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**Research Interests** Speech perception, spoken word recognition, morphological processing, visual world paradigm with eye-tracking, language and communication disorders

**Other Interests** Assessment and evaluation, language testing, assessment and evaluation, statistical analyses, international exams, standardized tests, large scale surveys and studies, quality management.

**Job Experience**

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| <b>Educational Excellence Prize Referee</b>   | March 2019 - present         |
| Saudi Educational & Psychological Association /Ministry of Education ,<br>Riyadh,<br>Saudi Arabia |                              |
| <b>Part-time Consultant</b>   | November 2018 - present      |
| National Center for Assessment (Qiyas),<br>Riyadh,<br>Saudi Arabia                                |                              |
| <b>Director of English Language Program</b>   | September 2018 - present     |
| Alfarabi Colleges,<br>Riyadh,<br>Saudi Arabia   |                              |
| <b>Chair of Statistics and Information Unit</b>   | December 2017 - present      |
| College of Arts,<br>King Saud University,<br>Saudi Arabia   |                              |
| <b>Assistant Professor</b>  | November 2017 - present      |
| Department of English Language and Literature,<br>King Saud University,<br>Saudi Arabia           |                              |
| <b>Instructor</b>   | August 2008 to November 2017 |
| Department of English Language and Literature,<br>King Saud University,<br>Saudi Arabia           |                              |
| <b>English Language Instructor</b>  | December 2006 to August 2008 |
| English School,<br>Royal Saudi Airforce,<br>Riyadh, Saudi Arabia                                  |                              |
| <b>English Teacher</b>  | August 1999 to August 2008   |
| English as a second language,<br>Ministry of Education,<br>Saudi Arabia                           |                              |

**Other Skills / Experiences**

- **Translation & Interpretation**  
Good experience in translation, adaptation and integration of written materials. I have worked on adaptation, translation, and reconciliation of a variety of international large scale exams and surveys such as PISA, PIRLS, TIMSS, and TALIS. I have

also worked with many Canadian government institutions on written and instant oral translation and interpretation services including Ottawa police, Immigration Canada, Passport Canada, and Service Ontario.

- **Statistical analysis**

Thorough knowledge in statistical analysis programs including SPSS, R and R studio. I am also familiar with the different statistical procedures and methods.

- **Quality management & Strategic planing**

Good experience in data management, quality control and quality management. Thorough knowledge in a variety of quality related areas such as key performance indicators (KPIs), balanced scorecard (specially for academic settings), among others. I am also familiar with and have experience in creating, assessing and improving strategic plans, and running the strategic planning process.

- **Large scale surveys**

Good experience in planing, organizing and conducting large scale surveys.

## Education

**University of Ottawa**, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

*Ph.D., Linguistics*, Winter 2017

- Thesis Topic: *Phonological, Semantic and Root Activation in Spoken Word Recognition in Arabic: Evidence from Eye Movements.*
- Advisor: Tania Zamuner, Ph.D

*M.A., Linguistics*, Summer 2011

- Thesis Topic: *Neighbourhood Density in Spoken Word Recognition in Arabic.*
- Advisor: Tania Zamuner, Ph.D

**King Saud University**University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

*M.A., Applied Linguistics*, Summer 2007

- Thesis Topic: *An Evaluation of the Sixth Grade English Language Textbook for Saudi Boys' Schools*
- Advisor: Dogan Bulut, Ph.D

*B.Ed., English Language*, Winter 1999

## Short-term Courses and Training

**Certified Referee for Education Excellence Reward**

March, 2019

Saudi Educational & Psychological Association in coordination with Education Excellence Reward,  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

**Growth Curve Analysis to Analyze Visual Preference Data from Both Eye Trackers and Raw Coding** 09 December, 2015

Department of Psychology,  
University of Ottawa  
Ottawa, ON, Canada

**Experimental Psycholinguistics**

19 to 23 May, 2015

Centre for Comparative Psycholinguistics (CCP),  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

**Strategies for Teaching and Learning EFL**

06 to 10 September 2003

Ministry of Education,  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  
**ESL Workshops on Testing and Integrating Skills** 19 to 23 August 2000  
Embassy of the United States, and The British Council,  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  
**Language Testing** 24 to 26 February, 2003  
Ministry of Education,  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

**Research Experience**  
**Research Assistant** January 2014 to August 2014  
Department of Linguistics,  
University of Ottawa  
Supervisor: John Jenson, Ph.D  
**Member of Research Center** September 2011 to May 2017  
Centre for Child Language Research,  
University of Ottawa  
Supervisors: Tania Zamuner, Ph.D  
**Member of Research Center** September 2010 to May 2017  
Brain and Language Lab,  
University of Ottawa  
Supervisors: Laura Sabourin, Ph.D

**Publications**

1. **Alamri, A.** (2017) Phonological, Semantic and Root Activation in Spoken Word Recognition in Arabic: Evidence from Eye Movements. Unpublished PhD dissertation. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada
2. **Alamri, A., & Zamuner, T.S.** (2015, May). "Phonological, semantic and root activation in spoken word recognition in Arabic: An eyetracking study." *In S. Vinerte (Ed.), Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistics Association* (pp. 1-15). Ottawa, Canada: Cahiers Linguistiques d'Ottawa.
3. **Alamri, A.** (2011) Neighbourhood Density in Spoken Word Recognition in Arabic. Unpublished MA thesis. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada
4. **Alamri, A.** (2008) An Evaluation of the Sixth Grade English Language Textbook for Saudi Boys' Schools. Unpublished MA thesis. King Saud University, Riyadh, KSA

**Awards**  
Outstanding Student Awards

- Saudi Cultural Bureau, Ottawa, ON Oct 2015
- Saudi Cultural Bureau, Ottawa, ON Oct 2013
- Saudi Cultural Bureau, Ottawa, ON Oct 2010
- King Saud University, College of Education, Abha, Saudi Arabia April 1998

**Presentations & workshops**

- **Third meeting of the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) 2021** Participant – 2 - 7 June 2019. Rome, Italy.
- **First Meeting of the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2021** Participant – 17 - 22 March 2019. Westat / Organisation for Economic Co- operation and Development (OECD), Vienna, Austria.

- **2nd meeting of the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) 2021** Participant – 2 - 7 December 2018. National Academy for Educational Research, Taipei, Taiwan.
- **Importance of International Tests: TIMSS, PISA, PIRLS.** Oral presentation – February 2019. Ministry of Education, Riyadh, SA.
- **Eyes: the windows to our minds.** Oral presentation – November 2017. Department of English Language and Literature, King Saud University.
- **Root activation in spoken word recognition in Arabic: Does Semantic Transparency Matter.** Poster presentation – Mental Lexicon 2016. October 2016. University of Ottawa, Canada.
- **Root activation in spoken word recognition in Arabic: an eyetracking study.** Oral presentation – the Attentive Listener in the Visual World Workshop (AttLis2016). March 2016. University of Potsdam, Germany.
- **Phonological, semantic and root activation in spoken word recognition in Arabic: An eyetracking study.** May 2015. Poster presentation – the Canadian Linguistics Association, University of Ottawa, Canada.

## Service

- Team Member, TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center November, 2018 to present
- Team Member, PISA - Program for International Student Association November, 2018 to present
- Associate member, Saudi Society of Linguistics (SSL) January, 2018 to present
- Chair of the Statistics committee, Department of English Language and Literature, KSU November, 2017 - December 2018
- Member, Strategic plan committee, College of Arts, King Saud University February, 2018 - December 2018
- President, Saudi Student Club in Ottawa January to December 2011
- Vice President, Saudi Student Club in Ottawa January to December 2010
  - Assist with organizing social, academic and national events.
  - Helping new scholarship Saudi Students settle down and adapt to the Canadian lifestyle and academic system.
  - Helping Saudi students obtain academic acceptances from Canadian universities.
- English language Examination Committee January to August 2004  
Ministry of Education,  
Saudi Arabia
  - Preparing nationwide final examinations (for English language).