

# Curriculum Vitae

## Personal Data

- Name: Amjad Qourshah
- D.O.B. : 24-12-1967
- Nationality: Jordanian
- Marital status: Married (with four daughters and one son )
- Address: Department of Foundations of Religion \_ Faculty of Shari'ah (Islamic studies), and department for the Study of Islam in the Contemporary World (DSICW) in English, Jordan University , Amman , Jordan

## Recent positions

- Associate Professor in comparative religions and Christian –Muslim relations at the faculty of Islamic studies Jordan University
- Ex-Member of the *Higher Council for Media*
- Member of the *Royal Consultative Committee for Education*
- A member of the *Jordan Islamic Scholars League* - A founding member
- A member in the *Circassian Charity Association*/The Center
- A councilor at the *Amman Shariah Court*.
- *Ex-Assistant Dean* for the Faculty Shariah for *Quality Affairs*/University of Jordan
- Former member in the board of editors at the Cultural Magazine issued by the University of Jordan

## Education / Qualifications / Awards

- ❖ PhD, Birmingham University, UK, Department of Theology, Major field of specialization: Comparative religions and Christian-Muslim relations. Thesis Title (A Muslim's Perspective towards Hans Kung's Concept of Global Ethic). Awarded Jan. 2003
- ❖ MA, Jordan University, Amman Jordan, Department of Foundations of Religion, Faculty Islamic Studies, Major field of Specialization: Qur'anic Exegeses (interpretation), Theses Subject: (the miraculous nature of the Language of the Qur'an). Awarded: Jan. 1997
- ❖ BA, Jordan University, Amman Jordan, Department of Foundations of Religion, Faculty of Islamic Studies, 132 Credit hours with focusing on the sciences relate to Qur'an, Sunnah (prophetic traditions) and Islamic faith. Awarded: 1989.
- ❖ High School, Shukri Sha'sha'ah, Ministry of Education, Amman, Jordan, Ranked the tenth in the country on the national level, Art Division /Males.

## Academic Work Experiences

- ❖ Feb. 2003 – To date: Associate professor, faculty of Sharie'ah, Jordan University, lecturer for Courses of Comparative religions, Islamic faith and Islamic culture (in both Arabic and English). And science of Qur'anic recitation. For BA Students, and lectures for the courses of *Islam and Interfaith dialogue, Islam and contemporary issues, Islamic Sects, Heavenly religions, Comparative Religion, Orientalism, issues in Islamic creed, the spread of Islam* for MA Students
- ❖ 2000 -2002: Teacher for Arabic Language for British citizens, City College, Birmingham, UK.
- ❖ 1993 -1995: Teacher for Islamic Education – Jubilee school (especial school for gifted and talented students), Noor al-Husain Foundation, Amman, Jordan
- ❖ 1989 – 1991: Teacher for Islamic Education, Prince Hamzah High School, Amman, Jordan.

## **Administrative Work Experience**

- ❖ 2004 – 2005: Vice dean for development Affairs, faculty of Islamic Studies, Jordan University.

## **Researches & Academic Production**

- A Muslim's Perspective Towards Hans Kung's Concept of Global Ethic- PhD
- The Miraculous Aspect of the Language of the Qur'an through prepositions MA
- Testing the objectivity of Orientalists from Jewish and Christian backgrounds in what pertains to Islam. William Montgomery Watt as a case study (joint research with Dr Sawsan Hakouz)
- Al-Imam Al Shafi's views about some Pre-Islamic Traditions A Presentation and an Analysis a Joint Research with Prof. Omar AlFijjawi and Dr Laila Al-Omari
- The *Mutawatir* (Consensually agreed upon its authenticity), Qur'anic Recitations and their impact on Scientific Inimitability of the Qur'an, a joint research with Prof. Sulaiman Al-Duqour
- The Impact of the Relations between Christian Missionary Movements and Western Colonialism and Orientalism on the Western Calls for Dialogue Between Islam and Western Christianity
- Critical and analytical study for the methodologies of responding to Atheism after the revolution of internet and social Media (in the process of publishing)
- Revelation in the writings of the sciences of the Qur'an, from early writings eras until the present time- In English- (in the process of publishing) -joint research with Dr Sawsan Hakouz.
- The Methodology of the Qur'an in reducing the crime of theft . (in the process of publishing) -joint research with Dr Sawsan Hakouz-
- Darwinism and its role in supporting Atheism after the revolution of scientific research (currently in progress)

## **Research Interests**

- Doubts of Atheism with regard to the rejecting of the existence of God and the modern academic , scientific and logical ways of how to refute them

- The relation between modernism and the hermeneutics of the religious texts in both Judaism , Christianity and Islam.
- Secularism in the Arab world
- Modern Darwinism and Modern Atheism

## **Attended Courses**

- ❖ 2006-2007: Five Courses in a Highly specialized, Business Administration, Marketing and NLP Courses
- ❖ 2005: ICDL, Jordan University, Faculty of IT.
- ❖ 2004: Qualifying new lectures for teaching methods and evaluation, Jordan University, Faculty of Education.
- ❖ 1997 , Toffel, Centre for Consultation, Jordan University
- ❖ 1993-1995: Four special Training Courses for teaching Methodologies for gifted and talented students, Jubilee School, Noor al-Husain Foundation, Amman, Jordan.

## **Travels and Visits**

- ❖ 1986- 2019 visited around 280 cities in many countries in five continents in the world for both educational reasons and as a tourist. including Hong Kong, china, USA, UK, Germany, Italy, Holland, Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Turkey, Russia, Japan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria, Qatar, Kuwait, UAE, Oman, Canada

## **Languages**

- ❖ Arabic (native Language)
- ❖ English (Excellent, in reading writing and talking)

## **Attended Conferences, Workshops and Main Public Events**

- ❖ 2016 (April) Guest speaker in two **Russian** universities Mykope University and Adigee university
- ❖ (2015 & 2016) trainer for special courses for **Chinese** Imams with regard comparative religions
- ❖ 2013 (March) Guest Speaker in **Japan** - Tokyo on Islamic concepts for Islamic institutions, and on Arabic Culture for Japanese Diplomats in **Kuwaiti** Embassy and public talk on Arabic culture in UN headquarters.
- ❖ 2013 (January) Guest Speaker and Workshop on the Psychology of the inner self for Youth, **Oman**
- ❖ 2012 (December) Guest Speaker in MAS Annual Convention in **Chicago**
- ❖ 2012 (September) Guest Speaker in **Turkey** – Istanbul, Youth Conference
- ❖ 2012 (May) Malaysia Guest speaker in Youth Conference for Arabs in International Islamic University in **Kuala Lumpur**
- ❖ 2012 (April) Guest Speaker in **Lebanon** on Youth Issues for University Students.
- ❖ 2012 (February) Guest Speaker at the International Islamic University of **Jakarta**
- ❖ 2011 (September) Guest speaker for various lectures in Milano- **Italy**
- ❖ 2010 (December) Guest speaker in Youth Conference in **London**
- ❖ 2010 (July) intensive Course on Religious Islamic Concepts in **Hong Kong** for Muslims and Non-Muslims
- ❖ 2010 (June) Guest and Group leader with British Council visiting Christian, Sikh and Islamic religious sites and having interfaith dialogue in **London** and **Birmingham**
- ❖ 2008 (February) a Guest with **US** Foreign Office through the International visitor Program
- ❖ 2007: (February) A guest speaker for two lectures in **Hong Kong** university about Islam and Democracy and Islam and Gender Issues and **Chinese** university of Hong Kong about Islam and Fundamentalism
- ❖ 2006: a Day conference on Christianity in the text books of some Islamic countries, university of Erlangen-Nurnberg and Theodore Schniller School, **Amman**, Jordan. (participant)
- ❖ 2005 Guest speaker in **China** for Islamic Centers (six different Chinese cities)
- ❖ 2005: The first Gathering for teachers of Qur'anic Recitations, The Conservation of the Holy Qur'an Society, Al-Zarqa' University. Jordan
- ❖ 2004: the Moderation of Islam between theoretical thought and Application, Moderation Assembly for thought and Culture. Amman, **Jordan**
- ❖ 2004: Problems of Scientific and academic research in Islamic Studies, IIIT and al-Yarmouk University. **Jordan**
- ❖ 2004: the International Scientific Convention, Jordan Society for Islamic Medical Studies, Amman **Jordan**.
- ❖ 2003: the Consultative Regional Seminar on the Spiritual and Ethical Values as Basic principle of Child Educational and Development. Ecumenical Studies Centre- Amman – **Jordan**
- ❖ 1998-2002: many Conferences and workshops in Both the UK (Birmingham, London, Scotland) and **Germany** (Bandorf, Nurenberg, Tubengen), on many different issues such as : Global Ethic, Spirituality and Religion, Middle

Eastern Studies , Islamic History, Spirituality and Education, interfaith dialogue between the three Abrahamic Religions.

## **Personal Convictions and Principles**

- Believes in openness to others by getting to know each other
- Cherishes freedom of speech and expression
- Believes in the role of the youth in their communities, being the core of the nation, its hope and its future
- Believes in the need to fight fanaticism and extremism and to renounce terrorism by drying up its sources
- Believes that real change in society can only happen by spreading true science and awareness
- Believes in the need to use simple and straightforward language with people instead of complicated religious rhetoric
- Believes in optimism, and detests pessimism and everything that spreads frustration in society
- Believes in the importance of volunteerism and the need to support this kind of spirit and as such has delivered dozens of lectures for the benefit of voluntary organizations
- Believes in pluralism and diversity that are based on mutual respect
- Believes that the tolerant message of Islam is rich and full and is suitable to all times but needs new methods and styles of presentation in conformity with emerging human developments

## **Media Work Experience**

- Presenter for around 27 Radio and TV programs with more than 1000 episodes 2004-2019

## **Social Media Experience**

- A Facebook page with around one million 1000,000 followers
- YouTube episodes with the Title "Think about it" with about 8,000,000 views

## **Media achievements:**

- A program about Islam in English Language in 2004 - Jordan Radio/English Channel
- Several Islamic programs/ Quran kareem Radio during 2004-2006 including "The happy home", Youth issues from an Islamic Perspective
- A total of 250 T.V shows on Jordan Television and Satellite channels between 2005-2010 including "Judded Hyatak" (Renew your life), "Ala Fikrah" (By the Way), "Yis'ed Hyatak" (may your life be happy), and "Rahat Al-Quloub" (Comfort of hearts)
- A program on Al-Risalah Satellite Channel produced between 2007 and 2008 and broadcast repeatedly called "Ahlan Shabab" (Hello young people" boys and girls
- Several radio programs on Hayat F.M. Radio Station covering hundreds of episodes since 2006 until 2016, including "Until they change from within", "The Good Word", "With Dr. Amjad Qourshah, "comfort of Hearts", "Messages", "Let's change", and "Hand in Hand"
- "Ihsibha Sah" Program on Normina Jordanian Satellite Channel in the month of Ramadan 2010
- "Messages" Program on Rama and NART Satellite Channels (Both Jordanian Channels)
- "Nawwer Qalbak" (Enlighten your heart) Program on Ro'ya Satelite Channel (Jordanian Channel)
- "Min El-Akher" Program on Dar Al-Iman Satelite Channel in the month of Ramadan 2016 podcasted from Istanbul
- Prepared, hosted and co-produced four seasons of "Ihsibha Sah" program on YouTube (70 episodes with more than 8 million views)
- Prepared, hosted, produced and directed the fifth season of "Ihsibha Sah" broadcast across 40 satellite channels in the month of Ramadan 2015
- Hosted, co-edited and produced of a film (Action & Drama) entitled "The negotiator"

## **Other (miscellaneous) achievements:**

- Lectured in several universities across the world including the United States of America, Japan, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Lebanon and Indonesia

- Received numerous invitations from several churches and Christian organizations during his doctorate studies to present and shed light on Islam in Britain
- Visited Germany a number of times, one of which to discuss and debate with Professor Hans Küng, a catholic priest, on the topic of his doctoral dissertation concerning the project of global ethics
- Received several invitations to deliver lectures and take part in seminars in several countries including: Italy, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Lebanon, Japan, Australia, Malaysia Indonesia, Russia, The Republic of Adygea, China and Hong Kong
- Received more than 300 honorary shields and certificates of gratitude for his successful participation in seminars, courses, meetings and lectures
- Offered free consultation to hundreds of people and relatives in areas such as family, marital, Shariah, theological, ethical and psychological issues
- Gave more than 1000 lectures and sermons in Jordan and 300 lectures in more than 12 countries across the world
- Classified by several da'wa and media outlets as a preacher for young people in the Arab world due to his youthful character and personality that seems appealing to the young age in general
- Was a guest to more than 60 episodes of " Sawa'ed Al-Ikha' " T.V Program (hands of companions) for three consecutive years 2014-2015-2018 alongside an array of Arab world scholars such as Dr. Mohammad Ratib Al-Nabulsi, Sheikh Aa'idh Al-Qarni, Sheikh Salman AL-Oudeh, Dr. Omar Abdelkafi, Dr. Isam Albashir, Dr. Mohammad Al-Awadi, Quran reciter Sheikh Abu Baker Al-Shateri, sheikh Sleiman Al-Jbailan, Sheikh Hasan Shriem, and Sheikh Abdelwahab Al-Tweiri; (The aforementioned T.V program was broadcast across 40 satellite channels across the world in the month of Ramadan)
- Hosted by several satellite channels such as Al-Jazeera Mubasher, BBC, Al-Aqsa, Al-Quds, Al-Rai, Oman, Al-Risalah and others
- In addition to academic competences, attended a special course on Television Direction; prepared, presented, directed and produced 30 episodes of "Ihsibha Sah" (T.V program fifth season);
- Received a number of invitations to attend royal meetings hosted by the Royal Hashemite Court under the patronage of HM King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein including: Interfaith Harmony Week and meetings with influential young people to discuss reform in Jordan
- Invited by the Royal Jordanian National Defense College and the Royal Jordanian Command and Staff College to give lectures in courses attended by officers and participants from different military ranks



- In coordination with the Royal Hashemite Court, was chosen to speak at a meeting attended by HRH Prince Charles representing Jordanian Islamic scholars during his official visit to the Kingdom in 2015
- Assigned by the British Cultural Council to supervise a special delegation of media representatives and Shariah scholars visiting Britain and several media and Islamic, Christian and Hindu religious organizations in 2010
- Invited in 2008 by the American Embassy to visit several universities, schools and religious centers in six different states in coordination with the Secretary of State of America