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### Academic Teaching:

#### Full Time:

**2008- Present:** Professorial lecturer. Kogod School of Business, American University, Washington, D.C. ([www.american.edu](http://www.american.edu)).

**2015- Present:** Affiliate faculty, School of International Service, American University.

**2016- Present:** Muslim Chaplain, American University.

**2017- Present:** Affiliate faculty, College of Arts and Sciences' Arab World Studies Program, American University

**Courses:** Fin 630: Financial Analysis of the Firm: Concepts and Applications, FIN 197: Financial Literacy I, FIN 198: Financial Literacy II, FIN 199: Financial Literacy III, IBUS 200: The Global Marketplace, IBUS 300: Fundamental of International Business, IBUS 408: Export-Import Management, IBUS 705: Export-Import Management, IBUS 740: Project Finance: Developing and Transitional Economies.

**New Courses developed and offered at Graduate and Undergraduate levels:** IBUS 461/661: Islamic Finance in the Global Economy, IBUS 450/650: Microfinance and Financial Inclusion, IBUS 645 Trade and Project Finance, IBUS: 462-662: Islamic Capital Markets and Sukuk. CORE: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Silk Road.

**New Graduate Certificate:** Developed the first graduate certificate in Islamic Finance in the U.S. Approved by American University, Summer 2017.

<https://american.edu/kogod/graduate/certificates/islamic-finance.cfm>

### Non-Resident Fellowships:

**2015- Present:** Fellow. Sovereign Investment Lab, Baffi Center on International Markets, Money, and Regulation, Università Bocconi, Milan, Italy.  
[http://www.bafficarefin.unibocconi.it/wps/wcm/connect/Cdr/Baffi\\_Carefin/Home/Research+Units/Sovereign+Investment+Lab/Fellows/](http://www.bafficarefin.unibocconi.it/wps/wcm/connect/Cdr/Baffi_Carefin/Home/Research+Units/Sovereign+Investment+Lab/Fellows/)

**2017-Present:** International Business & Investment Affairs Fellow. National Council on US-Arab Relations. Washington, D.C.

<https://ncusar.org/board-and-staff>

**1975-1976:** Visiting Professor of Business Administration, King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. ([www.ksu.edu.sa](http://www.ksu.edu.sa)).

King Saud University is a leading Saudi university and offers almost all major courses of study. Teaching, consulting, training and research. Participating in two major consulting assignments performed by the College of Administrative Science (on a Hajj-pilgrimage-as a business model, and university management). Teaching, executive training and research.

Courses: Organizational Behavior.

**1970-1978:** Assistant Professor, (Tenured). Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland, USA. ([www.montgomerycollege.edu](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu))  
Courses: Principles of Accounting, Introduction to Business and Economic Geography.  
Personal Finance (Continuing Education).

### **Adjunct:**

**2007- 2008:** Professorial Lecturer, Kogod School of Business, American University, Washington, D.C., USA. ([www.american.edu](http://www.american.edu))

Courses: IBUS 200: The Global Marketplace, IBUS 300: Fundamental of International Business, IBUS 596: Microfinance in Business Development, IBUS 705: Export-Import Management.

**2005-2019:** Adjunct Professor, University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, MD, USA. ([www.umuc.edu](http://www.umuc.edu))

Courses: BMGT 392: Global Business Management. BMGT 496: Business Ethics.  
Teaching both f2f and online. BMGT307: Export-Import.

**1977** Lecturer, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, USA. ([www.gmu.edu](http://www.gmu.edu))

Courses: Principles of Management.

### **Business:**

**2016-Present:** Founding President, American Center for Alternative Finance (ACFAF), Bethesda, Maryland, USA. ([www.acfaf.org](http://www.acfaf.org))

The Center aims to foster interest and relationships with U.S.-based banking institutions, investment companies, policy-makers, non-profits, think tanks, and academic professionals. In its efforts, the Center will provide lectures, seminars, conferences, and personal visits, to interested parties. In addition, the Center seeks to guide the legal and social penetration of Islamic Finance to U.S. markets to ensure quality transparency, accountability, and sustainability.

**2003-Present:** President, Sangamore Group, Bethesda, Maryland. USA ([www.sangamoregroup.com](http://www.sangamoregroup.com))

Sangamore Group serves as a special representative for foreign investors seeking a cost-effective and discreet means of managing corporate and personal business activities in the United States. Through its institutional affiliates and professional associates, Sangamore Group oversees all aspects of the business venture including legal, accounting, public relations, and financial management needs. Focus on commercial real estate investment, assessment and management

**2006-Present:** Senior Consultant, GMD Solutions, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia.

([www.gmdsinc.com](http://www.gmdsinc.com)). GMD Solutions, Inc. Provides a full range of professional marketing and consulting services to the aerospace/defense, health care, and industrial sectors — domestically and internationally.

**1997-2003:** Financial Advisor, Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Kuwait. ([www.arabfund.org](http://www.arabfund.org))

The Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD) is a regional Pan-Arab development finance organization with a paid-in capital and reserves of \$8.1 billion and \$17.8 billion in loan commitments. It provides developmental lending for infrastructure projects, offers technical and financial assistance, and in 1997, started commercial lending to projects in the private sector.

As a financial adviser, I was responsible for assessing the proposed project's cost and profitability. Also, preparing financial forecasts to assess the borrower's ability to repay the loan. Assessing the borrower's organizational systems and procedures as part of the required due diligence. During the said period, I have appraised a total of 19 projects with an estimated cost of \$ 2.9 billion by which the Arab Fund financed \$ 1 billion of their cost. The projects were in the following sectors: electricity, water/sewerage, housing, social funds, airports and hospitals.

**1994-1997:** Principal, Sangamore Group, Bethesda, Maryland.

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**1993-1994:** Chief Operating Officer, Newfield Enterprises International, (NEI), Los Angeles, California.

Acquiring properties through bankruptcies and negotiated with banks on the rescheduling of loans. Managed the completion of a 5-star hotel in Aspen, CO, a signature golf course in Orlando and a US\$30 million renovation program for two major hotels in Washington, DC and New York City. The total market value of the portfolio was about \$800 million.

**1990-1993:** Vice President, Newfield Enterprises International, (NEI), Los Angeles, California.

NEI is an asset management firm with a large real estate portfolio throughout the USA. Including 10 hotels (4 of them are 5 stars), apartment complexes, office buildings (one with 1.9 million sq. ft), land under development and a Golf course (Serlago, Orlando, FL.)

**1990-1994:** Financial Advisor, a Saudi Arabian Investor Group, Los Angeles, California Mainly investment in the USA, Egypt, and Tunisia. Important real estate portfolio which is mostly in hotels, office buildings and apartment buildings.

**1985-1990:** Financial Advisor, Kuwait Investment Authority, Kuwait.  
([www.kia.gov.kw](http://www.kia.gov.kw))

Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) is responsible for the management of the State of Kuwait investment worldwide (\$85 billion under management-in 2008 it is around \$250 billion-). Advisor to the Deputy Managing Director (DMD). Evaluation of investment proposals, negotiations, follow up on the performance of the portfolio, assessment of the financial performance of a direct investment, preparation of special studies, assessment of varied economic, financial and investment issues.

Also, providing technical support to the DMD through his involvement as a board member of four international banks including the Central Bank of Kuwait. Member of a small operational committee to restructure 35 local companies that are partially owned by KIA. Member of an ad-hoc operational committee to assess the viability of establishing a hotel industry to oversee all of KIA's hotel investment worldwide which totaled 75 hotels and resorts. Training selected group of financial analysts on the financial analysis by using the personal computer (in 1985, PC was just introduced to the Gulf region).

**1983-1985:** Senior Financial Analyst, Kuwait Real Estate Investment Consortium, Kuwait. ([www.kreic.com.kw](http://www.kreic.com.kw))

Kuwait Real Estate Investment Consortium (KREIC) is a leading Kuwaiti consortium. Its investment is mainly in real estate in Egypt, France, Malaysia, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, USA, and Yemen.

Advisor to the Chairman/Managing Director. Evaluating and recommending investment proposals that were submitted to the Consortium. Assessment and follow up on current investments including a group of hotels in Tunisia (Abu Nawas Chain), Morocco (Farah Chain), Egypt (Safir Chain) and Yemen, with a total of 25 hotels, commercial and residential complexes. Also, training financial analysts and accountants within the Consortium. Representing KREIC on the board of Directors of some affiliated companies.

In addition to the above, I also acted as:

**Director.** IIG Company, London. A holding company of hotels interest in London (Churchill and Montcalm). London, UK.

**Consultant.** Public Institution for Social Security, Kuwait. ([www.pifss.gov.kw](http://www.pifss.gov.kw)). PIFSS manages its own funds locally and internationally. It is the anchor investor in Kuwait. (Specifically, I managed a team from PIFSS, to update the investment accounting procedures by using the mainframe computer).

**Consultant.** Kuwait Investment Authority, Kuwait.

I planned and implemented a system for assessing locally listed companies to evaluate their performances. Designing the related financial analysis models on the PC, and training personnel to run them. Also, I participated in drafting an important economic report dealing with the closed companies in Kuwait which were submitted by the Minister of Finance to the Kuwaiti House of Parliament.

**Consultant,** Ministry of Finance-Ministry of Commerce/Kuwait Investment Authority, Kuwait. ([www.mof.gov.kw](http://www.mof.gov.kw)) and ([www.moci.gov.kw](http://www.moci.gov.kw)). Head of a team to evaluate the financial statements of Kuwaiti companies (255 companies), before approving their request to hold their annual stockholder's meeting. Also, designing a model to do the analysis and training personnel to run it.

**Consultant,** Kuwait Real Estate and Management Company, (Wafra Now), Kuwait. ([www.kreic.com.kw](http://www.kreic.com.kw)). Drafted the company's operational guidelines including its financial and administrative systems. Modifying the personal computer system for managing the real estate portfolio and training the assistants on the real estate and financial operations.

**1977-1983:** Senior Financial Analyst. Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Kuwait. ([www.arabfund.org](http://www.arabfund.org)).

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\$17.8 billion in loan commitments. It provides developmental lending for infrastructure projects, offers technical and financial assistance.

As a financial advisor, I was responsible for assessing the proposed project's cost and its profitability. Also, preparing financial forecasting to assess the borrower's ability to repay the loan. Assessing the borrower's organizational systems and procedures as part of the required due diligence. During the said period, I have appraised a total of 28 projects with an estimated cost of \$1.3 billion by which the Arab Fund financed \$ 266 million of its cost. The projects were in the following sectors: Transport, water and sewerage, Telecommunications (inter-Arab projects in 12 countries), Electricity and Ports.

**Education:**

BCS                    Accounting, University of Aleppo, 1964  
MBA                   Mays Business School, Texas A&M University, 1967  
Ph.D.                 Kogod School of Business, Business Administration, American University, 1974

**Languages:**

Arabic (mother tongue) and English.

**01-Business Field Experience:**

Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, France, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, USA, and Yemen.

**02-International Conferences Organized:**

1. "The Search for Higher Returns: Are Sovereign Wealth Funds Changing Their Mandate?", An International conference dealt with sovereign wealth funds challenges in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, was held at American University Kogod School of Business on October 16, 2019. Jointly organized with Dr. Jeff Harris of Kogod School of Business. The proceedings were published.
2. "The Sovereign Wealth Funds in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", An International conference dealt with sovereign wealth funds challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, in its 5th year, was held at American University Kogod School of Business on October 24, 2018. Jointly organized with Dr. Jeff Harris of Kogod School of Business. The proceedings were published.
3. "The Changing Roles and Rules of Sovereign Wealth Funds", An International conference dealt with sovereign wealth funds issues, in its 4th year, was held at American University Kogod School of Business on October 10, 2017. Jointly organized with Dr. Jeff Harris of Kogod School of Business. The proceedings were published.

4. “Can SWFs survive a prolonged commodity price weakness?”, An International conference dealt with sovereign wealth funds issues, in its 3rd year, was held at American University Kogod School of Business on October 6, 2016. Jointly organized with Dr. Jeff Harris of Kogod School of Business. The proceedings were published.
5. “How Political Turbulence is Impacting Sovereign Wealth Funds?”, An International conference dealt with sovereign wealth funds issues, in its 2nd year, was held at American University Kogod School of Business on November 16, 2015. Jointly organized with Dr. Jeff Harris of Kogod School of Business. The proceedings were published  
<http://www.american.edu/kogod/swfcon/upload/SWF-2015-Conference-Proceedings.pdf>
6. “The Contributions and Impact of Sovereign Wealth Funds”, An International conference dealt with sovereign wealth funds issues, was held at American University Kogod School of Business on October 9, 2014. The proceedings were published. The proceedings could be viewed at:  
[http://www.american.edu/kogod/swfcon/upload/SWFCon\\_2014\\_Final.pdf](http://www.american.edu/kogod/swfcon/upload/SWFCon_2014_Final.pdf)

### **03-Local Conferences Organized:**

The Second Mini-Conference on Islamic Finance. Washington, D.C. September 27, 2018. The conference dealt with the status of Islamic Finance in the U.S. from education to practice. The Speakers were: Mr. Yusuf DeLorenzo, Dr. Michael McMillen (Invited)Dr. Amin Mohseni-Cheraghloou, Dr. Martyn Oliver and Mr. David Zukowski.

**04-Manuscript in-progress:** Water! is There a Scarcity? A brief book addressed to those who are not familiar with the complexity of the water sector to encourage them to appreciate the value of this resource and how it is being abused worldwide. Then, highlight the drastic conditions resulting from lack of water in certain regions and the increasing reliance on the private sector to build and manage that important sector. (Expected completion by end of 2019).

### **05-Papers/Presentations Delivered at International Conferences:**

1. “Water and Oil: The Impact of the Decline in Oil Prices on Water Management in the GCC.” WSTA 12<sup>th</sup> Gulf Water Conference. Manama. Bahrain, March 28-30, 2017. The conference is held every two years and organized by the Water Science and Technology Association (“WSTA”), an industry group of the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries. Papers are peer-reviewed. [www. Gulfwaterconference.com](http://www.Gulfwaterconference.com)
2. “Water Sustainability and Financial Cost: The Case of Kuwait” The 10th Gulf Water Conference, Doha, Qatar, April 22-24, 2012. The conference is held every two years and organized by the Water Science and Technology Association (“WSTA”), an industry group of the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries. Papers are peer-reviewed.

3. “Water Sector Financing in the GCC: Options and Possibilities” The 9<sup>th</sup> Gulf Water Conference, Muscat, Oman, March 22-25, 2010. The conference is held every two years and organized by the Water Science and Technology Association (“WSTA”), an industry group of the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries. Papers are peer-reviewed.
4. “Financing Water Projects in the GCC Countries: Possible and Rewarding Alternatives”, the 8<sup>th</sup> Gulf Water Conference, Manama, Bahrain, and March 3-6, 2008. The conference is held every two years and organized by the Water Science and Technology Association (“WSTA”), an industry group of the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries. Papers are peer-reviewed. (I was invited to deliver it, but I was unable to travel to Bahrain).
5. “Financing Urban Water Sector in the United States of America with Possible Implementation in the Sultanate of Oman”, International Conference on Economic Incentives & Water Demand Management, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, 18-22<sup>nd</sup> March 2006. (A Keynote Address)
6. “Public-Private Partnership: Trends and Experiences GCC Perspective and Pragmatic Approach”, the 7<sup>th</sup> Gulf Water Conference, Kuwait City, Kuwait, November 19-24, 2005. The conference is held every two years and organized by the Water Science and Technology Association (“WSTA”), an industry group of the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries. Papers are peer-reviewed.
7. “Government Regulation and Incentives for Investment in the Persian Gulf: The Case of Kuwait”, the Persian Gulf: A Region in Transition, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, N.H., USA, and September 23-24, 2005.
8. “Impact of Technological Advancement on Financial Markets”, 1st Arab Scientific Conference on the Dimension of e-commerce and Arab Economies, Beirut, Lebanon, 18-20 April 2002.
9. “Recent Economic Development in the Arab Gulf Cooperation Countries and its Impact on Labor Markets”, 5th Scientific Conference of Kuwaiti Economists, Kuwait, April 23-24, 2001.
10. “Capital Movements and Inflows”, 7th Scientific International Conference of the Association of Licensed Accounting Experts in Lebanon, Beirut, Lebanon, 14-16 October 1999.

#### **06-Selected Presentations/Workshops Delivered:**

1. “The Challenges of Setting Up an SWE.” at “In Quest for Stability: The Global Governance of Sovereign Wealth Funds” Conference, hosted by BAFFI, Center on International Markets, Money and Regulation of Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, Florence, Italy, on June 27, 2014.

2. “Doing Business in the Middle East North Africa Region: Are there Changes after the Arab Spring?”, Intercultural Management Institute, American University. Washington, D.C., March 13, 2014.
3. “What Do You Need to Know to Get Your Project Financed”, Malaysian Entrepreneurship Bootcamp, Tysons Corner, VA, November 16, 2013
4. “Observations on Possible Incentives for Investment in The Arabian Gulf Post the Global Financial Crisis: The Case of Kuwait”, Institute of Banking Studies, Kuwait, June 13, 2012
5. “Teaching Entrepreneurship and its Impact on Creating Job Opportunities”, Ecole Nationale des Ingénieurs de Sfax, University of Sfax, Sfax, Tunisia, June 4, 2012.
6. “Teaching Methodology in American Universities, from Indoctrination to Understanding”, Institut Supérieur d'Informatique et de Multimédia de Sfax, University of Sfax, Sfax, Tunisia, May 30, 2012.
7. “Gender Considerations in Doing Business in MENA Region”, Intercultural Management Institute, American University. Washington, D.C., March 15, 2012.
8. “Online Best Practices: Let's Talk!”, 23rd Annual Ann Ferren Teaching Conference, American University (co-presenters: M. Weeks and M. Meurs.), Washington, D.C., January 13, 2012.
9. “Economic and Social Development in the Arab Spring region. What the U.S. Can Do Now?”, The Graduate Arabic Flagship Program, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. June 23, 2011.
10. “Cultural Considerations in Doing Business in the MENA Region with a Focus on the GCC Countries”, Intercultural Management Institute, American University. Washington, D.C., March 11, 2011.
11. “Course Management in a US Institution”, University of Aleppo. Aleppo, Syria, February 23, 2011.
12. “Observations about the Financial Meltdown, and Why Developing Economies Were Not Impacted Much by it?”, The University of Aleppo. Aleppo, Syria, February 23, 2011.
13. “Financing of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and its Importance in Syria”. The University of Aleppo. Aleppo, Syria, February 22, 2011.
14. “The Importance of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Possible use in Syria”, Aleppo Chamber of Commerce, Aleppo, Syria, February 22, 2011.
15. “Financial Media: Data and Analysis?”, Economic Media Forum, Dubai, UAE, February 2, 2011.



16. “Are Class Discussions More Effective Than a Lecture?”, 22nd Annual Ann Ferren Teaching Conference, American University (co-presenter: Nuria Vilanova), Washington, D.C., January 7, 2011
17. “What’s the Deal? Exploring Islamic Finance”. \_Booz Allen's Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Diversity Forum, McLean, Virginia, February 17, 2010
18. “Investment in the MENA region with reference to the prevailing excess of liquidity among the oil export countries.” Southern Mediterranean University. Tunis, Tunisia. February 4, 2008.
19. “Free Trade Agreements”. Centre des Jeunes Dirigents d’Entreprise- CJD. Tunis, Tunisia. February 5, 2008.
20. “The Impact of high raw materials price on emergent economies like Tunisia”. Institute Arabe des Chefs d’entreprises (IACE). Tunis, Tunisia. February 5, 2008.
21. “Sharia and its impact on Islamic Financing”. HEM (Ecole des Hautes Etudes de Management). And Mohamed V University. Rabat, Morocco. February 6-7, 2008.
22. “Democracy and Economic Prosperity”. ESCA (Ecole Superieure de Commerce et d’Administration). Casablanca, Morocco. February 8, 2008.
23. “An Aggie looks at the MENA Region, Live & Up-Close”. Texas A&M University. College Station, Texas. November 13, 2007.
24. “Water and Oil in MENA Region-Causes of Conflict?”. U.S. Department of State’s Foreign Service Institute. Washington, DC. April 27, 2007.
25. “Water in the MENA Region: Scarcity and Challenges”. The American University of Kuwait. Kuwait, March 14, 2007.
26. “Oil and Water Issues in MENA Region”. U.S. Department of State’s Foreign Service Institute. Washington, DC, August 30, 2006.
27. “Impact of Globalization on MENA Region”. U.S. Department of State’s Foreign Service Institute. Washington, DC, June 28, 2006.
28. “Project Appraisal”. College of Business Administration, University of Kuwait. Kuwait. March 25, 2006.
29. ” Public-Private Partnerships: Potential and Assessment in the Sultanate of Oman”. Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Muscat, Oman. March 22, 2006.

## **07-Selected Press/Media Interviews /Panels/Forums:**

1. **Invited Guest:** The 19th Doha Forum, “Reimagining Governance in a Multipolar World”. The conference is by invitation only. More than 4000 participants and 300 speakers, from more than 100 countries. Doha, Qatar, December 14-15, 2019. <https://dohaforum.org>.
2. **Invited Guest:** “Islamic Finance Education in the U.S.A. (Current and Future Opportunities)”. 26<sup>th</sup> World Islamic Banking Conference (Mega-Trend in Banking and Finance), Manama, Bahrain on December 4, 2019. [WIBC.2019.COM-The conference is the premier world conference with 150+ high profile speakers, 1,300+ participants from 50+ countries supported by 98+ partners).
3. **Television Interview.** **Saudi 24 TV.**, (August 2, 2019), By Maria Maaloof, on the recent advancement in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia concerning Vision 2023, in addition to some changes in the labor markets.
4. **Interview: Almowaten**, Saudi Arabia (July 22, 2019) By Mahmoud Nabil. Economic and investment possibilities in the U.S. by Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as part of the visit of the Crown Prince (HRH Mohammed Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud) to the U.S. and his meeting with President Trump.
5. <https://www.almowaten.net/?p=1830096>
6. **Interview:** Kogod. (June 27, 2019). By Toni Tileva. “Islamic Finance- A Centuries-Old Approach Providing Modern Solutions.
7. **Invited Guest:** Invited as a subject matter expert to a high-level meeting on “Sovereign Wealth Funds in Africa: Policies and Best Practices for Securing the Future.” Which was a partnership between Wilson Center and the Bank of Botswana. Sixty delegates from 15 countries participated in the core deliberations over the course of the two days. They included CEOs of African SWFs as well as senior officials from African countries with established sovereign wealth funds and from countries currently in the process of establishing such funds including Botswana. Delegates included representatives from the United States Government as well as multilateral organizations including the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa among others. Gaborone, Botswana, **May 9-10, 2019**.
8. **Interview: Zawya** (part of The Financial & Risk Business of Thomson Reuters (refinitv.com) (April 30, 2019) By Sherif Hanna. “What is on the Minds of Portfolio Managers and Financial Planners in the U.S.?” <https://www.zawya.com/mena/ar/economy/story/%D9%85%D8%A7%D8%B0%D8%A7%D9%8A%D8%AF%D9%88%D8%B1%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%AF%D9%8A%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%AD%D8%A7%D9%81%D8%B8%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%8A%D8%A9%D9%88%D9%85%D8%AE%D8%B7%D8%B7%D9%8A%D9%86%D9%85%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%8A%D9%8A%D9%86%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%88%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%8A%D8%A7%D8%A%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%AA%D8%AD%D8%AF%D8%A9%D8%9F-ZAWYA20190430062432/>
9. **Interview: Interview: Zawya** (part of The Financial & Risk Business of Thomson Reuters (refinitv.com) (May 29, 2019) By Sherif Hanna. “Why Islamic

Finance is not Spreading in the U.S.?”

<https://www.zawya.com/mena/ar/economy/story/%D8%B3%D8%A4%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%84%D9%85%D8%A7%D8%B0%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%8A%D9%86%D9%85%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D9%85%D9%88%D9%8A%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B3%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%8A%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%88%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%8A%D8%A7%D8%AA%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%AA%D8%AD%D8%AF%D8%A9%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A3%D9%85%D8%B1%D9%8A%D9%83%D9%8A%D8%A9%D8%9F-ZAWYA20190526145301/>

10. **Interview: Kogod Website**, Islamic Finance (October 16, 2018) By Jaime McCrary. Islamic Finance and its role in the world and its value in finance education.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufN\\_7Jto7r0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufN_7Jto7r0)
11. **Interview: Almowaten**, Saudi Arabia (March 17, 2018) By Mahmoud Nabil. Economic and investment possibilities in the U.S. by Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as part of the visit of the Crown Prince (HRH Mohammed Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud) to the U.S. and his meeting with President Trump.  
<https://www.almowaten.net/?p=1830096>
12. **Panelist**. Invited guests at National Council on US-Arab Relations (NCUSAR) Forum on February 15, 2018, on “Sovereign Wealth Funds and Arab-U.S. Relations”, at Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. Other panelists represented, (Dr. Michael McMillen) the University of Pennsylvania and (Dr. Michael Papaionnou) Drexel University.
13. **Interview. Almowaten**, Saudi Arabia (October 29, 2017) By Mahmoud Nabil. Assessment of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia’s Vision 2030, with a focus on NEOM Investment of \$500 billion plan to create a business and industrial zone extending across its borders into Jordan and Egypt.  
<https://www.almowaten.net/?p=1492836>
14. **Session Co-Chair**: “Finance &Accounting”, The Ninth International Symposium on Multinational Business Management-Entrepreneurship. Organizational Change and Employment Relations Management. School of Business, Nanjing University, People’s republic of china, On June 20-21, 2017.
15. **Conference Interview. Islamic Finance Week** 18.01.2016, (January 18, 2016)  
[http://www.mylanguages21.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/d.islamic\\_finance.pdf](http://www.mylanguages21.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/d.islamic_finance.pdf)
16. **Moderator**. “The Entrepreneurial Revolution: Economic Recovery Revitalization in the Middle East”. Hosted at Washington College of Law on February 4, 2016.
17. **Telephone Interview. Talkmedianews**, By Loree Lewis, “Senate poised to override Obama’s 9/11 bill veto”, Published September 28, 2016  
<http://www.talkmedianews.com/world-news/2016/09/28/senate-poised-override-obamas-911-bill-veto/>
18. **Telephone Interview. Global Finance Magazine**, By Luca Ventura, “Developing Countries Ease Doing Business Over the past year, a record number of developing countries enacted the kinds of reforms recommended by the World

- Bank to make it easier to do business”. The article was published on December 08, 2016  
<https://www.gfmag.com/magazine/december-2016/more-countries-adopt-reforms-boost-buisness>  
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19. **Session Chair:** “Finance, Religion and Development”, 2015 Biennial Conference on The Business and Economics of Peace, co-hosted by American University’s Kogod School of Business and the Institute for Economics and Peace. On April 10-11, 2015.
  20. **Panelist.** Invited guest at IDPSA’s Forum at American University’s School of International Service, February 2, 2015, On “Measuring the Impact of Microfinance on Poverty Alleviation”. Other panelist represented, CGAP (The World Bank), The Center of Financial Inclusion at Accion, F,INCA and University of York (U.K.)
  21. **Television Interview.** OmanTV., on December 22, 2014, on “Talk of the Hour” Program. The popular 60-minutes program was produced and broadcasted live from Muscat, Oman. He participated, via the Associated Press Studios in Washington, D.C., with two other guests from Muscat, ,Oman and Cairo, Egypt, in providing an assessment of the impact of the changes in the world oil markets on the economies of MENA region with a focus on Oman’s social and developmental programs.
  22. **Television Interview.** Dubai TV., on August 21, 2014, a documentary about the impact of the U.S. Federal Government bailout on the auto industry. The interview was conducted by Nasser AbuDiab at Kogod School of business.
  23. **Television Interview.** Alhurra Television (The Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Inc.) (MBN) on “Today” Program , on October 15, 2013, the program is produced and broadcasted live from Dubai, UAE. He provided insight and analysis of the U.S. shutdown and its impact on MENA region, including the GCC countries, and the demand for oil.
  24. **Television Interview.** Xinhua News Agency, on October 1, 2013, the interview was conducted by Jiang Xufeng (Danny) at Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C. He provided insight and analysis of the U.S. shutdown and its impact shutdown and its impact on the US and the emerging markets economies.
  25. **Television Interview.** Sky News Arabia, on September 30, 2013, the interview was conducted by Joe Hooli at American University, Washington, D.C. He provided insight and analysis of the U.S. shutdown and its impact on MENA region.
  26. **Public Lecture Organizer.** 5th Kogod Ambassador Speaker Series, Guest speaker, Dr. Moudi Al Humoud, University of Kuwait, “Women in Business: Kuwait Experience. Kogod School of Business, American University, on November 7, 2012.

27. **Television Interview.** Kuwait TV-Channel 1. November 6, 2012. The 60 minutes' program "The Road to the White House", was aired live and focused on the U.S. presidential election. Other participants were from academia and think tanks. The program was conducted by Dr. Abdullah Al Shayiji of Kuwait University from Washington, D.C.
28. **Television Interview.** Al Ekhbariya TV (Saudi Arabia), via satellite from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, November 3, 2012. The interview was aired live and focused on U.S. presidential election.
29. **Television Interview.** VOA (Voice of America-English Language Service), The interview's was broadcasted on March 26, 2012, under the title "Microcredit is Expanding to New Products for the Poor" focused on the microfinance issues after the crisis in India.
30. **Telephone Interview.** VOA (Voice of America-English Language Service), on December 21th, 2011. The interview was focused on the economic and social implications of rising food prices in a globalized economy. Also, with some reference to the Arab Spring.
31. **Television Interview.** Alhurra Television (The Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Inc.) (MBN), on "Today" Program, on December 14, 2011, the program is produced and broadcasted from Dubai, UAE. He provided insight and analysis of the financial burden facing Egypt while it is going through the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of national elections.
32. **Forum Organizer and Panelist.** "US Free Trade Agreements: An Assessment". Kogod School of Business, American University, on November 16, 2011. Guest panelists from the Embassy of Australia, Jordan and Oman and U.S. Government Accounting Office.
33. **Television Interview.** Alhurra Television (The Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Inc.) (MBN), on "Today" Program, on August 28, 2011, the program is produced and broadcasted from Fairfax, VA. He appeared for 15 minutes for Q&A. He provides insight and analysis of recent status of the Libyan Investment Authority's (Libya's Sovereign Fund), after the liberation of Tripoli from the Gadhafi's forces and the discovery of \$2.90 billion missing from the said fund, and the need of the National Transitional Council to get help from the international community to help the country to rebuild its infrastructure.
34. **Television Interview.** Alhurra Television (The Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Inc.) (MBN), on "Global" news show, on August 9, 2011, the program is produced and broadcasted from Fairfax, VA. He appeared for 15 minutes of Q&A. He provides insight and analysis of the S&P's downgrading of the US sovereign debt, the impact of the debt ceiling increase on the economy, the current European economic problems and its impact on the US along with some thoughts on the sudden drop of the financial indexes in NY on 8/8/11, the most severe since 2008.
35. **Television Interview.** Al-Ekhbariya Television-Saudi Arabia, on August 3, 2011. The interview focused on the US debt ceiling bill which was signed into law on 8/2/2011, and its impact on the US economy going forward.

36. **Television Interview.** Alhurra Television (The Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Inc.) (MBN), on “All Directions” talk show, on July 29, 2011, the 60 minutes live program produced and broadcasted from Dubai, UAE. He appeared with two guests from Washington Dr. Hussein Ibish and Dr. Edmund Ghareeb, one from Beirut, Lebanon ((Dr. Kamal Hamdan), and one from Damascus, Syria (Micheal Kello). His role was to provide insight and analysis of the debt ceiling issue in Washington and its possible impact on Arab countries. Also, the discussion dealt with the economic sanctions in Syria within what is taking place now. Part of the discussion covered the recent incidents in Turkey and Libya, with their economic and political impacts on the countries the and MENA region.
37. **Forum Organizer/Presenter.** U.S. Current Economic Issues. Kogod School of Business, American University, on March 14, 2011. Host to 52 students and faculty from International Business Academy (“IBA”) of Kolding, Denmark. 48 students from 8 countries spent time visiting Kogod and AU Campus and listening to presentation by Professor Nakshbendi and Professor Sicina and the leader of the IBA, Professor Ian Charles.
38. **Television Interview.** French TV. France 24 and Radio Monte Carlo International, February 3, 2011, in Dubai, UAE. The 60 minutes program was aired live and focused on the New World Economics 2011-2012, as it relates to Arab countries. Other participants were the CEOs of Amlak and Dubai Investment and an economic advisor in Dubai. The interview was conducted by Khalid Karawe of the said TV channel.
39. **Panelist. Invited guest** at the Economic Media Forum, February 2, 2011, in Dubai, UAE. On “Industrial Investment & Its Obstacles”. His focus was on the destination of industrial investment in the Arab World and how Arab countries can fill the needs in the field of industrial investment. Other speakers were from the Ministry of Economy, UAE and University of Kuwait. The session was moderated by Dr. Hessah Lotah, from Emirates University.
40. **Presenter.** Workshop on “Financial Media: Data and Analysis”. Dubai, UAE, on February 2, 2011. The workshop was attended by 300 university students from various universities in the United Arab Emirates.
41. **Forum Organizer and Panelist.** Employment and Educational Opportunities the in MENA Region. Kogod School of Business, American University, on October 13, 2010. Guest panelists from the World Bank, Embassy of Bahrain and U.S. Saudi Business Council.
42. **Television Interview.** Alhurra Television (The Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Inc.) (MBN), on “TODAY” show, on October 10, 2010, a live program produced and broadcasted from Dubai, UAE on the last day of the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings in Washington, D.C., his role was to provide insight and analysis of what transpire out of these meetings, including the impact of the “foreign currency wars” on the world economy and some the of the suggested solution s proposed by the IMF’ Managing Director.
43. **Television Interview.** Express News (Television Media Network (Pvt)Ltd. Of Lahore, Pakistan. ([www.expressnews.tv](http://www.expressnews.tv)), October 4, 2010. The 60 minutes

- interview was conducted in front of Kogod's Building and it focused on the global financial crisis and its impact on developing countries, the current state of immigrants in the U.S. The impact of unemployment on immigrants and specifically from the sub-continent. Also my journey over the years with reflections on the freedom of expression. The interview was conducted by Muhammad Ayub, Senior Producer, who is on tour through the U.S., on invitation by the U.S. Department of State and was accompanied by Peter Spatharis of the said department.
44. **Panelist.** A guest on February 24, 2010, the at "Microlending Thesis Project" at American University. The topic was about assessment of the field from different angles, business model, sociological assessment and economic development. The other participants were from George Mason, and American University (SIS and CAS).
  45. **Featured Speaker.** On February 17, 2010, at Booz Allen in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Diversity Forum. His presentation was entitled, "What's the Deal? Exploring Islamic Finance". The function took place at Booz Allen Hamilton's Head Quarter offices in McLean, Virginia, and it was attended by many senior associates and associates of this well-known international consulting firm,
  46. **Television Interview.** SNRT of Morocco( Societe Nationale de Radiodiffusion et de Television-www.snrt.ma), at Kogod School of Business, American University. on January 26, 2010. The television interview was focused on President Obama's economic achievements during his first year in office, and it will include in a special program, "Obama's First Year in Office". The team is on tour through the U.S., on invitation by the U.S. Department of State and was accompanied by Peter Spatharis of the said department."
  47. **Panelist.** A guest on January 13, 2010, at the Guest Speaker Session of "Islamic Finance Law" at Georgetown University Law Center. The topic was about "Regulation of Islamic Finance: International Perspectives and Challenges". The other participants were from International Finance Corporation (IFC), International Monetary Fund (IMF), U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Shariah Capital, Inc."
  48. **Radio Interview.** HOT 102 FM Station, "TODAY with Beverley Anderson Manley", a live program produced by the former First Lady of Jamaica, from Kingston, Jamaica. The 15- minute's interview was conducted on September 24, 2009, and it focused on the G-20 Summit.
  49. **Television Interview.** Alhurra Television (The Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Inc.) (MBN) "Free Hour" hour-long live interview on September 24th, 2009, on the day of the G20 Summit in Pittsburgh, PA. His role was to provide insight and analysis of the Summit and what this will mean to the Middle East and North Africa Region in terms of G20's agenda.
  50. **Television Interview.** Atlantic Radio of Morocco (La Première Radio "Musique, Info, Eco" Au Maroc), at Kogod on September 15, 2009. The interview was focused on the global financial crisis and its impact on developing countries, the current status of the stimulus package and the recovery process.

51. **Radio Interview.** HOT 102 FM Station. ” TODAY with Beverley Anderson Manley”, a live program produced by the former First Lady of Jamaica, from Kingston, Jamaica on The 15- minutes interview was conducted on July 28, 2009, and it focused on the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue.
52. **Television Interview.** Alhurra Television (The Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Inc.) (MBN), “TODAY” show in a live interview on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 , on the eve of the G8 Summit in L’Aquila, Italy. His role was to provide insight and analysis of what this will mean to the Middle East and North Africa Region in terms of G8 Climate talks, Iran, and the shoring-up the global economy.
53. **Radio Interview.** HOT 102 FM Station “TODAY with Beverley Anderson Manley”; a live program produced by the former First Lady of Jamaica, from Kingston, Jamaica on. The 20- minute’s interview was conducted on April 1, 2009, and it focused on the G 20 meeting in London on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.
54. **Television Interview.** Alhurra Television (The Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Inc.) (MBN). On “TODAY” show, on April 1, 2009, a live program produced and broadcasted from Dubai, UAE? On the eve of the G20 Summit in London, his role was to provide insight and analysis of what this will mean in terms of Obama's economic stimulus plan and the effect it will have on a global scale (specifically with regards to business in the Arab World).

#### **08-Honors:**

“Nakshbendi Scholarship” to Study Abroad in Syria. Established by AU Abroad, American University, in conjunction with CET Academic Programs.  
[http://auabroad.american.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent\\_ID=EFE5F2C6-BCDE-E7F3-5E7103FE6E3C91AD&Link\\_ID=F4A329E7-BCDE-E7F3-51E413A932463762&pID=3&IID=5](http://auabroad.american.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent_ID=EFE5F2C6-BCDE-E7F3-5E7103FE6E3C91AD&Link_ID=F4A329E7-BCDE-E7F3-51E413A932463762&pID=3&IID=5)

**Fulbright Specialist Candidate.** The Fulbright Specialist Roster which is a directory of U.S. Scholars and Professional, who are potential candidates for Fulbright Specialists awards.

Board Member: Advisory Board of AIB-MENA. Dubai. UAE. (2012-2014)

#### **09-Professional Associations:**

Middle East Studies at AU-MES@AU

Academy of International Business. USA (9/16)

Arab Bankers Association of North America. USA. (9/10-9/12)

Arab Organization for Certified Public Accountants (Honorary Member). Lebanon

Center for Middle Eastern Studies of Canada. (Member of the Board of Trustees).

Canada.

Financial Management Association (1/10-1/13)

The American Finance Association (1/10-1/13)

The Arab Academy for Banking and Financial Sciences. (Fellow). Jordan

Water Science and Technology Association (WSTA). Bahrain

#### **10-Listed:**



Fulbright Specialist Candidate. The Fulbright Specialist Roster which is a directory of U.S. Scholars and Professional, who are potential candidates for Fulbright Specialists awards.

Worldwide Directory of Finance Faculty. <http://www.cob.ohio-state.edu/fin/findir/supportForm.html>

**11-Community Involvements:**

Montgomery County, MD: Committee for Ethnic Affairs (CEA). Chair. Appointment Expired on 4/2009.

United States Institute of Peace: Member: Advisory Committee for the Muslim World Initiative on “the Role of Muslim Americans in Bridging the US-Muslim Divide”

Montgomery County, MD: Language Bank, Volunteer

Montgomery County, MD: Connection Resources Bank, Volunteer

PSI- (Population Services International). YouthAIDS: Volunteer

COUNTY EXECUTIVE ISIAH LEGGETT'S SENIOR SUMMIT, November 20, 2008.

University of Maryland at Shady Grove, Rockville, Maryland

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