

## ***Basma Jadayel Faour***

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## **Professional Profile**

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### **Summary of Qualifications**

- Over 20 years of professional experience in university teaching, research, community outreach and international consulting
- Enthusiastic, energetic, and dedicated professional with extensive experience in early childhood care and education
- Extensive background in teacher training
- Effective communicator with excellent planning, organizational and research skills
- Fluent in English and Arabic

## **Work History**

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### ***Academic/Teaching***

Associate Professor	Haigazian University, Lebanon	2016-
Assistant Professor	Haigazian University, Lebanon	2011- 2016
	Dhofar University, Sultanate of Oman	2008-2010
	Haigazian University, Lebanon	2006-2008
Director, Center for Teaching and Learning	Dhofar University, Sultanate of Oman	2008-2010
Coordinator of the Early and Elementary Education Department	Haigazian University, Lebanon	2007-2008
Lecturer	American University of Beirut, Lebanon	2005, 2007
	C & E American University Institute	2004-2005
Instructor	Lebanese American University, Lebanon	2001-2004
Assistant Instructor	Lebanese American University, Lebanon	1996-2000

Consultant	Higher Council of Childhood, Ministry of Social Affairs (Consultative Committee), Beirut, Lebanon	October 2014-present
	Princess Nora University, Saudi Arabia	February 2013- 2014
	Children of Nour Al-Hameed Association for the orphaned, Tripoli, Lebanon	August 2011-2013
	Dammam University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	December 2011-February 2012
	Mentor Arabia- Drug Prevention Program for Arab Children, Beirut, Lebanon	July 2011-2013
	UNESCO-Regional Office, Beirut, Lebanon	2006, 2010, 2011,2012, 2013-present
	UNICEF Beirut, Lebanon	2003
	Arab Resource Collective Beirut, Lebanon	2006-2010, 2013-
	Makassed Philanthropic Organization, Lebanon	2005, 2009
	American University of Beirut, Lebanon	2004, 2007
Preschool teacher	Hariri Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon	1996
	Saint Mary Orthodox College, Lebanon	1992-1993
Student Teacher	Montgomery College-Maryland	1991-1992
	American Community School-Lebanon	1995-1996

***Administrative***

Chair, The Faculty of Social and Behavioral Science	Haigazian University, Lebanon	2011-2015
Chair, Quality Assurance Board (QAB)	Dhofar University, Sultanate of Oman	2009-2010
Assistant to the Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences	Lebanese American University, Lebanon	1996- 2000
Assistant to the Director of	Lebanese American University,	2000-2003

the Teacher Training Institute    Lebanon

Teacher Trainer

Schools in Saudi Arabia, Dubai,  
Lebanon, and the Sultanate of Oman

1997-2012

## Professional Accomplishments

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### ***Chair, the Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS)***

- Managed the Faculty's academic and administrative affairs
- Proposed and monitored the annual budgets
- Reviewed and upgraded the academic quality of both undergraduate and graduate SBS programs
- Coordinated the faculty research and publication
- Served on various university committees

### ***Coordinator of the Early and Elementary Education Program***

- Planned and introduced courses
- Supervised curricular changes
- Advised 75 students on their academic major and careers
- Promoted the Department in schools and community
- Placed 50 student teachers majoring in early childhood and elementary education in various schools
- Designed the field placement handbook

### ***Associate Professor***

- Taught graduate courses: Education policy and formulation, curriculum design, and trends and issues in early and elementary education.
- Taught a number of undergraduate courses including Introduction to Early Childhood, Curriculum Planning in Early Childhood, Methods and Materials in Early Childhood, Observation of Early Childhood Classrooms, Teaching language Arts and Social Studies in Early Childhood, Foundations of Education, Instructional Media and technology, Practicum, Teaching Reading,
- Supervised student teachers in early childhood classrooms and mentored them in research projects
- Served as thesis advisor and thesis reader
- Served on the Oral Comprehensive Examination Committee

### ***Consultant***

- SAT 7 Madrasaty Project - a 90-minute program whose content focuses on basic Arabic, English, and math skills for out of school children.
- Member of the Consultative committee to the Higher Council of Childhood, Ministry of Social Affairs in Lebanon to develop a strategic plan and a national policy for early childhood.
- Consultant to Rafic Hariri University as an external reviewer to the Department of Education.

- Principal consultant for developing a website with resources for an Arab Community of Practice for Education Development – a joint project between UNESCO and the ARAB Thought Foundation (Tarbiyah 21-21 (تربية 21-21))
- Reviewer for a training manual “Hawerni” for preschool teachers, a joint project between UNESCO Regional Office and King Abdulaziz Center For National Dialogue
- Worked on an annotated bibliography on early childhood education in the Arab region, a joint project between Arab Resource Collective and the Arab League Educational, Cultural And Scientific Organisation (ALECSO)
- Worked as an external reviewer for quality assurance for the Early Childhood Education major at Princess Nora University, Saudi Arabia.
- Provided external review for a comprehensive study on Kindergarten training Centers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Status and Challenges.
- Steering Committee member of the Middle East Network on Innovative Teaching and Learning (MENIT) which approves granting of the funds offered by the German government to innovative education projects in four countries: Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Palestine.
- Developed course syllabi for the undergraduate program for early childhood education at Dammam University, Saudi Arabia.
- Interviewed by BBC Arabic on Education Curriculum and its impact on scientific progress” February 5, 2013
- Worked on developing policies and procedures and selection of personnel for an orphanage and following up on children’s progress.
- Coordinated the development of the Regional Arab Working Group on Early Childhood Care and Education
- Mapped early childhood program in the Arab region as part of research and advocacy
- Worked with United Nations organizations-UNICEF and UNESCO- on policy and advocacy issues pertaining to early childhood care and education
- Prepared a preschool teacher training manual that is used in Palestinian Camps across Lebanon
- Advised on issues related to policy making and school curriculum in Lebanon and Dubai
- Assessed and designed preschool programs for schools in Lebanon and Dubai
- Conducted comprehensive evaluation of a school principal
- Participated in a TV documentary series sponsored by UNICEF (Knowing the Child)
- Designed an Arabic preschool educational kit which won *first prize for best children’s production at the Arabic book fair in Beirut, Lebanon in 2010*

### **Teacher Trainer**

- Provided training on creative thinking at Princess Nora University, Saudi Arabia, November 12, 2012
- Provided training of trainers for parent education with UNICEF
- Provided a number of workshops for preschool and lower elementary teachers in Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, and Sultanate of Oman
- Presented numerous workshops on Curriculum Design, Children’s Literature, The Early Childhood Curriculum- Smooth Transition from K to E, Beyond the National Anthem- Community and Environment, The Teaching of Arabic- Reading and Writing, Charlotte’s Web- Books to Grow By, Task-Based Learning, The Kindergarten Dilemma, Start “Write”

### **Director, Center for Teaching and Learning**

The Center at Dhofar University received a commendation from the Oman Accreditation Council as part of the Quality Audit report in March 2010.

- Promoted and supported excellence in teaching and learning
- Evaluated quality standards in all DU academic and administrative units
- Provided services to university teaching through workshops, seminars, conferences, orientation programs for new faculty, publication of newsletter on instructional practices.
- Collaborated and consulted with faculty members from the University of Toronto for a series of workshops
- Provided individual consultation on teaching, including class organization, pedagogical approaches, assessment and classroom observation.
- Coordinated the development of academic standards among colleges and Foundation Programs in English, Math, and IT disciplines
- Designed guidelines for faculty on Student Academic Honesty
- Played a major role in coordinating the input from various self-study committees and disseminated the data into the self-study portfolio

## **Research and Publications**

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- Faour, B. (2015, September). Early Childhood Teacher Education Programs in Selected Private Universities in Lebanon. Journal of Educational Studies (Lebanese University)
- فاعور، ب، اسماعيل، ر، حبش، ز وشهاب، م. (2015) مهارات الحوار في الطفولة المبكرة دليل للمدرسين والعاملين في الطفولة المبكرة المادة المعرفية. مكتب اليونيسكو الاقليمي-بيروت
- فاعور، ب، اسماعيل، ر، حبش، ز وشهاب، م. (2015) مهارات الحوار في الطفولة المبكرة دليل للمدرسين والعاملين في الطفولة المبكرة . الانشطة التدريبية. مكتب اليونيسكو الاقليمي-بيروت
- Faour, B. (2014). An Annotated Bibliography on Arabic Resources in Early Childhood The Arab Program for Early Childhood Development (APECD) <http://araieq.alecso.org/apecd/?p=1450>
- Kaddoura, B., Faour, B., Makki, N., Safa, N. (2013) دليل معايير ممارسات العاملات في دور الحضانة Geoprojects Publishers: Beirut, Lebanon
- Faour, B. and Al Suwaigh, S. (August 2010). *Early Childhood in the Arab Countries: Status and Challenges Report submitted to UNESCO for the World conference on early childhood care and education, Moscow, Russia, 27-29 September 2010.*
- الصويغ، س. و فاعور، ب. (2010). الطفولة المبكرة في البلدان العربية: الواقع والتحديات. تقرير مقدم الى المؤتمر العربي الاقليمي للطفولة المبكرة في البلدان العربية. مكتب اليونيسكو الاقليمي-بيروت -
- Faour, B. (March 14, 2010). *Mapping early childhood services and programmes in the Arab Region*, Background Study for Arab Resource Collective and Open Society Institute.
- Faour, B. (April 2009). *Active Learning: Recipe for Success*, Qatr Al-Nada, issue 14. Arab Resource Collective (in Arabic).

- Faour, B. and Rizk, R. (2007). *Active Learning Pack: a guide for KG teachers. Concepts and activities for children 3-6*. Beirut, Lebanon. Welfare Association and the Arab Resource Collective (in Arabic).
- Faour, B. & al. (2006). *Early childhood care and education in four Arab countries*. Background paper, EFA Global Monitoring Report 2007. UNESCO
- *Early Childhood Teachers in Lebanon: Beliefs and Practices*. (2004). Doctoral thesis. University of Leicester, England.

## External Reviewer

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- External Reviewer to a manual دليل متابعة وتطوير مراكز الطفولة for the Child Care Association, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia December 2015
- Reviewer for the January, 2015 issue - for Early Years: an international research journal.
- “Study of Early Childhood Teacher Training Centers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Status and Challenges; 2013-2014  
دراسة حول مراكز تدريب معلمات رياض الاطفال بالمملكة العربية السعودية: الواقع والتحديات. وزارة التربية والتعليم  
مع برنامج الخليج العربي للتنمية AGFUND

## Research Interests

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Early childhood policies in the Middle Eastern countries, early childhood curriculum, teachers' beliefs and practices, issues of teaching and learning.

## Conference Presentations

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- Training for the National Focal Points (NFP) on ACOPED at UNESCO Regional Office, Beirut ,May 4 and 5, 2015
- “Early Childhood Teacher Preparation Programs in Selected Private Universities in Lebanon” at International Conference Early Childhood: Care and Education New Trends, hosted by the Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon 28-29 November 2014
- The Use of ACOPED and Multifunctional Learning Center and e- library, UNESCO Beirut Office – 26 November 2014
- The Use of Electronic Resources ACOPED- Tarbiyah<sup>21</sup> to trainers of the Center for Educational Research and Development-CERD in collaboration with UNESCO Regional Office-Beirut, Lebanon, October 14, 2014
- “the ACOPED Initiative”, The Regional Celebration of the Week of Education for All - UNESCO Beirut Office, May- 22-23 2014 Beirut, Lebanon

- “Challenges facing pre-service and in-service teacher programs” at the regional workshop on early childhood education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century organized by ALECSO, ARC and Queen Rania Teacher Academy, December 18-20, 2013, Amman, Jordan
- “Establishing an Arab Community of Practitioners: Tarbiyah 21 at the Seminar “Quality Education for All: Achievements and Challenges, April 30, 2013 UNESCO, Beirut Office. Beirut, Lebanon
- “The Four Cornerstones of Early Childhood: Strong Foundation for Young Children in the Arab States” at The International Conference on Early Childhood Education: “Secure Childhood: Promising Future” November 12-17, 2012 at Princess Nora University, Saudi Arabia
- Promoting ECCE Policies in the Arab States” April 25-26, 2012 – organized by UNESCO Regional Office Beirut, Crown Plaza Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon
- *Building a Network for ECCE in Arab Countries* at the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Meeting of Arab Region Experts, June 1-2, 2011, UNESCO Beirut, Lebanon.
- *Chair of a session and presenter -Linking Curriculum and Assessment in the Early Childhood.* World forum on Early Care and Education, May 3-6, 2011, Hawai’I, USA
- *Towards promoting cooperation and networking in early childhood in the Arab world.* The Arab Regional Conference on Education and Early Childhood Care: Policies and Programs" September 20-22, 2010 Damascus, Syria
- *Mapping early childhood services and programmes in the Arab Region. Advancing the ECCD Agenda- Regional Consultative Workshop, March 22-25, 2010, Amman, Jordan.*
- *Debono’s Six Thinking Hats. January 18, 2010. Royal Air Force of Oman, Salalah, Sultanate of Oman*
- *Status of Arab Women in Higher Education, June 1-2 2009. Dhofar University, Sultanate of Oman*
- *Teacher Education Programs and Global Education: July 1, 2008. Part of Global Leaders for Young Children Lebanon Project, Crown Plaza, Beirut, Lebanon*

**Research Poster Session**

*Early Childhood in Lebanon: Teachers’ beliefs and practices* at the 2006 NAEYC Annual Conference November 10, 2006, Atlanta, GA

## Conferences Attended

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- Annual Conference “Educational Innovation through Seamless Transition from School to University- Hariri Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon, November 26, 2015
- Workshop تحليل وضع الإتجاهات الإستراتيجية للطفولة المبكرة في لبنان- Lancaster Tamar, Hazmieh November 10, 2015
- Workshop on Enhancing Science and Mathematics Teacher Education in Lebanon to Meet The Language Challenge - March 27, 2015 at the American University of Beirut, AUB, Lebanon.
- Fifth International Conference on Effective Teaching and Learning in Higher Education” February 6 & 7, 2015 at the American University of Beirut, AUB, Lebanon.
- Gender Equality for Higher Achievements, Expand your Horizon, World Learning, Le Commodore, Beirut, Lebanon, January 21, 2015
- International Conference Early Childhood: Care and Education New Trends, hosted by the Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon 28-29 November 2014
- Educational Innovation through Community Service, Hariri Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon November 21, 2014
- The Regional Celebration of the Week of Education for All UNESCO Beirut Office, May- 22- 23 May 2014 Beirut, Lebanon
- Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development: A Message from Lebanon to the World, Phoenicia Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon May 20, 2014
- Lebanon Education Summit, May10-11, 2014, Crown Plaza, Beirut, Lebanon
- The Middle East Network on Innovative Teaching and Learning -MENIT National Meetings, 26 April 2014, Beirut, Lebanon
- The regional workshop on early childhood education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century organized by ALECSO, ARC and Queen Rania Teacher Academy, December 18-20, 2013, Amman, Jordan
- Seminar on “Quality Education for All: Achievements and Challenges, April 30, 2013 UNESCO, Beirut Office. Beirut, Lebanon
- The International Conference on Early Childhood Education: «Secure Childhood.. Promising Future», November 12-17, 2012 Princess Nora University, Saudi Arabia,
- Supporting Gender Equity in Education: Removing Gender Stereotyping from School textbooks and Curriculum: Organized by UNESCO Regional Office and NCERD, June 14, 2012, Beirut, Lebanon



- “Promoting ECCE Policies in the Arab States” April 25-26, 2012 – organized by UNESCO Regional Office Beirut, Crown Plaza Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon
- *Building a Network for ECCE in Arab Countries* at the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Meeting of Arab Region Experts, June 1-2, 2011, UNESCO Beirut. Beirut, Lebanon
- World Forum on Early Care and Education, May 3-6, 2011, Hawai’i, USA
- *Towards promoting cooperation and networking in early childhood in the Arab world. The Arab Regional Conference on Education and Early Childhood Care: Policies and Programs” September 20-22, 2010* Damascus, Syria
- *Advancing the ECCD Agenda- Regional Consultative Workshop, March 22-25, 2010, Amman, Jordan.*
- *Status of Arab Women in Higher Education, June 1-2 2009. Dhofar University, Sultanate of Oman*
- *Teacher Education Programs and Global Education: July 1, 2008. Part of Global Leaders for Young Children Lebanon Project, Crown Plaza, Beirut, Lebanon*
- “*Children’s Literature in Lebanon*”. September 3-4, 2007, UNESCO Palace, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2006 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Annual Conference, November 10, 2006, Atlanta, GA, USA
- *The Status of the Child in Lebanon*, with UNICEF June 12, 2003, Beirut, Lebanon UN House-Beirut
- - *Language and the Human Spirit*, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Conference, April 12-16, 2002 Salt Lake City- Utah, USA
- *Teacher Preparation in the Arab World*, November 2001, Dunes Hotel - Beirut, Lebanon
- *Humanizing Education* Eighth Annual Conference on Global Education-, May 18, 2001, Lebanese American University (LAU), Beirut, Lebanon

## Media

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- Radio Talk- Interviewed by BBC Arabic on Education Curriculum and its impact on scientific progress” February 5, 2013  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/arabic/tvandradio/>
- Newspaper Interview with Al-Riyadh Newspaper, in Saudi Arabia.  
في اليوم الثالث للمؤتمر الدولي للطفولة المبكرة بجامعة الأميرة نورة- د. فاعور: نسب الرسوب والتسرب الدراسي مؤشر سلبي على عدم كفاءة البيئة التعليمية  
<http://www.alriyadh.com/2012/11/15/article784451.html>  
November 11, 2013

## Awards

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- Dean's Honour List - Montgomery College- 1991-1992
- Lebanese American University Alumni Award for Outstanding academic achievement (1994-5)
- Highest distinction for BA graduates at Lebanese American University - 1996- Lebanon

## Education

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Doctorate of Education	University of Leicester, England	2004
Bachelor of Arts- Education With High Distinction	Lebanese American University, Lebanon	1996
Teaching Diploma	Lebanese American University, Lebanon	1996
Child Development Associate	Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland	1991

## References

Available upon request