

Curriculum Vitae

REEM HARB

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Education

- 2014-2016 **MA in Middle Eastern Studies**, University of Texas at Austin
Thesis: Muta' Safadi and The Generation of Fate: A Study of an Arab Existentialist
- 2007-2011 **BA in English Literature** (High Distinction), American University of Beirut
Minor in Political Studies
Minor in Philosophy

Professional Experience

Jan 2016 – Present: Instructor

American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon

- I am currently teaching beginner Farsi language courses.

Aug 2013 - Jun 2014: Senior Resettlement Assistant

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Beirut, Lebanon

- Identified cases eligible for resettlement consideration, interviewed and counseled asylum seekers and refugees, and drafted written assessments for resettlement submission.
- Assisted team leader in planning for missions to field offices, and trained new staff on case identification and assessment. Co-developed and maintained a statistical reporting system for all cases considered for resettlement.
- Communicated and liaised with various internal units and external partners both in Beirut and field offices over case referrals.
- Acted as Officer in Charge of the Identification Unit for one month during which I managed day to day activities, reviewed identification assessments from caseworkers in Beirut and three field offices and endorsed cases for resettlement processing. Wrote weekly and monthly reports.

Oct 2012 - Aug 2013: Registration Assistant

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Beirut, Lebanon

- Interviewed and counseled asylum seekers and refugees and identified vulnerable persons for referral to other units and partners.
- Participated in support missions to field offices.

Mar 2011 - Sep 2012: Reporter/Translator

The Daily Star, Beirut, Lebanon

- Investigated and reported on issues facing Lebanon in the fields of public health, education and politics.

- Translated documents, recording and news and feature articles from Arabic to English. Interpreted for non-Arabic speaking colleagues during interviews and assisted in their work.

Grants and Awards

- Jun 2011 **Penrose Award** for the outstanding graduating student in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, American University of Beirut.
- 2014-2016 **Fulbright Scholarship** to pursue a Master's Degree in Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, U.S. Department of State.

Other Activities

Human Rights: Co-founder of Syrian People Solidarity Group in Austin, Texas, a collective of university students and community activists committed to raising awareness on the war in Syria and its humanitarian disaster, particularly the plight of Syrian refugees. The group has raised awareness through information stands on and off campus, social media, film screenings, and rallies.

Languages

Arabic, Native

English, Near native

Persian, Professional working proficiency

French, Limited working proficiency