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INSTRUCTOR OF WRITING, LITERATURE, AND ELECTRONIC PUBLISHING

- * Russian Cultural Institute, Damascus, instructor of Presentations in Advanced American English -- Personal, Sales, Academic -- for Syrian professionals speaking to English-only international audiences.
- * Arabesk Studies in Damascus, Internet Director, arabicindamascus.com
- * National University instructor of Composition, Creative Writing, Technical Writing, Business Communications, Information Research and Report Writing, and World Literature.
- * Los Angeles Mission College instructor of Essay and Literature (English 21 & 101)
- * Writer of 22 published novels, novels translated to five languages, one novel achieved New York Times Bestseller List for series, other novels scored other bestseller lists; sold cinema stories; poetry; produced video projects.
- * Writer/reviewer appearing in U.S. and foreign periodicals, including N.Y. Times.
- * Writer/designer of United States patents, technical manuals, Spanish language copyrights.
- * Certificate, Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, UCLA
- * M.A., English Literature; high scores on MSAT & PSAT essays.
- * Multiple for-profit enterprises in foreign cultures and foreign languages.

STAFF WORK:

- * Leader, Subcommittee on Emerging Technologies, LA Mission College Technology Committee. Involves the study, learning, demonstration of software to faculty.
- * Continuing the development of internet .html / audio / Flash / .pdf / video technology to support enterprise and education.
- * 2009. April through October: Worked in Damascus. Managed three websites. Photographed, video/audio recorded tours. Wrote and recorded advanced American-language essays and scripts for post-graduate Syrian professionals.
- * 2008, February through June: Worked in Damascus, Syria with internet professionals. Presented workshops in website publishing.
- * December 2007: Presented LA Mission College classes in website publishing. To see examples, go to www.lamiissionwriting.com, giftofinfinitecolors.com, syntheticvideo.com, studyarabicinshaalan.com, arabicindamascus.com.

* October 2006 through December 2006: Damascus, Syria. Attended Arabic classes and studied techniques of language instruction.

* December 2003 and continuing: Initiated accelerated Arabic language course to be presented at National University Carlsbad Learning Center. Proposal involved research in the cities of Tangier, Marrakech, Fes. Interviewed academics and technology specialists. Project interrupted by accelerated deployments. Now continuing development as independent project through arabicindamascus.com and studyarabicinshaalan.com and damascusvoices.com. Damascusvoices.com will be an on-line interchange to offer Arabic instruction to foreigners studying Arabic and Islam in Damascus, English and internet to Syrians and international Islamic students.

* 11 September, 2001: Created an e-mail Technical Writing course in nine hours for military personnel, Amphibious Assault Base on Coronado Island, San Diego.

* Adapted courses of business writing for military and corporate professionals.

EDUCATION:

* Continuing studies in multimedia technology at LA Mission College. Training includes video with Sony and Canon cameras, video editing with Final Cut Pro, sound editing with Pro Tools, image manipulation with PhotoShop, internet animations with Flash, web publishing with Dreamweaver and free programs, text publishing with Acrobat.

* معهد تعليم اللفة العربية لغير الناطقين بها

* UCLA - Certificate In Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, July 2007

* جامعة دمشق معهد تعليم اللغات الجمهورية السورية

* Seminars in on-line technologies of Moodle, Etudes, Blackboard.com for writing across the curriculum and electronic instruction via the internet, at LA Mission College, National University, Palomar College.

* California State University, San Marcos -- Post-graduate Special Education courses.

* California State University, Northridge -- B.A, M.A., Literature.

* 25 year black belt Go Sho Rhieu Shotokan karate with Tak Kubota