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## EDUCATION

- 2003 – 2006      **PhD in Quality, Arizona State University, USA** – Sponsored by the Fulbright scholarship Program. Degree Class: GPA = 3.8  
**Subjects Studied:**  
 Advanced Quality Control, Simulating Stochastic Systems, Information Systems Development (Oracle, Visual Basic.Net), Operations Research, Enterprise Modeling, Engineering Statistics, Design of Experiments, Regression Analysis, Mathematical Statistics, Six Sigma Methodology, Generalized Linear Models, Response Surface Methodology, Research Methods, Six Sigma Capstone Project, Data Mining
- 2000-2001      **MSc in Project Management, University of Birmingham, UK**  
 Sponsored by Karim Rida Said Foundation. Degree class: Distinction / First class  
**Subjects Studied:**  
 Manufacturing Operations Management, Engineering Project Management and Planning, Information Systems Development (Oracle Database Management System), Research Methods, Professional Skills, Management Accounting, Managerial Economics, Total Quality Management, Strategic Management, JAVA Programming, Simulation and Expert Systems
- 1997-2000      **BEng Industrial Engineering and Business Studies, University of Birmingham, UK.** Degree Class: Upper Second Class Honours  
**Subjects Studied:**  
 Engineering Science, Process and Metrology, Manufacturing Systems, Computational Techniques, Operations Management, Total Design, Industrial Automation, Mathematics for Manufacturing Engineering, Human Resource Management, Marketing, Accounting, Business Organisation, Total Quality Management, International Business, Ergonomics
- 1996-1997      **Foundation Year in Science and Engineering, University of Leeds, UK**  
 Mathematics, Physics, English. Degree Class: First class
- 1993-1996      **Ramallah Friends School, Ramallah, Palestine**

## EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

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| April 2017 to current          | Assistant Professor at Arab American University- teaching Master of Quality Management  |
| July 2011 to current           | Middle East Regional Director and Director Consultant at Process Management International (Middle East), Dubai, United Arab Emirates  |
| October 10, 2009 to July, 2011 | Director, Quality Improvement Fund, a World Bank and European Commission funded program which targets the tertiary education institutions in Palestine.                     |
| Jan. 29, 2008 to Oct 10, 2009  | Director General of the National Institute for Administration (NIA), Palestine.<br>Director General of the National Institute for Information Technology (NIIT), Palestine. |
| Jan. 02, 2007 to Jan 1, 2008   | Postdoctoral Fellow at NASA Langley Research Centre, Virginia, USA.   |
| July 10, 2006 – Jan. 15, 2007  | Teaching Assistant for the Six Sigma Black Belt and the Six Sigma Green Belt courses - Arizona State University, Arizona, USA   |
| Aug. 23, 2005 - May 10, 2006   | Teaching Assistant for the Engineering Statistics Course - Arizona State University, Arizona, USA   |
| Aug. 20, 2004 - May 10, 2005   | Teaching Assistant for the Advanced Quality Control Course - Arizona State University, Arizona, USA   |
| Nov. 10, 2001 - Aug 1, 2003    | Project Manager at the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR).  |
| June 04 – Sep. 07, 2001        | Continuous Improvement Project Engineer at MG-Rover Group, Longbridge, Birmingham, UK.  |
| Aug. 01 - Oct 01, 2000         | General Manager at G.M. Profile Company, Wooden Profile and Frames, Palestine.  |

## *Training, Certifications, and Activities*

- 2011 to current: I have delivered several training programs and consultancy services in the areas of Lean Six Sigma, Process Improvement and Excellence, Operational Excellence, Leadership, Project Management, and Train the Trainer to many companies in the Middle East.
- July 2013: Participated in a Negotiation Skills Master Class Training Program, Dubai.
- January -August 2011: **Moderator and Trainer, Black Belt Six Sigma Training Course**, Palestine Institute for Financial and Banking Studies (PIFBS) and Arizona State University. The trainees were senior employees from the Banking Sector, the Industrial Sector, Government Sector, and the NGOs Sector.
- September -November 2010: **Trainer, Green Belt Six Sigma Training Course**, Palestine Institute for Financial and Banking Studies (PIFBS). The trainees were senior employees from both the Banking Sector, the Insurance Sector, Government Sector, and the NGOs Sector.
- June - July 2010: **Trainer, Total Quality Management**, European Palestinian Institute. The trainees were quality managers from highly reputable industrial companies.
- May - June 2010: **Trainer, Green Belt Six Sigma Training Course**, Palestine Institute for Financial and Banking Studies (PIFBS). The trainees were senior employees from both the Banking Sector as well as from industrial companies.
- February 2010: **Trainer, Introduction to Six Sigma**, Palestine Institute for Financial and Banking Studies (PIFBS). The trainees were employees from Palestinian Banks.
- February 2010: **Trainer, Total Quality Management**, Palestine Institute for Financial and Banking Studies (PIFBS). The trainees were employees from Al-Quds Bank.
- December 2009: **Trainer, Introduction to Six Sigma**, Palestine Institute for Financial and Banking Studies (PIFBS). The trainees were the managers of PIFBS.
- March 2009: **Trainer, Quality Control and Management Course**, National Institute for Administration (NIA). The trainees included quality engineers from some of the largest companies in Palestine including Coca Cola, Al- Jebrini Dairy & Food Industries, and Meat Land for Food Industries.
- April 2008: **Trainer, Statistical Quality Control**, USAID, Union of Palestinian Pharmaceutical Manufacturers. The trainees are 30 fresh university graduates include pharmacists, biologists, and chemists.
- March 2008: **Trainer, Statistical Quality Control**, USAID, Palestinian Federation of Industries, the trainees are 60 fresh university graduates with different engineering specializations.
- March 2008: **Trainer, Supply Chain Management and Production Management**, USAID, Union of Stone and Marble Industry. The trainees are 60 fresh university graduates with different specializations.
- April 2007: **ISO 9001:2000 Lead Auditor Certificate**, AQS Management Systems, USA.
- September 2005: Graduate Certificate in Statistics, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
- July 2005: **Six Sigma Black Belt Certification**, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
- February 11-15, 2004: “Fulbright Foreign Student Washington Seminar: The Role of the Individual in Civil Society / The New Political Process – Online Democracy” Attended this seminar which was funded by the US Department of State.
- A member of the American Society for Quality (ASQ).
- Associate Member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers (AMIEE).
- 1998-1999. Treasurer of the International Student Standing Committee, which is responsible for all the international societies in the University of Birmingham, and also runs activities for international students.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & FUNDED SEMINARS**

- 05.2006 – Earned the title “Juran Fellow” through becoming a finalist for the Juran Fellowship Program (2006) – The Juran Centre for Leadership in Quality, University of Minnesota.
- 09.2005 – 06.2006: awarded a full tuition waiver from the Graduate College at Arizona State University
- 03, 2005: I was awarded the Graduate Tuition Fellowship Award (\$1,200) from the Graduate College at Arizona State University due to my excellent academic achievements.
- 06, 2004 and 12, 2004: Earned a place on the list of student’s receiving Departmental Academic Commendation due to receiving a high GPA. The list can be accessed at [www.eas.asu.edu/~ie/people/students.html](http://www.eas.asu.edu/~ie/people/students.html)
- 08.2003- 07.2005: “Fulbright Scholarship Award” United States Department of State, administered by America-Mideast Educational & Training Services, Inc. (AMIDEAST)-Full scholarship for my PhD studies in Industrial Engineering at Arizona State University.
- 04.2002: “Karim Rida Said Foundation Prize : Second Prize for Academic Excellence 2001”, British Council
- 2000-2001: “Karim Rida Said Foundation Scholarship” British Council (UK) - Full scholarship for the Master program in Engineering Project Management at the University of Birmingham.

- 2000-2001: “Loughborough University Development Trust Alumni International Scholarship”- A special merit-based Scholarship of £2,000.
- Summer 2000: “Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs”- Full sponsorship for a course entitled Research Skills.

## SKILLS

- **Management and Communication Skills:** Team Building, Leadership and Presentation skills developed through a course by Pershore College. Able to work on own initiative and as part of a team.
- **Computing:** A comprehensive knowledge of Microsoft Office including Word Processing, Excel, and PowerPoint. Good understanding of Oracle Database Management Systems, Visual Basic.Net, SLAM Simulation Program, Fortran Programming Package, Java Programming, Microsoft Project, CS Project Professional, Minitab, Pascal, Design Expert, JMP Program, and Matlab
- **Languages:** Excellent understanding of English and Arabic and basic knowledge of French and Hebrew

## PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Almimi, AA, Kulahci, M, and Montgomery, DC (2008). Follow Up Designs to Resolve Confounding in Split-Plot Experiments. *Journal of Quality Technology*, 40 (2), pages 154 – 166.
- Almimi, AA, Kulahci, M, and Montgomery, DC (2007). Estimation of Missing Observations in Two-level Split-plot Designs . *Journal of Quality and Reliability Engineering International*, 24 (2), pages 127-152.
- Almimi, AA, Kulahci, M, and Montgomery, DC. (2009) Checking the Adequacy of Fit of Models from Split-Plot Designs. *Journal of Quality Technology*, 41 (3), pages 272-284.
- Almimi, AA, Kulahci, M, and Montgomery, DC. Follow Up Designs to Resolve Confounding in Split-Plot Experiments. *Research in Engineering and Applied Sciences Symposium*, 2005. p. 1-6.

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