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Education

- 2011 - 2016** **Ph.D. in Linguistics**
University of Leeds, Dept. of Linguistics and Phonetics, School of Modern Languages Cultures and Societies
- 2003 - 2008** **Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics** from the English department, College of Arts at King Saud University.
- 1995 - 2000** **Bachelor of English/Arabic translation** with second class honour from the College of Languages and Translation at King Saud University.

Work experience

- 2017-current** **Assistant Professor** of Applied Linguistics, Department of English, College of language Sciences, King Saud University
- 2019- current** **Head of the Linguistics Research Lab**
<https://twitter.com/lablinguistics?lang=en>
- 2025** **Head of the Higher studies unit**, College of Language Sciences.
- 2019-2021** Head of higher studies unit, department of English.
- 2017-2019** College of Arts' Vice Dean's Assistant for Academic Affairs, King Saud University.
- 2018- 2021** **Vice chair of the Saudi Society of Linguistics (SSL)**
<http://ssl.ksu.edu.sa/en>
- 2008 - 2017** Lecturer in Applied Linguistics, Department of English language and literature, College of Arts, King Saud University

Committees and projects

- 2021- 2022** **Primary researcher** "Discourse analysis" in the research project: "Women in the National Educational Curricula" A project under the execution of the National Observatory for Women for the Family Affairs Council - Ministry of human resources and social development- The National observatory for Women and the Ministry of Education.
- 2019-2020** **Primary researcher** in the research project: "Classification of the terms and pictures representing children in Saudi media" A joint project between 'King Abdullah Institute For Research and Consulting Studies- King Saud University and the 'Family Affairs Council- Ministry of human resources and social development.
- 2019-2021-2023** **Head of the Postgraduate Applied Linguistics Admissions Committee.**

2017- current	Applied Linguistics Post-Graduate studies committee, Department of English.
2018-2019	Executive committee member for the French HCERES accreditation of the MA program in Applied linguistics.
2017-2019	Scientific Research committee, Department of English language and literature.
2018	Research and Institutional Studies Committee (university level).
2017-2018	General requirements courses unified exams committee (university level).
2017-2018	Students' rights committee, College of arts.
2017	Statistics Committee, Department of English language and literature.

Published Academic Papers

2025	Abumelha, M., & Alzahrani, A. The representation of children in Saudi Arabic media: A corpus-based critical discourse analysis. <i>Journal of Research in Language & Translation</i> , 5(2), 142-163. https://doi.org/10.33948/JRLT-KSU-5-2-6
2023	Abumelha, M. Strategy use, Cultural intelligence, and English language proficiency of undergraduate Saudi students. <i>Arab World English Journal</i> , 14 (2). https://dx.doi.org/10.24093/awej/vol14no2.3
2021	Sankar, J., Elumalai, K., Alqahtani, M., Abumelha, M., John, J. Factors Influencing Employee Satisfaction of Educational Institutions. <i>International Journal of Early Childhood Special Education (INT-JECSE)</i> , 13(2): 327-336. DOI: 10.9756/INT-JECSE/V13I2.211069
2020	Elumalai, K., Sankar, J., Kalaichelvi, R., John, J., Menon, N., Alqahtani, M., Abumelha, M., (2020). Factors Affecting the Quality of E-Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic from the Perspective of Higher Education Students. <i>Journal of Information Technology Education: Research</i> (19), p. 731-753. DOI: https://doi.org/10.28945/4628
2019	Abumelha, M. & Alyousef, H. (2019). A Cross-Cultural Comparative Investigation of Linking Adverbials in Linguistics Research Articles Written in English by Native and Arab Scholars. <i>Linguistics and Literature Studies</i> . 7(5): 226-240. DOI: 10.13189/lis.2019.070506
2019	Dash, N., Elumalai, K.V., Alqahtani, M., & Abumelha, M. (2019). Proposing a Customized Method for Extratextual Documentative Annotation on Written Text Corpus. <i>International Journal of English linguistics</i> . 9 (2), p. 99-112. DOI:10.5539/ijel.v9n2p99
2018	Alqahtani, M. S. M., Bhaskar, C. V., Elumalai, K.V., & Abumelha, M. (2018). WhatsApp: An Online Platform for University-Level English Language Education. <i>Arab World English Journal</i> , 9 (4), 108 -121. DOI: https://dx.doi.org/10.24093/awej/vol9no4.7
2018	Abumelha, M. (2018). Classroom Input to Accelerate Feature Reassembly of English Generics. <i>Instructed Second Language Acquisition</i> . 2 (2), p. 189-214. DOI: 10.1558/isla.35606

Manuscripts in Preperation

2026	Abumelha, M. Discursive Patterns in Reporting Saudi Student Homicides in the USA: A Cross-Regional Media Discourse Analysis. In Press
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- 2026 AbuSaleh, D & Abumelha, M. **Women's Empowerment in English and Arabic Intermediate School Textbooks in light of The Saudi Vision 2030: A Critical Discourse Analysis**. In Press
- 2027 Abumelha, M. **A corpus-assisted discourse analysis of the reference to children on Saudi Twitter**.
- 2027 Abumelha, M. **Gender reference in Arabic textbooks: intended meaning and actual comprehension**.

Participation in Scientific Research

- Since 2019** Reviewer for *Second Language Research* (journal ranked Q2 on the Social Sciences Citation Index™ (SSCI) (Full review profile on Publons).
- Since 2020** Reviewer for the *Journal of Arts*, King Saud University Press.
- 2017-2023** Internal supervisor of PhD student Tomader AlFraikh at the **University of Leeds**. Main supervisor: Clare Wright. Title of thesis: *The acquisition of English tense and aspect agreement by L1 Saudi-Arabic speakers: a classroom-based investigation*.
- Since 2020** Supervision of theses in the Applied Linguistics MA program, & co-supervisor of theses in the Applied Linguistics PhD program.
- 2019- current** **Member of proposal viva committees** for MA and PhD proposal approvals.
- 2017- 2018** **Member of Review committees** for student research articles participating in the college yearly conference (2017-2018)
Member of proposal review panels for PhD and theses proposals.

Conference presentations

- 2025 **Panel Discussion: Children's Linguistic Rights and Prospects for Development and Implementation**. King Salman Global Academy for Arabic Language. 18 Aug.
- 2023 **The second annual research event of the common first year at KSU: Research insights on English language teaching. Bridging the research-practice divide: Recent calls for creating applied linguistics communities of practice**, 6 June.
- 2019 **College of Arts Higher studies Unit: Debiasing: How to mitigate social biases by changing discourse**. A paper presented at the seminar on bias in thought and procedure: a humanities approach, 12 Feb.
- 2019 **Prince Sultan University, LLGTRG Group**, Classroom input to accelerate feature reassembly of English generics, 4 Feb.
- 2017 **Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition GASLA 14, The role of input in the acquisition of English generics by L1 Najdi Arabic learners**, Southampton, UK, 7-9 April.
- 2014 **International Conference on Language Acquisition for Young Researchers, The acquisition of English articles by Arabic speakers**. University of Lisbon, Portugal, 27 Jun.
- 2014 **English department, College of Arts, KSU**, The acquisition of English articles by Najdi speakers, Department Seminar, 8 Apr.

- 2012 **University of Leeds, Language Linguistics and Translation LLT PG group**, *Generative SLA and the language classroom*. 25 Oct.
- 2012 **Linguistics and Phonetics Post Graduate Conference**. *The role of input in the acquisition of the English article system by Arab learners: an investigation into interface difficulties*, University of Leeds, 27 Jun.
- 2011 **Postgraduate SLA Research discussion forum**, *Investigating universal semantics: Aspect in English and Arabic*. University of York, Leeds/Sheffield/York SLA research Hub, 1 Nov.

Conference attendance

- 2020 Sultan Qaboos University, Oman: *The fourth international Conference on Language, Literature and Translation: Exploring cultural intersection*, 6-8 Feb.
- 2019 New York, NY: The 93rd Annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America LSA, 6 January.
- 2018 Prince Sultan University, Riyadh: *Language Learning and Teaching Research Group LLTRG monthly seminar*, 1 Oct.
- 2014 University of Oxford, UK: The Annual meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain LAGB, 1-6 Sep.
- 2013 Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris, France: Department of Linguistics and Phonetics, *The acquisition of referring expressions conference AEREF*, 25-26 Oct.
- 2013 University of Leeds, UK: *Linguistics, Language and Translation PG conference*, 13 Jun.

Training and experience

- 2018-2019 Completed the New faculty orientation and preparation program (36 training hours) from SEDA, UK under the Deanship of Skills development, KSU.
- 2018 The interpersonal and strategic bases for effective leadership. *Academic Leadership Centre, Ministry of Higher Education*. 18 Oct
- 2018 Accountability in higher education. *Academic Leadership Centre, Ministry of Higher Education*. 17 Oct.
- 2018 Deanship of Skills Development KSU, *Course design*. 14-15 Feb.
- 2018 Deanship of Skills Development KSU, *Female leadership workshop for vice deans of academic affairs*. 22 Jan.
- 2017 Deanship of Skills Development KSU, *Assessment of learning outcomes*. 17-18 Dec.
- 2017 Deanship of Skills Development KSU, *Micro teaching & peer evaluation*. 20 Dec.
- 2017 The research centre for scientific and medical studies, *Nails project: Network Analysis Interface for Literature Studies*. 24 Oct.

- 2016 Deanship of Skills Development KSU, *Mechanisms of discovering the talented and creative and their teaching*. 20 Dec.
- 2013 University of London UCL, The Institute of Modern Languages Research Training program, 19 Oct.
- 2013 University of Leeds Information System Services Department ISS, SPSS intermediate workshop. 10 Jun.
- 2013 University of Leeds Staff and Departmental Development Unit, Introduction to effective research writing. 3 Jun.
- 2013 Deanship of Skills Development KSU, New insights for innovative leadership. 21-22 Apr.
- 2012 University of Leeds Information System Services Department ISS, *Excel for research manipulating data*, 17 Oct.
- 2012 University of Huddersfield, *Statistics for Linguistics a workshop with Professor Chris Butler*, 14-15 Jun.
- 2012 University of Leeds Staff and Departmental Development Unit, *Preparing for your transfer*, 12 Jun.
- 2012 University of Leeds Staff and Departmental Development Unit, Giving Effective Seminar and Conference Presentations (Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences), 12 Jun.
- 2012 University of Leeds Staff and Departmental Development Unit, *Make the Most of Your Research and Keep it Safe (Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences)*, 7 Jun.
- 2012 University of Leeds Information System Services Department ISS, *Word for thesis and long documents*, 6 Jun.
- 2012 University of Leeds Staff and Departmental Development Unit, *Effective Poster Presentations (Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences)*, 29 May.
- 2012 University of Leeds Staff and Departmental Development Unit, *Project Managing Your Research Degree*, 31 May.
- 2011 Leeds PGR Seminars SMLC, *Formulating research questions*, 14 Nov.
- 2011 Faculty coordinated researcher development, *Working with literature: Impact, evaluation, and reading strategies*, 3 Nov.
- 2011 Leeds PGR Seminars SMLC, *Research interviews*, 31 Oct.
- 2011 University of Leeds Staff and Departmental Development Unit, *A Balancing Act - Dealing with the Stress of Doing a Research Degree*, 25 Oct.
- 2011 University of Leeds Skills @ Library, *An introduction to Endnote: Online Webinar*, 26 Oct.
- 2011 Leeds PGR Seminars SMLC, *Discourse analysis: Issues and applications*, 24 Oct.
- 2011 Leeds PGR Seminars SMLC, *Bibliographies and referencing*, 17 Oct

2011	Leap Training Hub, University of Leeds, Full day: <i>starting your research degree</i> . 13 Oct.
2011	Leeds PGR Seminars SMLC, <i>Library session</i> , 10 Oct.
2011	Deanship of Skills Development KSU, Effective classroom management and dealing with disruptive students, 18 May.
2011	Deanship of Skills Development KSU, Helping students to think critically. 17 May.
2010	Deanship of Skills Development KSU, <i>Student assessment and feedback</i> , 7 Dec.
2010	Academic IELTS overall score 8.5, 5 Aug.
2010	Deanship of E-learning and distance learning KSU, Learning Management System. 8-9 June.
2010	Deanship of Skills Development KSU, <i>Teaching effectively with electronic technologies</i> . 15-16 May.
2008	U.S Embassy Riyadh & Prince Sultan University, <i>English Language Institute: Shaping the way we teach English</i> . 17-21 May.
2008	ICDL international Computer Driving License qualification

Presented Workshops

2019	Effective poster presentations. Community Service committee. Feb.
2018	How to write a research proposal. The Support Unit for Demonstrators, Lecturers and Scholars SUDLS. King Saud University, 13 Mar.
2018	How to prepare a poster presentation. The College of Arts Research Unit. King Saud University, 18 Feb.

Memberships

2018-2021	Founding Member of the Saudi Society of Linguistics SSL
2018-2021	Member of the Linguistic Society of America LSA
2018-2020	Member of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain LAGB
2018-2020	Member of the British Association for Applied Linguistics BAAL
2017-2020	Member of the Language Learning and Teaching Research Group LLTRG at Prince Sultan University, Riyadh.
2016-2021	Member of the Saudi Volunteer Organization (Takatuf)

Research Interests

My current research interests include:

- Critical Discourse Analysis studies looking at language and discourse as a form of social practice.
 - Language and identity.
 - The acquisition of grammatical structures by second language learners.
 - Experimental classroom research.
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