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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, English, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 1989.

Master of Arts, English, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, 1979.

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Creative Writing, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, AR, 1975.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 6/1990-present** Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas 76909. Professor rank since 2004.
- 9/1999-6/2000** University of Aleppo, Aleppo, Syria. Fulbright Lecturer in American Literature.
- 9/1995-5/1990** Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843. Graduate Teaching Assistant and Post-doctoral Lecturer.
- 9/1987-5/1990** Lee College, Baytown, Texas--Huntsville Extension. Part-time Instructor in units of the Texas Department of Corrections

RECENT AND SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Big Mosque of Mercy (poetry). Temple, TX: Ink Brush Press, 2010.

All this Light We Live In (poetry). Spring, TX: Panther Creek Press, 2006.

Quarry (poetry chapbook). Denton, TX: Mountain Muse Press, 2005.

Whatever Happened to Antara (co-translation of Syrian short stories by Walid Ikhlassi). Austin: University of Texas Press, 2004. (with Asmahan Sallah)

Anthologies and Retrospectives

"The Song of the Four Snakes" (short story). *Texas Soundtrack*. Temple and Dallas, TX: Ink Brush Press, 2011.

"Lift-off from DFW Just after Dark" (poem). *Big Land, Big Sky, Big Hair: Best of the Texas Poetry Calendar*. Austin, TX: Dos Gatos Press, 2008.

"Bimaristan Arghun" (poem). *descant Fifty Years*. Fort Worth: TCU Press, 2008.

Recent Poetry (Periodicals)

"Ash Wednesday." *descant*. 20 (2011): 61-62.

"Cardinal." *descant*. 20 (2011): 63-64.

“Walnut Slips” and “Labyrinth at Unidad Park.” *Lilliput Review* 177 (December 2010), 4, 14.
“Eucharistic” and “At the Kitchen Table.” *The Enigmatist* (June 2010): 24.
“Horizon.” *Lilliput Review* 176 (June 2010): 14.
“The Pears.” *The Aureorean*. Spring/Summer 2010: 5.
“Tapestry of *The Last Supper* in the Cafeteria of the Private Academy.” *The Unrorean* 9.2 (Winter/Spring 2010): 1.
“Source of Light,” *The Enigmatist*. December 2009: 29.
“Eucharist at the Canary Hotel.” *Paterson Literary Review* 37 (2009-2010): 258-59.
“Why There Is No Jealousy among Poets,” *The Texas Observer*. Jan. 9, 2009: 26.
“Flowers for Li Bai,” *The Enigmatist*, Vol. 1 (Fall 2008): 39.
“The Ripe and the Unripe Fruit,” *2009 Texas Poetry Calendar*, Dos Gatos Press, 2009.
“Meat Market in Aleppo,” *Rock & Sling* 5.1 (Summer 2008): 20.
“Border Crossing.” *Angelo State University Magazine* 1.1 (Spring 2008): 22.
“Wintergreen Man.” *descant* 46 (2007): 60-62.
“Mudder.” *Cimarron Review*. 160 (Summer 2007): 60-61.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Fiction Reading. Texas Association of Creative Writing Teachers 2010 Conference. Fort Worth, TX. 24 September 2010.
Poetry Reading. Texas Association of Creative Writing Teachers 2009 Conference. Lubbock, TX. 25 September 2009.
Featured Poet, Burnet Poetry Festival, Burnet, TX, October 2008.
“Clarity, Obscurity, and Ambiguity.” Burnet Poetry Festival, Burnet, TX, October 2008.
Poetry Reading, Forrest Fest Poetry Festival, Lamesa, TX. April 2008.
“Texts and Values, the Value of Texts: Thoughts on Education in the Age of Fanaticism.” Guest Speaker Series, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, AR, 14 November 2007.
“Bartleby behind Bars: Assertion and Subversion in Melville’s Story of Wall Street.” South Central Modern Language Association Convention (Memphis), November 2007.
Poetry Reading, Texas Association of Creative Writing Teachers Convention (Houston), September 2007.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Texas Institute of Letters, inducted April 2009.
Marquis Who’s Who in America, selected for 2009 edition.
Betsy Colquitt Award for Best Poem of the Year (for “Bimaristan Arghun.”), *descant*. 2005.
Teaching Excellence Award, Angelo State University, 2005.
Fulbright Grant, Syria, 1999-2000.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

Texas Institute of Letters, Fulbright Alumni Association, Phi Kappa Phi, Texas Association of Creative Writing Teachers, American Humor Studies Association.