

ZEINAB AHMED TAHA

Education

- Ph.D., Arabic linguistics. Georgetown University, 1995. Dissertation topic "Issues of Syntax and Semantics: A Comparative Study of Sibawayhi, Al-Mubarrad, and Ibn AL-Sarraj."
- Master of Arts in Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language. American University in Cairo, 1981. Thesis topic: "Syntactic and Lexical Variation in Front Page Newspaper Arabic"
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. The American University in Cairo, 1978.

Teaching Experience

Courses taught in the TAFL MA program since 2005: Principles of Linguistic Analysis, History of Arabic Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Advanced Arabic Grammar, Selected Topics in Applied Linguistics (Language and Culture), Language Variation and Change, Seminar on Challenges Facing AFL Teachers, Language Acquisition, and Supervised Study in TAFL (Arabic Pragmatics).

Prior to 2005, taught all levels of Modern Standard Arabic, and Colloquial Arabic as well as Arabic content courses on Medieval Arabic Texts, Medieval Grammar and Women Studies for CASA and the Arabic Intensive program (1981- 2005).

Employment

- TAFL Director, Department Of Applied Linguistics: 2017-2018
- Associate Professor of Arabic Linguistics: 2012-Present. American University in Cairo
- Director of the Arabic Language Institute (ALI) January 2006- July 2013
- CASA Executive Director June 2003-January 2006
- Assistant Professor of TAFL 2006-2012. American University in Cairo.
- Full time Arabic Language Instructor 1981-2005. American University in Cairo.
- CASA Executive Director 1997-1998
- ALI Summer Coordinator, 1995 and 1996. American University in Cairo.
- Lecturer in Arabic, 1990-1991. Georgetown University.
- Arabic Language Instructor, 1985, 1987-1989, 1991, 1992, 1994. Middlebury College, School of Arabic.
- Arabic Language Instructor, 1985-1986. Cairo American College.

- Part-time Editorial Assistant/Translator, 1978-1981. New York Times, Cairo Bureau.
- Editor of the Arabic Section, 1977-1978. Caravan, American University in Cairo newspaper.

Presentations

- "Addressing Reality: Challenges Facing AFL Teachers". Keynote speech at Symposium on Arabic Language Teaching. Leeds University, March, 2017.
- "The Use of Pseudo-titles in Egyptian Newspapers". Conference on Sociolinguistics Perspectives, December 2016, American University in Cairo.
- "Variation in Modern Written Arabic of the Media", MESA conference, November 2016
- "The Mother Language and the Primary Language: Linguistic Reality of the Arab Speaking Countries". Keynote speaker address, Conference on Future of Arabic Language. University of Zayed, Dubai. March 2016.
- "Allaah, Allaah, Allaah: The Role of Context in Translation". Lecture sponsored by the Center for Translation, American University in Cairo. October, 2015.
- "Challenges in Teaching Contemporary Arabic" (In Arabic). Lecture at NYU Abu Dhabi, October 2015.
- Report on selected papers on language change in Egypt. Mohamed V University, Rabat, Morocco. October 2015.
- "Training the trainers: Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language", Workshop at the akhawayn University--Ifra, Morocco. September 2015
- "Syntactic Variation in Modern Written Arabic", Symposium on Modern Written Arabic. University of Aix-en-Provence, France. June 2015.
- "The Verb in Arab Grammatical Treatises: Conformity and Contradictions", Foundations of Arabic Linguistics- FAL 3, October 2014.
- "The Variety we teach: A realistic or an existentialist issue?", MESA, 2013.
- "Teaching Arabic on Line", MESA 2012.
- "Sibawayhi's Terminology: more on 'iltibaas' " Cambridge University- 2010.
- "Why Do We Need Spoken Corpora?", MESA, 2008.
- "Educated Spoken Arabic and the ACTFL Guidelines", MESA, 2007.
- "The Effect of Media on Spoken Arabic". Workshop on Media and Language. University of Utah, 2007.

- "Beyond Main Ideas: Accuracy Revisited". MESA, 2004.
- "Ta'diyy al-fi'l fil naHw al 'Arabi ; min Sibawayhi ilaa ibn Al- Sarraaj" (In Arabic). The Second International Conference on Language and Linguistics, The American University in Cairo, 2002.
- "Transitivity in Early Arab Grammatical Theory". MESA, 2000.
- "Cohesion in Early Arabic Grammar: the concept of *"iltibaas"*. The International Conference on History of Linguistics, Oxford University, 1996.
- "Social Meaning and Cultural Misconceptions," MESA, 1995.
- "The Category of Adjectives in Arabic Grammar". The First International Linguistic Conference, the American University in Cairo, 1994.
- "Government and Binding in Arab Grammatical Theory". The Second Shaban Conference, Exeter University, U.K., 1994.
- "Teaching Listening and Speaking", CASA Workshop at the American University in Cairo, 1994.
- "Important Terms of Early Arabic Grammar", Workshop, Colloquium on Arabic Lexicology, Budapest, 1993.
- "The Term *Silah* in Arabic Grammar: The Case of Ibn AL-Sarraaj", Colloquium on Arabic Lexicology, Budapest, 1993.
- "Semantic Valency in 10th Century Arabic Grammatical Theory", MESA 1993.
- "Parts of Speech in Arabic Grammar" International Conference of Language Sciences (ICHOLS), Washington, D.C., 1993. ▲
- "Teaching the Listening Skill in Context" Workshop in Alexandria University, Faculty of Arts, Egypt, fall 1993.
- "Towards Pragmatic Competence. The CASA Experience" MESA, 1992.
- "The Grammar Controversy: What to Teach and Why?" Symposium on Arabic Teaching Middlebury College School of Arabic, 1992.
- "Teaching Listening Comprehension", MESA 1989.

Publicationstions

- Taha, Zeinab, "Verb Classification in Arab Grammatical Tradition: From Sibawayhi to al-Jurjānī". Forthcoming. Versteegh, Kees, Brill 2017.
- Handbook for Teaching Professionals in the 21st Century. Volume II (Co-Editor). Routledge, 2017.

- Taha, Zeinab A. "Syntactic Variation in Modern Written Arabic", in Handbook for Teaching Professionals in the 21st Century. Volume II. Kassem Wahba (et.el), Routledge, 2017. Pp 79-89.
- Taha, Zeinab A. "Book Review: The Arabic Lexicographical Tradition" By Ramzi Baalabaki, Brill 2013. In the Journal of Arabic Language Tradition, Volume 13 <http://www.jalt.net> pp. 62-66, 2015.
- Taha, Zeinab A. Development of Arab Grammatical Thought from the 2nd to the 4th century of Hijra, (In Arabic) Cairo: Maktabat al-Adab, 2011.
- Taha, Zeinab A. "Ta'addii", in Encyclopedia of Arabic Language and Linguistics, Kees Versteegh, ed. Brill: 2009. Vol. IV, pp.410-416.
- Taha, Zeinab A. "Educated Spoken Arabic: How could it help in redefining ACTFI guidelines?", Al- Arabiyya._ AATA: 2008. Vol. 40-41, PP. 104-114.
- Taha, Zeinab A. "Maf'uul", in Encyclopedia Of Arabic Language and Linguistics, Kees Versteegh, ed. Brill:2006. Vol.III, pp. 100-106.
- Taha, Zeinab A. "Toward Pragmatic Competency in Arabic". In Handbook for Arabic Language Teaching Professionals in the 21st Century, Wahba, Kassem M., Taha, Zeinab A., and England, Liz (eds.) Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Publishers: 2006, pp. 353-361.
- Wahba, Kassem M., Taha, Zeinab A., and England, Liz (Eds.) Handbook for Arabic Language Teaching Professionals in the 21st Century, USA: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Publishers: 2006.
- Taha, Zeinab A. "Language of the Media" (In Arabic). In abHath lughawiyya wa tarbawiyya, Elgibali, Alaa and Badawi, ElSaid. Cairo: 2002, AUC Press, pp. 115-124.
- Taha, Zeinab A. "Semantic Valence in Tenth-Century Arabic Grammar: The Case of Ibn As-Sarraaj's Usuul Fil Nahw". In Multiple Perspectives on the Historical Dimensions of Language, Jankowsky, Kurt R. (Ed.), Munster: 1996. Nodus Publikationen, pp.281-289.
- Taha, Zeinab A. "The Grammar Controversy: What to teach and Why?". In The Teaching of Arabic as a Foreign Language: Issues and Directions, ATAA: 1995, pp.175-183.
- ElGibali, Alaa and Taha, Zeinab A. "Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language: Challenges of the Nineties". In The Teaching of Arabic as a Foreign Language, ATAA: 1995, pp.79-100.
- Taha, Zeinab A. "The term Sila in Early Arab Grammatical Theory: The Case of Ibn As-Sarrag". Proceedings of the colloquium on Arabic Lexicology and Lexicography. Budapest: 1993. Pp. 232-244.

Other Professional Activities

- Consultant for the publication of “Arabiyyat Al-Nas”, Rountledge 2014-Present.
- “Hiwar Al Thaqafiyya”, Program guest. Nile Culture TV. June, 2017.
- Reviewer for the International Journal of Arabic Linguistics (arabic-linguistics.com)
- Workshop on Teacher Training. Al-Akhawayn University, Morocco. September 2015.
- Reviewed the Virginia-Yarmouk summer program in 2001 and 2013 and submitted final.
- “*9aalim wa fikra*” program guest to discuss the future of the Arabic Language in Egypt. Nile TV-Culture Channel. May 2013.
- Submitted annual report to the CASA Governing Council every year in capacity of CASA Co-Director 2006-2012.
- Reviewed for publication and endorsement several books on teaching Arabic for non-native speakers for AUC press, Cambridge University Press, Rutledge, and Al-Arabiyya Journal.
- Reviewed of Zayed University curricula to teach Arabic as a Foreign Language. Acted as head of the materials development team for the intensive summer program. Dubai, 2010- 2012.
- Reviewed Effat College’s Arabic programs and gave consultancy for future program. Saudi Arabia, summer 2009.
- Participated in building linguistic corpus workshop, University of Chicago, March 2008. Keynote speaker for symposium on Language and the Media. University of Utah, March, 2007.
- Participated in ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview workshop, AUC 2006
- Participated in training workshop for TAFL. Alexandria University, faculty of Arts. December 2000.
- Theses advising and supervision for TAFL students’ years: 1996,1997,1998, 2004 - Present.

University Services

- CLT Faculty Associate, 2017-2018
- Trip to initiate collaboration in TAFL degrees. University of Zayyed, Dubai, March 2016.
- Member of faculty serach committee (ARIC), 2009, 2013, 2017
- Member of Promotion and Tenure committee, 2005, 2010

- Trip to initiate collaboration with Effat University in Jeddah. Saudi Arabia, June 2010.
- Trip to promote the Arabic language programs at AUC. Chicago, 2005
- HUSS representative in Admissions Committee. 2003-2013
- At large representative of the school of Humanities and Social Sciences in the AUC Senate, 2001-2002. Member of the Senate 1994-1998, 2013-2015, Chair of Senate Faculty Affairs Committee 2014.

Awards

- Erasmus Teaching Mobility Award, Spring 2017
- CASA Life-time Service Award, 2013
- AUC 25Years Teaching Award, 2006
- AUC President's Distinguished Service Award, 2004
- AUC Merit Bonus, 199