journals and attended eight conferences. She developed a strong publication record and earned the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Graduate Research Award in 2017 at AAPS Annual meeting and exposition in San Diego. Dr. El Zahar has more than 15 years of teaching experience. She participated as a demonstrator and teaching assistant for practical courses in analytical chemistry for undergraduate students (mainstream/credit hour systems), and as a lecturer in teaching theoretical and supervising practical courses since 2018. She was a part-time lecturer at the Analytical Chemistry Department at the Faculty of Pharmacy, British University in Egypt (2019-2020). She attended different workshops on faculty/leadership development and proposal writing, as well as many courses on analysis and instrumentation technologies.

Since 2018, she has been the Department Coordinator and Faculty team member for the Quality Assurance and Accreditation. She joined the Medicinal Chemistry Department at Faculty of Pharmacy, King Salman International University (2020-2024) through a deputation. By February 2024, her exemplary contributions and expertise led to her promotion to the position of Associate Professor. She was awarded a Fulbright research grant (2024-2025) at the University of Texas at Austin.

MS. NOURCHENE BARGAOU



**PH.D. STUDENT AND JUNIOR RESEARCHER
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, TUNISIA
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY, 2022-2024**

Ms. Nourchene Bargaoui was born on March 8, 1999, and hails from Tunisia, North Africa. She pursued her undergraduate studies at the National Institute of Applied Science and Technology. Ms. Bargaoui conducted multiple research stays, notably at the University of Moncton in Canada and the Technical University of Dresden in Germany, reflecting her early interests in global education and engineering. In July 2022, Ms. Bargaoui received her Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering and, soon after, travelled to the United States on a Fulbright grant to attend Virginia Commonwealth University for her Master's degree.

During her academic career, Ms. Bargaoui earned notable awards, including receiving the DAAD Research Scholar award, an accolade that highlights her contributions to research and her academic excellence. In April 2024, she was inducted as a lifetime member of the Phi Beta Delta Society Honor Society for International Scholars, which recognizes and encourages achievements in international education and exchange.

Currently, Ms. Bargaoui Bargaoui is a Ph.D. Student in Computer Science at Virginia Commonwealth University, specializing in AI and data science. Her research focuses on the safety, reliability, and governance of large language models (LLMs), with particular interest in data integrity in AI systems. Ms. Bargaoui's work explores how sensitive digital information can be harvested and reused by modern AI models, and how these processes may introduce risks related to misinformation, data manipulation, and historical record distortion. Her current research investigates methods to protect textual data from unintended malicious reuse by large-scale AI systems.

MR. OMAR ABUNNAJA



**OVERSEAS QUALIFIED ARCHITECT
FOSTER AND PARTNERS
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, LIBYA
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN, 2023-2025**

Mr. Omar Abunnaja is an architect based in London, currently working at Foster + Partners as an Overseas Qualified Architect, where he contributes to multidisciplinary projects that explore the intersection of design excellence, advanced technology, and the future of the built environment. His work engages with questions of human-centered and high-tech design, cultural identity, and the thoughtful integration of emerging technologies within architectural practice.

Mr. Abunnaja holds a Master of Architecture from the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, where he graduated with a 4.00 GPA as a Fulbright Student and received multiple design awards, including the 2025 AIA Medal for Academic Excellence, recognizing outstanding academic achievement and promise in the field of architecture. Prior to this, he graduated with the highest honors from the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Tripoli in 2020.

Across both academic and professional settings, Mr. Abunnaja has accumulated around five years of international experience across Libya, Italy, the United States, and the United Kingdom, including work with global design firms such as HDR in Chicago and Sartoretto Verna in Rome. His work and research explore how architects can responsibly integrate emerging technologies, particularly AI, into design processes, while preserving authorship, cultural specificity, and the human dimension of architecture. Mr. Abunnaja is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Associate and an Associate member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). He is also affiliated with the Libyan Board of Architecture and is currently pursuing professional licensure pathways in the United Kingdom while maintaining active engagement with international architectural networks. Through his professional and scholarly work, Mr. Abunnaja advocates for an architectural future in which technological innovation supports — rather than replaces — the creative and cultural responsibilities of architects in shaping meaningful built environments.

MR. OMAR FOUAD GHAFOR



**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
UNIVERSITY OF HALABJA
FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM ALUMNUS, IRAQ
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, 2022**

Mr. Omar Fouad Ghafor is an Assistant Professor of English Language and Linguistics at the University of Halabja, where he has been a member of the academic staff since 2010. He holds a Master's degree in English Language and Linguistics and a Bachelor's degree in Teaching English Language and Literature from Salahaddin University-Erbil. With over a decade of experience in higher education, he has taught a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses, including linguistics, phonology, syntax, research methods, and academic English.

Mr. Ghafor's research interests center on English as a Foreign Language (EFL), with particular emphasis on language pedagogy, technology-enhanced learning, and intercultural competence. He has published several peer-reviewed articles in reputable journals and conference proceedings, addressing topics such as EFL learners' perceptions of culture, the integration of technology in language learning, and linguistic analysis in literature.

In addition to his teaching and research roles, Mr. Ghafor has held several administrative and leadership positions, including Director of Quality Assurance and Head of the Department of English Language. He currently serves as Secretary of the Editorial Board of the Halabja University Journal and has contributed to various academic committees related to evaluation, promotion, and research quality. Mr. Ghafor has participated in numerous international academic exchange programs and professional development initiatives, including Erasmus+ and U.S.-sponsored training programs. He is a Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program alumnus, TEFL/Linguistics Cohort, University of Arkansas, 2022. His work reflects a sustained commitment to advancing English language education and fostering academic excellence in the Kurdistan Region and beyond.

MS. PASSANT HEGAB

**COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC
RELATIONS ADVISOR
GIZ EGYPT**

**FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY, 2023-2024**



Ms. Passant Hegab is a marketing and communications professional with over seven years of experience shaping narratives that inspire impact across education, entrepreneurship, and development sectors. As a Fulbright alumna, her professional expertise is shaped by cross-cultural exchange, inclusive communication, and the role of storytelling in bridging global contexts. Currently working with GIZ Egypt on the TCTI II project, Ms. Hegab works in communications and public relations to support the reform of technical education and vocational training in Egypt alongside the Ministry of Education and Technical Education. She focuses on translating complex institutional change into human-centered narratives that resonate with various audiences.

During her Fulbright journey, Ms. Hegab earned a STEM-designated Master of Science in Marketing, while actively engaging in practical and high-impact learning experiences. She contributed to long-term projects with an educational community organization, developed large-scale marketing campaign concepts for the Boston Celtics, and delivered flash consultancy work for Gillette Stadium and LEGO.

Ms. Hegab's background spans digital marketing, content creation, event management, and communications, with a strong emphasis on creating campaigns that shift perceptions and encourage engagement. She holds a Bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature from Ain Shams University, along with an executive diploma in Digital Marketing. Ms. Hegab is interested in education, digital innovation, youth empowerment, and skills development. She is particularly invested in how communication can shape more inclusive and future-ready education systems and values cross-cultural exchange as a driver for learning, collaboration, and sustainable development.

MR. RAFIK ER-RABIT



**PH.D. CANDIDATE
IBN TOFAIL UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, MOROCCO
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, 2022-2024**

Mr. Rafik Er-Rabit is a final-year Ph.D. candidate in Particle and Nuclear Physics at Ibn Tofail University, specializing in neutrino physics and large-scale astroparticle detectors. His doctoral research is centered on the Hyper-Kamiokande experiment in Japan, a next-generation water Cherenkov detector designed to address fundamental questions in neutrino oscillations, astrophysics, and proton decay. He is one of the first two African students to join the Hyper-Kamiokande collaboration, where he contributes to detector calibration and supernova neutrino studies.

Mr. Er-Rabit obtained his Master's degree as the valedictorian of his class, working on the ATLAS experiment at the Large Hadron Collider. This experience provided him with a strong foundation in experimental high-energy physics and large-scale international collaborations. During his Fulbright Ph.D. Joint Supervision Grant, he conducted part of his doctoral research at Louisiana State University, focusing on energy calibration techniques for large detectors using compact nuclear devices.

Mr. Er-Rabit regularly presents his work at major international conferences, including the APS April Meeting and ICHEP 2024. He also contributed to the organization of the first High Energy Physics conference held in Africa as a member of its local organizing committee. Mr. Er-Rabit has further strengthened his expertise through participation in leading international schools, including the European School of High-Energy Physics (ESHEP) organized by CERN and the ESIPAP program of the European Scientific Institute. He also serves as a Student Ambassador for the American Physical Society, actively promoting science outreach, education, and capacity building in Morocco.

DR. RASHA SOLIMAN



**PROFESSOR
MISR UNIVERSITY FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE, 2018-2019**

Dr. Rasha Soliman is a distinguished Egyptologist and Professor of Ancient Egyptian Archaeology at Misr University for Science and Technology (MUST). With over two decades of expertise in higher education and fieldwork, she is a leading authority on the study and preservation of ancient Egyptian archaeology.

A definitive turning point in Dr. Soliman's professional life was her selection for the Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence grant (2018–2019). This transformative period served as a major life event, expanding her academic reach far beyond Cairo. While based as a visiting teaching scholar at Lewis & Clark College, she embarked on an extensive lecture tour, sharing her expertise at Reed College, Portland State University, Wayne State University, and Flagler College. This international exchange was further enriched by her visits to major museums with Egyptian collections and academic engagements at Charles University in the Czech Republic and the Lucian Blaga University in Romania.

Dr. Soliman's deep commitment to her field is reflected in her specialized research on Theban tombs, a passion recognized by the prestigious Richard Wilkinson Grant. Her fieldwork is equally extensive, having contributed to the University Museum of Pennsylvania excavations at Abydos and currently serving as a key member of the MUST excavation team at South Saqqara. Her scholarly legacy includes the book *Old and Middle Kingdom Theban Tombs* and numerous articles bridging archaeology, tourism, and heritage. An alumna of Helwan University, Dr. Soliman is also a certified soft skills trainer and a veteran academic leader, previously serving as Vice Dean for Educational and Students' Affairs and Department Chair. She remains an active member of the International Association of Egyptologists and the American Research Center in Egypt, continuing to inspire the next generation of archaeologists through digital innovation and global collaboration.

MS. REEM HAFEZ



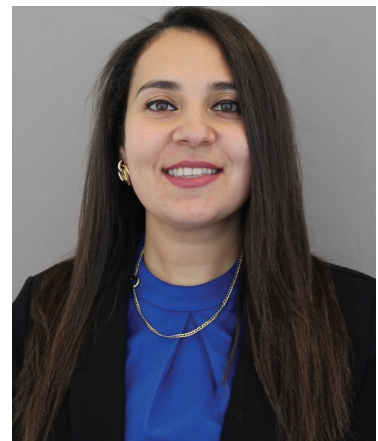
**COURSE COORDINATOR
AND ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR
GERMAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM
ALUMNA, EGYPT
HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES, 2021-2022**

Ms. Reem Hafez is a dedicated educator whose interests span from language learning to cross-cultural communication. In her dual role as an English Instructor and Course Coordinator at the German International University (GIU), she oversees instructors, designs curriculum improvements, and analyzes student performance to achieve optimal results. She specializes in teaching research writing and communication skills through innovative, personalized lesson planning.

Regarding her education, Ms. Hafez graduated in 2017 from the Department of English Language and Literature at the Faculty of Arts, Ain Shams University, ranking among the top 5% of her class. She is currently a Master's degree Candidate in Literature at the same university.

Beyond the classroom, Ms. Hafez's international experiences helped pave the way for her professional path. As a Fulbright alumna and visiting instructor at Hobart and William Smith Colleges (2021-2022), she taught Arabic and promoted cross-cultural exchange. In 2019, she was nominated to represent Egypt's heritage at the International Youth Forum (IYF) in South Korea. Inspired by the impact of international exchange, Ms. Hafez is currently a volunteer mentor where she utilizes her knowledge of scholarship requirements to help guide students through the application process. By assisting with forms and personal statements, she helps others reach their dreams of studying abroad, just as she did.

DR. REHAM EISSA



**JUDGE
SUPREME JUDICIARY COUNCIL
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, 2022-2023**

Dr. Reham Eissa is a Judge and a Member of the Technical Bureau of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Egypt. Prior to her current role, she served as a Member of the Technical Bureau of the Ministerial Committee for the Settlement of Investment Contracts' Disputes at the Council of Ministers, contributing to high-level decision-making on complex investment matters. She also worked as a Counselor at the Ministry of Justice's Arbitration and Foreign Disputes Department.

Earlier in her career, Dr. Eissa spent eight years as a Senior Associate at Sharkawy and Sarhan Law Firm, a leading firm in renewables, energy, project finance, and mergers and acquisitions. Her practice focused on oil and gas, energy, banking and finance, project finance, and government contracts, where she advised international financial institutions like International Finance Cooperation (IFC), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), and European Investment Bank (EIB) on their development projects in Egypt.

Dr. Eissa holds a Ph.D. with honors in Public Law from Ain Shams University (2026). She also earned two Master of Law (LL.M.) degrees, including one from the University of Virginia School of Law (2023). She graduated with honors from the English Section of the Faculty of Law at Ain Shams University in 2012. Her academic and professional journey reflects a strong commitment to advancing legal practice and shaping a more innovative, transparent, and resilient future for the legal sector, with a particular focus on the responsible integration of emerging technologies, the strengthening of governance and accountability frameworks, and the promotion of forward-looking legal systems capable of responding to evolving societal and global challenges.

DR. SALLY WAHBA

**ASSISTANT LECTURER
MINIA UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, 2024-2025**



Dr. Sally Wahba graduated with honors from the Faculty of Medicine at Minia University (2014). She received her Master's degree in Basic Medical Sciences (Physiology) in 2021. She was awarded the Fulbright Ph.D. Joint Supervision Grant to conduct her doctoral degree research in medical physiology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), in 2024.

Dr. Wahba currently works as an Assistant Lecturer of Medical Physiology at the Faculty of Medicine, Minia University and expects to receive her MD degree in July 2026. She also holds the position of Secretary for the Young African Association of Physiological Sciences (YAAPS) since 2024.

Dr. Wahba is an aspiring early career physiologist who has experience in in-vitro and in-vivo experimental models and analysis techniques to study cardiovascular, behavioral, and musculoskeletal aging and fatty liver diseases. Thus far, she has published four peer reviewed articles, two of which as a first author, and two conference abstracts. She also has two original manuscripts under review for publishing in collaboration with the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at UMMC. She is well represented in national conferences, as she has four accepted abstracts for posters and short presentations during academic year, 2025-2026. Besides being a researcher, she is also an early career medical educator with experience in teaching applied and practical medical physiology courses to undergraduate medical students at Minia University and Minia National University.

DR. SAMAR MOWAFY



**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
MISR INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, 2014-2015**

Dr. Samar Mowafy is an Associate Professor at the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at Misr International University's School of Pharmacy. She previously served as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Washington, United States, where she developed advanced bioanalytical assays — including tandem mass spectrometry methods — to study enzymes and biomarkers associated with inborn errors of metabolism and rare metabolic diseases. Her work also involved synthesizing specialized reagents and standards for newborn screening and diagnosis of these diseases.

During her Ph.D. studies, Dr. Mowafy was awarded a Fulbright grant, hosted at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Harvard Medical School where she worked on the design, synthesis, and biological evaluation of small molecules as covalent inhibitors of different kinases with antiproliferative activity. Trained as a medicinal chemist, Dr. Mowafy's research centers on molecular modeling, design, and synthesis of small molecules, followed by their biological evaluation to assay their potency, specificity, and pharmacokinetic properties. Her areas of interest include cancer biology, anticancer drug development, anti-infective agents, and the application of computational and AI-driven approaches in drug discovery.

With over 20 years of teaching experience, Dr. Mowafy has taught a wide range of courses, including organic chemistry, medicinal chemistry, and computer-aided drug design. She mentored students and researchers in both experimental and computational aspects of pharmaceutical chemistry.

MS. SARA ALNAJJAR



**PROGRAM MANAGER AND LECTURER
BAHRAIN POLYTECHNIC
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, BAHRAIN
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, 2018-2020**

Ms. Sara AlNajjar is a Program Manager and Lecturer in Logistics and Supply Chain Education at Bahrain Polytechnic in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Her work focuses on applied curriculum design, industry-academia collaboration, and experiential learning models that prepare students for employment in a rapidly evolving global economy.

In her role, Ms. AlNajjar oversees the Bachelor of International Logistics Management Program and works closely with industry partners to embed real-world projects, internships, and applied assessments into the curriculum. Her work aims to strengthen the alignment between higher education and labor market needs by integrating practical industry experience, problem-based learning, and digital competencies into logistics and supply chain education.

Ms. AlNajjar has coordinated numerous industry collaborations with organizations across logistics, transportation, and supply chain sectors, enabling students to engage directly with real operational challenges in areas such as freight, warehousing, supply chain planning and sustainability. Her professional interests include graduate employability, digital transformation in education, and the responsible integration of emerging technologies, including AI and data analytics, into teaching and professional practice. She is particularly interested in how applied education models can support innovation, workforce development, and inclusive economic growth in the MENA region. Ms. AlNajjar is a Fulbright alumna and actively contributes to initiatives that strengthen the connection between education, industry, and economic development across the region.

MS. SEHAM YATEEM



**DEPUTY OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT MANAGER, REBOOT CODING INSTITUTE
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, BAHRAIN
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, 2018-2020**

Ms. Seham Yateem is a multidisciplinary Bahraini creative and Fulbright alumna dedicated to cultivating sustainable communities through the strategic intersection of arts, education, and technology. She currently serves as the Deputy Operations and Community Engagement Manager at Reboot Coding Institute, a pioneering tech institute in Bahrain utilizing the innovative, peer-to-peer orEdu pedagogy. Parallel to her leadership at Reboot, Ms. Yateem is a University Lecturer in the College of Art and Design at both the Royal University for Women (RUW) and the University of Bahrain (UoB), where she champions design-based teaching and critical inquiry.

With a professional foundation spanning talent and human development and project management, Ms. Yateem's expertise is grounded in an M.Ed. in Community Development and Action from Vanderbilt University and a B.A. in Interior Design. Her multi-faceted career reflects a proven track record across the tourism, social development, and event management sectors.

A proactive leader in global social impact, Ms. Yateem is a Board Member of the Masari Association under the Kingdom's Ministry of Youth and an active member of the Skills Bahrain Education sector working group. Her extensive organizational experience includes the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Manama Dialogue and Youth City Bahrain. Additionally, she serves as the Vice Curator for the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers Manama Hub and is a dedicated contributor to the regional performing arts scene. Known for her commitment to interdisciplinary thinking, Ms. Yateem continues to advocate for human-centric progress across the MENA region.

DR. SHADI HENCHIRI



**SENIOR DATA AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, TUNISIA
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, 2019-2021**

Dr. Shadi Henchiri is a veterinarian and public health professional currently serving as a Senior Data and Research Associate with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Tunisia, where he works at the intersection of migration and public health. His work focuses on migration health data, research, monitoring and evaluation, and the use of analytics to inform policy and operational decision-making.

Dr. Henchiri has over seven years of professional experience across international organizations, government institutions, and UN agencies. In his current role, he leads the development and adaptation of digital data tools, analytical dashboards, and data protection principles to support migration programming and migrant service delivery. He has also contributed to regional and national initiatives aligned with migration governance frameworks, including SDG migration indicators. Previously, Dr. Henchiri worked on HIV surveillance and strategic information for the Global Fund programme in Tunisia, supported regulatory and policy work at the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), and also worked on COVID-19 vaccine regulatory research at PATH in Seattle Washington.

Before specializing in public health, Dr. Henchiri trained and practiced as a veterinarian on large animals, which continues to inform his multidisciplinary perspective on health systems and population wellbeing. He holds a Master's degree in Global Health Leadership and Policy from the University of Washington and was a Fulbright Student.

DR. SHAIMAA ELREFAEI BER



**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
MANSOURA UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, 2023-2024**

Dr. Shaimaa Elrefaei Ber is an Assistant Professor of Fine Arts (Décor) at Mansoura University. She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Alexandria University in 2006, followed by a Master of Fine Arts in 2014, in which she examined the use of scale models as scenographic elements in film. She subsequently obtained a Higher Diploma in Interior Design in 2016 and later completed her Ph.D. in Fine Arts (Décor), focusing on the role of time travel in film scenography.

Dr. Ber was awarded a Fulbright grant in the arts (2023-2024), during which she conducted research at the University of Miami in the Interactive Media Department, specializing in virtual reality and its applications in design and visual storytelling.

Her academic experience spans multiple institutions, including the Arab Academy for Science, Technology, and Maritime Transport, Alexandria university, and Jubail University College, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. She also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology and has taught as an adjunct assistant professor at the Faculty of Engineering, Mansoura university. Her research interests lie at the intersection of scenography, digital media, and immersive technologies. She also serves as a peer reviewer for New Design Ideas journal, indexed in Scopus.

DR. SHERIEN M. EL-DALY



**PROFESSOR
NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE
FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM ALUMNA, EGYPT
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER, 2019**

Dr. Sherien M. El-Daly is a Professor of Medical Biochemistry at the National Research Centre (NRC) in Cairo, Egypt, where she is a leading member of the Cancer Biology and Genetics Laboratory. Her research is centred on translational oncology, with a focus on the intricate biological mechanisms of non-coding RNAs (ncRNAs) and their potential to revolutionize cancer diagnostics and treatment.

Dr. El-Daly has developed a strong international research profile through collaborations with leading global institutions. During her doctoral studies, she was a visiting scholar at the University of Leicester, UK. She subsequently held her first postdoctoral position at the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ), Heidelberg, Germany, then a second postdoctoral grant as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Dr. El-Daly has received numerous awards and honors. She is the recipient of Egypt's State Encouragement Award in Biological Sciences (2021). She has also received several awards from the NRC, including the Annual Award in Cancer Research (2022), the Best Applicable Medical Publication Award (2018) and the Best Ph.D. Dissertation Award (2013). Her work has been consistently supported by competitive fellowships and grants from esteemed organizations, including the Science, Technology, and Innovation Funding Authority, the Daniel Turnberg UK/Middle East, European Association for Cancer Research (EACR), the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), and the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO). Dr. El-Daly serves as a Principal Investigator (PI) on multiple funded projects aimed at translating genomic discoveries into clinical tools. She is an elected member of the National Committee for Women in Science and the Egyptian Young Academy of Sciences (EYAS). She also serves as an editorial board member and reviewer for many international scientific journals.

MS. TABAREK ALGHNAIMAWI



**PH.D. STUDENT
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNA, IRAQ
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, 2023-2025**

Ms. Tabarek Alghnaimawi is a Ph.D. Student and Research Assistant in Computer Science at Western Michigan University, where her research focuses on the intersection of cybersecurity and AI. Her work investigates how AI can be leveraged to enhance threat detection, automate security operations, and strengthen the resilience of modern systems, while also addressing the security and privacy risks associated with AI-driven technologies. She holds a Master's degree in Cybersecurity in Information Systems, which she completed as a Fulbright Student. She is now a Fulbright alumna and continues to engage in initiatives that promote academic collaboration and cross-cultural exchange.

In addition to her academic pursuits, Ms. Alghnaimawi has professional experience as a cybersecurity consultant, freelance AI trainer, and AI Software Engineer. As a cybersecurity consultant, Ms. Alghnaimawi has worked on identifying, analyzing, and mitigating security risks across different systems and organizational environments. Her experience includes conducting assessments, developing security architectures, and advising on best practices for compliance and risk management. She has contributed to strengthening organizational security postures by translating complex security requirements into practical, implementable solutions.

In addition to her consulting experience, Ms. Alghnaimawi worked as a freelance AI trainer and AI Software Engineer. In this role, she has contributed to the development and evaluation of AI systems, focusing on model performance, robustness, and secure deployment. Her combined expertise in cybersecurity and AI enables her to approach emerging challenges with a holistic and forward-looking perspective. Her research and professional interests lie in building secure, trustworthy, and scalable AI-driven systems that address evolving threats in today's digital landscape.

MR. WAEL HAFFAR



**HEAD OF GLOBAL MARKETS
(DERIVATIVES & SECURITIES)
BNP PARIBAS**

**FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM ALUMNUS, TUNISIA
DUKE UNIVERSITY, 2015-2016**

Mr. Wael Haffar is a senior financial services and transactional lawyer specializing in global markets, cross-border transactions, and financial market infrastructure. He currently leads the Global Markets Legal function in Canada at a global systemically important bank, where he advises trading, structuring, and business lines on complex legal, regulatory, and legal risk matters across derivatives, securities, and emerging digital asset frameworks.

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MS. YASMEEN EL-HAWARY



**ACTOR AND FILMMAKER
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Ms. Yasmeen El-Hawary is a professional Egyptian actress and dancer based in Cairo. She has worked as a performer and director in theatre, film, and television in Egypt, Los Angeles, and the United Arab Emirates. She started out as a child actor in theatre in 2006, then starred in children's television shows until 2009.

Ms. El-Hawary has a Bachelor of Arts in Filmmaking from the High Institute of Cinema in Cairo and a Master of Fine Arts in Acting from the New York Film Academy, along with associate degrees in classical dancing, psychology, and fashion design. She launched her acting career as an adult in 2016 by headlining the Egyptian television show *Kelmet Serr* (Password). She was awarded a Fulbright grant to pursue a Master's degree in the field of acting at the prestigious New York Film Academy.

Ms. El-Hawary is best known for her work in Egyptian television shows and in the short film *Youth*, which won 1st place at the Palm Springs Film Festival and was Oscars eligible. She is also the director and choreographer of the first Egyptian theatrical musical production in the New York Film Academy history in 2022. In addition to her vocal training, Ms. El-Hawary is a former principal dancer in one of the Cairo Opera House's dance companies. Her repertoire includes *Carmen*, *Chopiniana*, *Black Swan*, *Kitri*, and *Soma*.

DR. YASMIN ELSOBKY



**DEPUTY DIRECTOR
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Dr. Yasmin Elsobky is a pharmacoepidemiologist and biostatistician with extensive experience in real-world evidence generation, epidemiology, and patient-centered clinical research. She currently serves as Deputy Director of the Al Nas Clinical Research Center (CRC) at Al Nas Hospital and as an IRB member of Al Nas Institutional Review Board (IRB), where she contributes to advancing innovative, ethically grounded, and impactful healthcare research initiatives.

Dr. Elsobky's work focuses on bridging clinical practice with scientific discovery through evidence-based research, data analytics, and multidisciplinary collaboration. She has played a key role in establishing and expanding clinical research infrastructure, beginning at the departmental level and progressing toward the establishment of the Clinical Research Center at Al Nas Hospital. Dr. Elsobky's expertise spans pharmacoepidemiology, biostatistics, clinical effectiveness, and real-world data analysis, with particular interest in cardiovascular research and outcomes studies. She has contributed to multiple research projects involving survival analysis, predictive modeling, and observational healthcare studies.

A Fulbright alumna and former Young ESC Heart Failure Ambassador, Dr. Elsobky has pursued advanced training through internationally recognized academic programs, including specialized education in clinical research and epidemiology. She is passionate about transforming clinical challenges into meaningful scientific questions that ultimately improve patient outcomes and healthcare delivery. Through her leadership, research collaborations, and commitment to scientific excellence, Dr. Elsobky continues to advocate for research-driven healthcare systems that place patients at the center of innovation and discovery.

DR. YESSER SEBEH



**PUBLIC HEALTH CONSULTANT
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Dr. Sebeh currently leads and supports surveillance strengthening and evidence synthesis projects for vaccine-preventable diseases across countries in the Eastern Mediterranean, African, and Southeast Asian regions. Currently serving as a Consultant Epidemiologist for the CDC Foundation and working closely with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Sebeh specializes in collating and translating complex health data into actionable policy. His extensive portfolio includes coordinating disease burden and risk assessment in multiple countries and advancing public health emergency preparedness capabilities globally.

Dr. Sebeh is also a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and holds advanced certifications in SAS programming and data analytics. Throughout his career, Dr. Sebeh has demonstrated a profound commitment to health systems strengthening, having published multiple peer reviewed articles on the role of National Public Health Institutes. Bridging his robust data analytics background with a keen interest in emerging technologies, he actively explores how open-source, local machine learning models can democratize access to sophisticated public health tools. He is a passionate advocate for leveraging these tools to ensure data privacy and digital sovereignty.

MS. YOSRA EL BOULLI RGUIBI



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Ms. Yosra El Boulli Rguibi is an industrial engineer and founder of InnovaBlueprint, a consulting firm focused on digital transformation and AI adoption in industrial environments. She works with organizations across the MENA region to improve operational performance and prepare their workforce for the transition to Industry 4.0. Her expertise lies in AI education for technicians and managers, curriculum design, process optimization, and the integration of data-driven technologies into daily operations.

Ms. Rguibi has designed and delivered hands-on AI training programs for industrial teams, particularly in the mining sector, where she focuses on bridging the gap between emerging technologies and frontline workers. Her approach emphasizes practical learning, change management, and human-centered AI adoption to ensure that technology enhances, rather than replaces, human expertise.

Ms. Rguibi previously served as a lecturer at Al Akhawayn University, where she taught operations management, project management, and data science using AI. She has also held roles in change management and data transformation at Philips, as well as operational and consulting roles in both Morocco and the United States. A Fulbright alumna and graduate of New York University (Master of Science in Industrial Engineering), she is passionate about entrepreneurship and building scalable solutions that empower individuals and organizations to thrive in the digital age.

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Mr. Dakramanji holds a Master of Science in Marketing Research and Analytics from Michigan State University, where he graduated with a 4.0 GPA as a Fulbright Student. During his studies, he led and contributed to high-impact projects, including a comprehensive brand strategy for The Clorox Company and a Global Data Quality Benchmarking Project with the Insights Association. He also served as both a Research Assistant and a Teaching Assistant. His expertise lies at the intersection of marketing analytics and behavioral economics. He is particularly interested in AI-driven applications in marketing research and the evolution of measurement frameworks in an increasingly fragmented digital ecosystem. His previous professional experience spans multiple industries, including agriculture and publishing.

Prior to his graduate studies, Mr. Dakramanji earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Studies with a concentration in Marketing and a minor in Data Analytics from the Lebanese American University, where he received the President's Award and served as a Hult Prize Campus Director. He also conducted research with the United Nations Global Compact, examining behavioral changes among Lebanese youth following the 2022 economic crisis. Mr. Dakramanji also participated in international exchange programs in France (NEOMA Business School) and the United States (Temple University – Study of the U.S. Institutes for Religious Pluralism), further strengthening his global perspective. Outside of his professional work, Mr. Dakramanji is currently preparing to complete an Ironman triathlon in the next couple of years.

