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## EMPLOYMENT

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**Assistant Professor**, Department of English Language and Literature, Cairo University  
(Aug. 2020- present)

**IBM Certified English Instructor & Job Skills Trainer**, New Horizons Training Center  
(Jun. 2010- Jul. 2012)

**Teacher of English**, Department of English Language and Literature, Cairo University  
(Oct. 2009- Jul. 2012)

## EDUCATION

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### **PhD in English and the Teaching of English (May 2020)**

Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho

**Dissertation:** "The Interrogative Mode: A Practical Theory of Comics Criticism"

### **MA in English Literature (May 2015)**

University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming

**Thesis:** "Interweaving the Threads of Ecofeminism and Reviving the Theory through its Application to Two Cross-Cultural Novels"

### **BA in English Literature and Language (June 2009)**

Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt

**Cumulative Ranking:** Graduated Second in Class / Very Good with Honors  
(equivalent to *magna cum laude*)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles

Amin, Noran. "Cairo: Banning Reality and Publishing Fantasy," *Zaytoon* 1 (2015): 94-115.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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Amin, Noran. "The SuperPOWers of the Interrogative Mode." *Research on Teaching with Comics*, edited by Robert Aman and Lars Wallner.

Submitted and Accepted: Nov. 2020

Amin, Noran. "The Oriental Superheroes: Political Questions in G. Willow Wilson's *Cairo: A Graphic Novel* and *Ms. Marvel*." *International Journal of Comic Art*.  
Submitted and Accepted: Nov. 2020

Amin, Noran. "Interview with G. Willow Wilson." *Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts*.  
Submitted and Accepted: Feb. 2019

Amin, Noran. "Who Owns Her Womb? An Ecofeminist Study of Margaret Atwood's Novel *The Handmaid's Tale* and Salah Abu Seif's Movie '*Al Zawja Al Thaneya*.'" *Cairo Studies in English*.  
Expected Submission: Mar. 2021

Amin, Noran. "Independent America has *Mommy Issues*." *Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts*.  
Expected Submission: Mar. 2021

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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**"The SuperPOWers of the Interrogative Mode" (Feb. 2021)**  
The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Conference (SWPACA)  
Southwest Popular/ American Culture Association, Virtual Conference

**"The Superpowers of the Interrogative Mode" (Apr. 2020)**  
1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Graduate Research Symposium, 3 Minute Thesis Category  
Idaho State University, Virtual Symposium

**"The Interrogative Mode: An Interpretive Tool that Gives Comics Teachers Superpowers!" (Mar. 2020)**  
The 41<sup>st</sup> International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts (ICFA)  
Orlando, Florida (cancelled due to COVID-19)

**"The Superpowers of the Interrogative Mode" (Mar. 2020)**  
The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Intermountain Graduate Conference: "A New Frontier"  
Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho (cancelled due to COVID-19)

**"The Superpowers of the Interrogative Mode" (Feb. 2020)**  
Idaho's 2020 Statewide 3 Minute Thesis Graduate Student Competition (3MT)  
Presentation Video URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eO3TRBecfQY&t=8s>  
Boise, Idaho

**"The Oriental Superheroes: A Discussion of the Political Questions Posed in G. Willow Wilson's *Cairo: A Graphic Novel* and the *Ms. Marvel* Comic Books" (Mar. 2019)**  
The 40<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts (ICFA)  
Orlando, Florida

**“The Oriental Superheroes: A Discussion of the Political Questions Posed in G. Willow Wilson’s *Cairo: A Graphic Novel* and the *Ms. Marvel* Comic Books”**

**(Mar. 2019)**

Graduate Research Symposium, 3 Minute Thesis Category

Presentation Video URL: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDs-1A9t\\_xo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDs-1A9t_xo)

Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho

**“Who Owns Her Womb? An Ecofeminist Study of Margaret Atwood’s Novel *The Handmaid’s Tale* and Salah Abu Seif’s Movie *The Second Wife ‘Al Zawja Al Thaneya’*”**

**(Mar. 2018)**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Intermountain Graduate Conference: “Endeavor to Transcend”

Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho

**“Independent America has *Mommy Issues*: A Study of Shirley Jackson’s *The Haunting of Hill House* and *Black Mirror*’s ‘Playtest’”**

**(Mar. 2018)**

The 39<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts (ICFA)

Orlando, Florida

**“Cairo: Banning Reality and Publishing Fantasy”**

**(Mar. 2015)**

Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern and North African Studies

University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

**“Assessing the Non-classic Consultation: Did Our Methods Work?”**

**(Mar. 2014)**

Colorado and Wyoming Writing Tutors Conference: “Making It Stick!”

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

Co-presenter

**“Challenges of Teaching Arabic as a Second Language”**

**(Dec. 2013)**

Internationalizing the Arabic Language Conference

Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt

**“Living, Teaching, and Studying in Wyoming”**

**(Dec. 2012)**

Fulbright FLTA Conference.

Washington, D.C.

**“Democratizing Knowledge and the Promise of Web 2.0”**

**(Oct. 2012)**

NNER: National Network for Educational Renewal Conference

Denver, Colorado

Co-presenter

## **PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY LECTURES**

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**“Graduate College Search: Online Webinar with US Alumni”**

**(Jun. 2020)**

AMIDEAST Egypt, EducationUSA

**“Research Writing: A Free Online Webinar”**

**(May. 2020)**

AMIDEAST Egypt, EducationUSA

**“Graduate Programs in the Department of English at Idaho State University:  
Informational Webinar for Cairo University Students”**

**(Dec. 2019)**

Dept. of English, Idaho State University

Co-presenter

**Presentation on Fulbright Programs (International Education Week)**

**(Nov. 2019)**

International Programs Office, Idaho State University

**Public Lecture on the movie *God Grew Tired of Us* (World Refugee Day)**

**(June 2019)**

BRIDGES Nonprofit Organization, Idaho State University

**Reading of my Short Story “The Fedora Hat” (Open Mic Event)**

Sigma Tau Delta Chapter, Dept. of English, Idaho State University

**Fulbright Informational Panel**

**(Feb. 2019)**

International Programs Office, Idaho State University

**“Scholarship on the Road: The Fulbright Experience” (International Education Week)**

**(Nov. 2018)**

International Programs Office, Idaho State University

**Lecture on Nawal El Saadawi and Egyptian Feminism (Postcolonial Literature Class)**

**(Oct. 2018)**

Department of English, Idaho State University

**“Middle Eastern Women in America: Challenges, Experiences, and Media” (Women’s  
History Month)**

**(Feb. 2018)**

Gender Resource Center, Idaho State University

**Work-in-progress public presentation on my prospective novel (Humanities Café)  
(Sep. 2016)**

Department of History, Idaho State University

**TV APPEARANCES**

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**“Local Group Helps Refugees Assimilate into Idaho” (Interview)  
(Jan. 2020)**

Interview Video URL: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_XzjbGzNQY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_XzjbGzNQY)  
KPVI News

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Assistant Professor of English (2020- Present)**

Dept. of English Language and Literature, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt

**Writing Clinic Consultant (2019-2020)**

Graduate School, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID

**Graduate Teaching Assistant (2015-2020)**

Dept. of English, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID

**Writing Center Consultant/ Graduate Assistant (2013-2015)**

UW Writing Center, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

**Teacher of Arabic: Fulbright Teaching Assistantship (2012-2013)**

Global and Area Studies Dept., University of Wyoming Laramie, WY

**Voice, Accent & Soft Skills Trainer (2010-2012)**

New Horizons Training Center, Cairo, Egypt

**Teacher of English as a Second Language (2009-2012)**

Department of English, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt

**COURSES TAUGHT**

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**Cairo University**

Fourth Year Criticism: “Theory & Practice” (ENGL 415): 1 Section

Third Year Drama: “Modern Dramatic Movements” (ENGL 312): 1 Section

English as a Second Language: 7 Sections

English Comprehension and Composition: 7 Sections

**Idaho State University**

Selected Topics in Genre: “Comics” (ENGL 3327): 1 Section

Critical Reading and Writing (ENGL 1102): 3 Sections

First Year Composition (ENGL 1101): 7 Sections

First Year Composition Plus (ENGL 1101P): 7 Sections

**University of Wyoming**

Modern Standard Arabic (ARBC 1010): 1 Section

Modern Standard Arabic (ARBC 1020): 1 Section

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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**Travel Award**, Dept. of English, Idaho State University (2020)

**Second Place: 3 Minute Thesis Presentation Competition**, Idaho State University (2019)

**Travel Award**, Graduate School, Idaho State University (2019)

**Graduate Assistantship**, Dept. of English, Idaho State University (2019-2020)

**Ph.D. Fellowship**, Dept. of English, Idaho State University (2018-2019)

**Travel Award**, Dept. of English, Idaho State University (2018)

**Graduate Assistantship**, Dept. of English, Idaho State University (2015-2018)

**Eleanor Kambouris Award**, University of Wyoming (2014)

**Graduate Assistantship**, Dept. of English, University of Wyoming (2013-2015)

**Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship (FLTA) Scholarship** (2012)

**Teaching Assistantship**, Dept. of English, Cairo University (2010)

**Graduation from BA with High Distinction: Very Good With Honors** (2009)

**TEACHING AWARDS**

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**Recipient of the English Graduate Student Teaching Award**, Dept. of English, Idaho State University (2018-2019)

**Nominee for the Ph.D. Outstanding Teaching Award**, Dept. of English, Idaho State University (2018)

**TRANSLATION EXPERIENCE**

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**Department of History, Idaho State University (Summer 2017, Summer 2018, Summer 2019)**

Translated works from Arabic to English for Prof. Zackery M. Heern's book project on Shi'i activism and British imperialism in Iraq.

**ADDITIONAL STUDIES**

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**Fulbright FLTA Study Program, University of Wyoming (2012-2013)**

Studied 4 non-degree courses: American Civilization, Feminist Theories, French, The History of Oil.

**Pre-MA Program, Department of English, Cairo University (2009-2010)**

Studied 6 graduate level courses required by the Dept. of English prior to starting my MA.

## **SERVICE**

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**Graduate Council:** Student Representative  
Idaho State University (2019-2020)

**Graduate Dean Search Committee:** Student Representative  
Idaho State University (2019-2020)

**The Global Pocatello Association (GPA):** President & Co-Founder  
Idaho State University (2018-2020)

**Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society:** Vice President  
Idaho State University (2018-2020)

**English Graduate Students Association (EGSA):** Social Events Organizer  
Idaho State University (2018-2019)

**English Graduate Students Association (EGSA):** Vice President  
Idaho State University (2017-2018)

**Graduate Committee Member:** Graduate Students Representative  
Idaho State University (2017-2018)

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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**The Idaho Foodbank:** Volunteer  
Pocatello, ID (Summer 2020)

**Pocatello Branch NAACP:** Volunteer  
Pocatello, ID (2019-2020)

**Pocatello 2Great4Hate:** Member & Volunteer  
Pocatello, ID (2019-2020)

**B.R.I.D.G.E.S NPO:** Member & Volunteer  
Pocatello, ID (2019-2020)

**The Global Pocatello Association (GPA):** President & Co-Founder  
Pocatello, ID (2018-2020)

## **LANGUAGES**

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**Arabic:** Native Language

**English:** Fluent

**French:** Proficient

## REFERENCES

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### **Susan Aronstein**

Professor of English  
Department of English  
University of Wyoming  
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### **Brian Attebery**

Professor of English; Editor, Journal of the Fantastic in Arts  
Department of English and Philosophy  
Idaho State University  
Email: [attebria@isu.edu](mailto:attebria@isu.edu)

### **Laurence P. Gebhardt**

President of B.R.I.D.G.E.S NPO  
Captain US Navy (Retired)  
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