

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Majd Al-Mallah, Ph.D.**

**Work:**

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures  
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**Education:**

Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures and minor in Comparative Literature, Indiana University, April 30, 2002.

Master of Arts in Arabic Language and Literature from the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University, October 31, 1996.

Bachelor of Arts in Arabic and English Literature, University of Jordan, June 1994.

**Fields of Research:** Classical Arabic Poetry, Modern Arabic Novel, Arabic language teaching.

**Areas of Research Interest:** Classical Arabic Poetry in Aleppo, North Africa, Egypt, and Muslim Spain; and Modern Fiction.

**Languages:** Arabic (Native), English (near-native fluency), Persian, and Spanish (reading proficiency).

**Professional Experience:**

7/23-present	Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures, Coordinator of Arabic, and Director of Area and Global Studies.
6/18-6/23	Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures & Coordinator of Arabic Section and the Middle East Studies Program. Rank: Full Professor
6/17-5/18	Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures
6/11-5/17	Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures & Unit Head, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures
8/07-5/11	Director of Middle East Studies & Associate Professor
2007,2011,	

- 2013 Director, Jordan Arabic Language and Culture Study Abroad Program
- 8/02-5/07 Assistant Professor of Modern Languages, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan.
- 8/99-5/02 Full-time Visiting Faculty (Instructor of Arabic, Middle East Studies, and English), Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan.
- 8/95-5/99 Served in various capacities as a graduate student: Outreach Coordinator, Associate Instructor, Research Assistant, Indiana University, Bloomington.

**Awards, Scholarships, Workshops, and Grants:**

CSCE & FTLC Grants to attend Arabic Language Conference in Dubai, UAE, November 2023.

CSCE & FTLC Grants to attend Diversity Conference in Toronto, Canada, June 2023.

FTLC Grant to attend Middle East Studies Association Conference, Denver, December 2022.

FTLC Sponsored Grant to attend the Teaching Professor Conference, Atlanta, June 2022.

FTLC Sponsored Grant to attend Reacting to the Past Conference, Denver, June 2022.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate (through the University of South Florida), Fall 2021.

Faculty Learning Community, Active Learning (Fall 2019 & Winter 2020)

Faculty Learning Community, What the Best College Teachers Do (Fall 2018 & Winter 2019)

FTLC 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Best Teachers International Institute (June 2018)

FTLC Online Learning Consortium Workshop Sponsored Grant (2017-2018)

Mini-Grant from Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence (2015-2018)

Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Grant (with Sebastian Maisel) (2013)

Mini-Grants from the Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence (2011 and 2012)

Summer Research Stipend and Grant-in-Aid (Summer 2010)

Research and Development Grant-in-Aid (Summer 2008)

Padnos International Center Intercultural Studies Grant (Summer 2008)

Faculty Recognition Award for dedication and excellence (Fall 2006): presented by the GVSU Panhellenic Council.

Teaching Development & Renewal Grant [from the Faculty Teaching and Learning Center] (Summer 2006). Topic: Revising the Arabic Curriculum at the Elementary Level: Incorporating Spoken Colloquial Arabic

Pew Teaching Excellence Award (April 2006).

Faculty mentor for a McNair Scholar (Summer 2004).

Pew Scholar-Teacher Grant from the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center (Summer 2003).

Student Summer Scholars project grant (as the Faculty Mentor) from Research and Development (Summer 2003)

Outstanding Advisor Award, Grand Valley State University (Winter 2003)

American Oriental Society Graduate Student Award (1999)

Research Assistant/Associate Instructor Scholarship from the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (tuition and stipend), Indiana University (August 1998-May 1999).

Graduate Student Research Award, University Graduate School, Indiana University (Summer 1998).

Research Assistant Scholarship from the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (tuition and stipend), Indiana University (August 1997-May 1998).

1997 Indiana University Medieval Studies Institute Flanigan Award.

1997 Bloomington Arab American Society Award for Excellence.

Salaroglio Modern Foreign Languages Scholarship, College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University (1997).

Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures Teaching Excellence Recognition Award (1997).

Associate Instructor Scholarship from the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (tuition and stipend), Indiana University (August 1995- May 1997).

Russell A. Havens Scholarship in Foreign Languages, College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University (1995).

B.A. Ministry of Education Scholarship for Academically Distinguished Students (1990-1994).

## **Publications:**

### A. Book Publications:

*In the Shadows of the Master: Al-Mutanabbi's Legacy and the Quest for the Center in Fatimid and Andalusian Poetry.* Berkshire: Berkshire Academic Press, 2012.

*Dictionary of Literary Biography: Twentieth-Century Arab Writers.* Edited by Majd Al-Mallah and Coeli Fitzpatrick. Detroit, Gale Group, 2009.

### B. Publications in Journals, books, and Encyclopedias:

“Mashru` al-nahdah min al-lughah al-Arabiyyah ila qadiyyat al-mar'ah al-Arabiyyah” (The Nahdah project from the Arabic Language to the topic of Arab Women), published in refereed conference proceedings, November 2023.

“Hafsah bint al-Hajj” in *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Leiden: Brill, 2021.

“Voice and Power: Hafsah bint al-Hajj and the Poetics of Women in al-Andalus”, *Journal of Arabic Literature*, Vol. 1, January 2020.

“Dalalat al-Madiah `inda sha`irat al-Andalus” (Panegyric and its implications in the poetry of Women in al-Andalus), published in refereed conference proceedings, April 2019.

“Walladah bint al-Mustakfi fi masadir al-turath” (Walladah bint al-Mustakfi in the Arabic Literary Tradition), published in refereed conference proceedings, April 2018.

“Buthayna bint al-Mu`tamid fi masadir al-turath” (Buthayna bint al-Mu`tamid in the Arabic Literary Tradition), published in refereed conference proceedings, May 2017.

“Min dalalat al-shi`r al-nisawi al-Andalusi fi akhbar al-sha`iratayn: Hassana al-Tamimiyya wa Aisha al-Qurtubiyya” (An Analysis of Andalusian Women's Poetry

& Anecdotes: The Examples of Hassana al-Tamimiyya and Aisha al-Qurtubiyya), published in refereed conference proceedings, May 2016.

“Ibn Darraj al-Qastalli” in *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Leiden: Brill, 2016.

“Al-Istimrar wa al-Istithmar fi dirasat al-lughah al-Arabiyyah lighayr al-Natiqin biha: al-furas wa al-tahadiyat” (Continuing and Investing in the Study of Arabic: Opportunities and Challenges), published in refereed conference proceeding, 2014.

“Madih and Madih Nabawi” in *Muhammad in History, Thought, and Culture: An Encyclopedia of the Prophet of God*, 2014.

“Classical Arabic Poetry in Contemporary Studies: A Review Essay”, *Journal of Arabic Literature* 44:2, 2013.

“Ibn Darraj al-Qastalli, Ode in Praise of Al-Mansur’s Victory” Translation from the Arabic in *Medieval Iberia: Readings from Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Sources*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012.

“A Victory Celebration after a Military Defeat? Al-Mutanabbi’s ‘Ayniyyah of 339/950” *Journal of Arabic Literature* 40, 1, 2009.

“Naguib Mahfouz” in *Dictionary of Literary Biography: Twentieth-Century Arab Writers*. Edited by Majd Al-Mallah and Coeli Fitzpatrick. Detroit, Gale group, 2009.

“Tayeb Saleh” in *Dictionary of Literary Biography: Twentieth-Century Arab Writers*. Edited by Majd Al-Mallah and Coeli Fitzpatrick. Detroit, Gale group, 2009.

“A Standard Victory Ode: Al-Mutanabbi’s Lamiyyah of 342/953.” *Journal of Middle Eastern and North African Intellectual and Cultural Studies* Vol. 2, Issue 2, Fall 2004.

“Ode on the Reconquest of al-Hadath.” *World Literature and Its Times 6: Middle Eastern Literatures and Their Times*. Edited by Joyce Moss. Detroit: Gale Group, 2004.

“Doing Things with Odes: A Poet’s Pledges of Allegiance. Ibn Darraj al-Qastalli’s Ha’iyyah to al-Mansur and Ra’iyyah to al-Mundhir.” *Journal of Arabic Literature* 34, no. 1-2, 2003.

#### C. Book Reviews:

Serrano, Richard. *Qur'an and the Lyric Imperative*. New York: Lexington Books, 2016. Forthcoming 2019 in *Review of Qur'anic Research*.

Civantos, Christina. *The Afterlife of Al-Andalus: Muslim Iberia in Contemporary Arab and Hispanic Narratives*. By Christina Civantos. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2017. *Comparative Literature Studies* 56.1, 2019 (forthcoming).

Alosh, Mahdi. *Ahlan wa Sahlan: Functional Modern Standard Arabic for Beginners*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2000. *Journal of Arabic Literature* 33, no. 3 (2002).

### **Referee Work:**

Served as referee for the following Journals:

*Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*

*Journal of Multicultural Discourses*

*Symposium: A Quarterly Journal in Modern Literatures*

*Journal of Arabic Literature*

### **Scholarly Presentations:**

“Mashru` al-nahdah min al-lughah al-Arabiyyah ila qadiyyat al-mar`ah al-Arabiyyah” (The Nahdah project from the Arabic Language to the topic of Arab Women), Arabic Language Conference, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 2023.

“Invoking Women Poets and the Formation of Arab Identity,” Diversity Conference, Toronto, Canada, June 2023.

“Invoking Women in al-Andalus: A Comparative Study,” DAVO International Conference, Germany, October 2019.

“Dalalat al-Madih inda sha`irat al-Andalus”, Arabic Language and Culture International Conference, April 2019.

“Hafsa bint al-Hajj & the Poetics of Women in Al-Andalus” World Congress of Middle East Studies, Seville, Spain, July 2018.

“Walladah bint al-Mustakfi fi masadir al-turath” (Walladah bint al-Mustakfi in the Arabic Literary Tradition), presented at the International Conference on the Arabic Language, Dubai, April 2018.

“Buthayna bint al-Mu`tamid fi masadir al-turath” (Buthayna bint al-Mu`tamid in the Arabic Literary Tradition), presented at the International Conference on the Arabic Language, Dubai, May 2017.

"Buthayna bint al-Mu'tamid and Ahmad Shawqi's Invocation of al-Andalus", The Heritage of al-Andalus Conference: From Iberia to Persia, Three Cultures Foundation/University of Seville, Spain, November 2016.

"Min dalalat al-shi`r al-nisawi al-Andalusi fi akhbar al-sha`iratayn: Hassana al-Tamimiyya wa Aisha al-Qurtubiyya" (An Analysis of Andalusian Women's Poetry & Anecdotes: The Examples of Hassana al-Tamimiyya and Aisha al-Qurtubiyya), presentation at International Conference on the Arabic Language, Dubai, May 2016.

"*One Thousand and One Nights* in the Contemporary Imagination: Hanan al-Shaykh's 'Retelling' & the Reinvention of the Classical Tradition," DAVO Conference, Cologne, Germany, September 2014.

"Continuing and Investing in the Study of Arabic: Opportunities and Challenges", presentation at the International Conference on the Arabic Language, Dubai, May 2014.

"Ibn Zaydun and the Poetics of Nostalgia", American Oriental Society, Portland, March 2013.

"Ibn Darraj al-Qastalli's Poetry on the Occasion of the Santiago de Compostela Campaign," American Oriental Society, Boston, March 2012.

"In Praise of al-Aziz: Tamim b. al-Mu`izz's Negotiation in his First Ode to the Caliph", Annual Meeting of American Oriental Society, St. Louis, March 2010.

"Ibn Darraj al-Qastalli Praises al-Mansur: Imperial Poetics & the Quest for Power in al-Andalus", Annual Middle East Studies Association Meeting, San Diego, November 2010.

"Tamim b. al-Mu`izz and the Formation of Fatimid Poetics." American Oriental Society Meeting, New Mexico, March 2009.

"Ibn Hani' al-Andalusi and the Ceremonial of Victory: The Fatimid Conquest of Egypt." Annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Boston, November 2006.

"A Poet's Quest for Immortality: Reading the *Mu`allaqah* of Amr b. Kulthum." 216<sup>th</sup> American Oriental Society Meeting, Seattle, March 2006.

"Ceremonial and Politics in al-Mutanabbi's Panegyric Poetry." Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, San Francisco, November 2004.

"Al-Mutanabbi's Take on History: Celebrating Victories in the Court of Sayf al-Dawlah." 214<sup>th</sup> American Oriental Society Meeting, San Diego, March 2004.

“*Doing Things* with an Ode: Ibn Darraj al-Qastalli’s First Panegyric to al-Mansur.”  
213<sup>th</sup> American Oriental Society Meeting, Nashville, April 2003.

“Ibn Darraj’s First Ode to Mundhir b. Yahya: A Poet’s Pledge of Allegiance.” Arabic, Hebrew, and Spanish Literatures— Three Golden Ages in the Iberian Peninsula: A Conference in Memory of Americo Castro (1885-1972). University of California, Berkeley. May 2003.

“Classical Arabic Poetry and Ceremonial in the Fatimid Court.” Department of MLL Faculty Colloquium. September 2002.

“Ibn Hani’ al-Andalusi and the Ceremonial of Gift-Giving,” Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, D.C., November 2002.

“Al-Mutanabbi and the Poetics of Ceremonial: A Byzantine Messenger to Sayf al-Dawlah,” Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, November 2001.

“Al-Mutanabbi's Victory Ode as a Representation of Power,” Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, November 2000.

“Victory and Vengeance in Al-Mutanabbi’s Ode: The Reconquest, Rebuilding, and Consecration of Al-Hadath Fortress,” Second Annual Grand Valley State University Arts and Humanities Faculty Symposium, November 2000.

“Ibn Hani’ Al-Andalusi and the Victory Ode: The Function of Panegyric Poetry in Fatimid Court Ceremonial,” Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, November 1999.

“Panegyric Poetry and Court Ceremonial: Al-Mutanabbi’s Victory Ode,” Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, March 1999.

“A Speech Act Reading of Panegyric Poetry by Ibn Darraj Al-Qastalli,” Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, November 1997.

“Al-Mutanabbi Presents a Panegyric Ode to the Governor of Egypt: A Speech Act Reading,” 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Medieval Symposium, Indiana University, 1997.

“Layla al-Akhyaliyya: The `Udhri Poetess,” 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Medieval Symposium, Indiana University, 1995.

“Layla al-Akhyaliyya: The `Udhri Poetess,” Annual Middle Eastern conference for history and theory, University of Chicago, 1995.

### **Undergraduate Research & Scholarship:**

- Mentored several students in independent study projects.
- Supervised several Honors theses.
- Won competitive grants such as S3 and McNair.
- Led student groups at local and national conferences such as the Model Arab League.
- Mentored students for the Student Scholars Day.

### **Invited Lectures and Workshops:**

“Learning Arabic in the United States: Prospects & Challenges” (February 2016 at Hope College).  
Invited lecture, part of their Engaging the Middle East symposium.

Lecture at Hope College (November 2010)

Breakout session for the Interfaith conference (Calvin College, Fall 2010)

Workshop for the Van Andel Global Trade Center (Summer 2010)

Workshop for Teachers, with Jim Goode (Muskegon, Winter 2010)

Workshop For Arabic Associate Instructors: Using the al-Kitaab textbook series (Indiana University, August 2002)

### **Courses Taught:**

Arabic 101: Elementary Arabic I

Arabic 102: Elementary Arabic II

Arabic 201: Intermediate Arabic I

Arabic 202: Intermediate Arabic II

Arabic 301: Arabic Conversation

Arabic 302: Arabic Composition

Arabic 310: Media Arabic

Arabic 312: Contemporary Arabic Culture

Arabic 399: Series of courses in a “stacked” model

ENG 150: Writing Composition (English Department)

MES 201: Introduction to the Middle East

MES 380: Special topic on the Arabic Novel in Translation

MES 370: The Model Arab League

HNR 151/152: The Middle East Beyond the Headlines I & II

HNR 153/154: The Middle East Beyond the Headlines III & IV

HNR 209/210: The Islamic Middle East I

HNR 219/220: The Islamic Middle East II

HNR 311: Middle East Fiction and Film

### **Curriculum Development:**

- MLL 200: Beyond Borders: The Multilingual Factor (submitted through the curriculum system in Fall 2022).

- MLL 180: Beyond Borders: Intro to Language and Culture (to be offered for the LEADS program).
- ARA 101-202 Proposal to offer hybrid and online delivery.
- 101-202 Revision of titles and descriptions of all languages in MLL.
- ARA 330/MES 330, General Education course, Arab Identity in Literature and Culture (with Sebastian Maisel).
- Arabic Minor Task Force Chair, Led the committee that designed the Arabic Minor and submitted the minor proposal (2011-2012).
- Creating, fine-tuning, and supervising the Arabic curriculum (including receiving a grant to improve teaching Arabic at the elementary level)
- Creating and implementing (with Coeli Fitzpatrick) a new Honors civilization sequence on the Islamic Middle East (began work on proposal 2003; have been teaching the course since Fall 2004)
- Arabic Language and Culture study abroad program.
- Four new Arabic Language Courses Submitted through the curriculum system (ARA 301, 302, 310, and 312) (approved Winter 2010)

#### **Administrative Assignments:**

Coordinator, Arabic & Middle East Studies, Grand Valley State University, June 2018-present

Unit Head, Modern Languages and Literatures, Grand Valley State University, June 2011-May 2017

Arabic Section Coordinator, Grand Valley State University, 2002-2011

Director, Middle East Studies Program, Grand Valley State University, Summer 2007- May 2011

Acting Coordinator, Middle East Studies Program, Grand Valley State University, Winter 2007.

Acting Unit Head, Modern Languages and Literatures Department, Grand Valley State University, Summer 2006 & Summer 2007.

#### **University Service & Committee work:**

Faculty Fellow, CLAS Dean's Office, May 2022-present

Reach Higher 2025 Steering Committee, Fall 2020-Winter 2022

University Academic Senate, May 2020-present

CLAS Dean's Search Committee, Fall 2019-Summer 2020

Presidential Search Advisory Committee (to hire the 5th President of GVSU), April 2018-February

2019

Research and Development Committee, Grand Valley State University, August 2017-May 2020

Brooks College Personnel Committee, Grand Valley State University, August 2017-May 2020

Search Committees Chair (multiple committees), Fall 2011-May 2017 (Six tenure track search committees, two AP search committee, PSS search committees for Secretary and Academic Coordinator)

Arabic Minor Task Force Chair, 2011-2012

Inclusion Advocate, Grand Valley State University, 2010-2018

Fulbright and Boren Selection and Interview Committees, Grand Valley State University, Fall 2011-present

Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies Personnel Committee (2009-2011)

Research & Development Committee (2010-2011 academic year)

Faculty Mentor for Medar Serrata (2009-2011)

Fall Arts Celebration Committee (Fall 2009)

Co-Host for Distinguished Lecturer (Fall 2009)

Middle East Politics Search Committee (Chair), Fall 2008.

Middle East Historian Search Committee, Fall 2008.

CLAS Associate Dean Search Committee, Fall 2008

Honors Coordinator Search Committee, Fall 2008.

Faculty Mentor for Don Anderson (2006-2011)

Intercultural Studies Faculty Development Grants Selection Committee (2007-2009)

University Academic Senate, Fall 2003-Winter 2008.

Vanderbush Award Selection Committee, 2005-2018

CLAS Diversity Committee, Winter 2005-Spring 2006

Faculty Advisor to “Arab Culture Club” student organization, Grand Valley State University, 1999-present.

Faculty Salary and Budget Committee, Grand Valley State University, August 2004-May 2005.

Arabic Summer Institute Committee, August 2005-present

MLL Colloquium Co-Coordinator, August 2005-2009

Intercultural Committee, Grand Valley State University, Summer 2004-March 2005.

Blackboard Evaluation Committee, Grand Valley State University, Summer 2003.

Translation Emphasis Planning Committee, Dept. of Modern Languages and Literatures, Grand Valley State University, 2002-2005.

Student Evaluations Committee, Dept. of Modern Languages and Literatures, Grand Valley State University, 2002-2003.

### **Other Professional Activities:**

#### *Memberships:*

- Phi Kappa Phi
- Modern Languages Association
- Middle East Studies Association Member
- American Oriental Society Member

### **Events Organized (all in collaboration with faculty and/or students):**

Arabic Film Festival (with Arab Culture Club), Fall 2014-present.

Languages Day Celebration, Winter 2014.

Fall Middle East Film Festival (2007-2010)

Distinguished Fall Arts Celebration Lecture (2009)

Model Arab League Conference, hosted by Grand Valley State University (leading the hosting from Winter 2007-Winter 2011)

Annual Winter Lecture in conjunction with the Model Arab League conference (Winter 2007-Winter 2011)

Annual Taste of the Arab World (from 2002-present, Winter—organized 14 times)

Annual Fall Lecture (Fall 2002-Fall 2005)

Lecture & Poetry Reading by Dr. Suzanne Stetkevych (Fall 2002)

**Community Service:**

“The Modern Middle East and Its Issues in the Coming Decade” (organized and sponsored by World Affairs Council of Western Michigan) with Jim Goode, Coeli Fitzpatrick, and Sebastian Maisel, Fall 2006.

“Faith Seeking Understanding Series: Islam” (sponsored by the Grand Rapids Area Center for Ecumenism) with Jim Goode and Coeli Fitzpatrick, Fall 2004.