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## Objective

A seasoned archaeologist specializing in Islamic archaeology, driven to deepen my understanding of antiquities, culture, civilization, and architectural archaeology. Passionate to contribute to museums that preserve Islamic heritage and oriental arts. Seeking a challenging position to apply my 18 years of experience and inspire new insights in the field of antiquities and heritage.

## Professional Summary

Dynamic and dedicated archaeological professional with a Ph.D. in Islamic Archaeology and over 18 years of experience in the field. Proven expertise in heritage preservation, leadership in archaeological operations, and academic teaching. Possesses a broad understanding of Islamic civilization and a passion for museum contributions. Adept at inspiring insights and contributing significantly in the domain of antiquities and heritage, and is now keen to bring these skills to a forward-thinking museum that values preservation of Islamic heritage and oriental arts.

## Core competencies & Major Attributes

**Archaeological Excavations and Leadership:** Spearheaded various archaeological operations and restoration projects in the capacity of General Director at Qaitbay Citadel Antiquities District, Alexandria.

**Heritage Preservation:** Pioneered policies and conducted meticulous inspections as Director of Lower Egypt and Sinai Antiquities Regions, ensuring the safeguarding of Islamic and Coptic antiquities.

**Academic Instruction and Research:** Delegated lecturer of Archaeology at New Valley University, fostering student understanding of archaeology and heritage preservation. Co-directed a notable research project on social archaeology at the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, UCLA.

**Technological Proficiency:** Employed a range of computer skills for digitizing artifacts, mapping excavation sites, and managing archaeological data.

**Cultural Expertise:** Maintained an extensive knowledge of Islamic civilization, a critical asset in teaching, research, and excavation roles.

**Publications and Conference Presentations:** Published scholarly works on Islamic architecture and frequently presented research at international conferences, highlighting dedication to knowledge dissemination.

**Multilingual Communication:** Fluent in English and Arabic, facilitating cross-cultural communication in diverse professional settings, enhancing research collaboration, and broadening the scope of archaeological studies and discussions.

## Work History

### Director | University of California Project (Dates)

Leading strategic and operational aspects of the University of California Project, leveraging extensive experience in the field of Islamic Archaeology.

### Director | Ibn Rushd Institute Project, New York (Dates)

Spearheaded the project to revive and open the old pilgrimage route between Cairo and Makkah Al-Mukarramah, using my knowledge of Islamic culture and heritage.

### General Director | Qaitbay Citadel, Alexandria (Present)

Leading strategic and operational aspects of one of Egypt's most significant historical sites, while

leveraging an 18-year career with the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.

**Delegated Lecturer of Archaeology | Faculty of Arts, New Valley University (Dates)**

Employing in-depth knowledge gained from a BA, MA, and PhD in Archaeology, validated in the United States through WES, to teach, engage and inspire the next generation of archaeologists.

**Director of the Affairs of the Lower Egypt and Sinai Antiquities Regions for Islamic and Coptic Antiquities | Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (2016 – Present)**

Navigating key administrative duties and fostering cross-departmental communication to safeguard the cultural heritage of Lower Egypt and Sinai.

**Inspector of Antiquities | South Sinai Antiquities Region for Islamic and Coptic Antiquities (2013 – Present)**

Harnessing extensive academic training and practical experience in Archaeology to inspect, preserve, and promote antiquities of national significance.

**Inspector of Antiquities, Samanoud and Mahalla al-Kubra (2006-2009)**

Diligently supervised archaeological sites, contributing to the safeguarding of national heritage. Participated in numerous archaeological committees and conducted detailed surveys.

**Key Achievements and Participation**

- Collaborated with multiple committees for archaeological site development, including the Suez Canal Axis and Salah al-Din Citadel on Pharaoh Island.
- Presented thought-provoking research on the evolution of palace architecture in Gharbia Governorate at the annual Gharbia Conference for Researchers in Islamic and Coptic Archaeology.
- Acknowledged for active participation in the project to develop archaeological sites in the Suez Canal Corridor in 2014, earning a Certificate of Appreciation.
- Prevented potential smuggling of national treasures by conducting meticulous inspections of containers at Damietta and Nuweiba sea ports.
- Recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ministry of Antiquities for participating in the excavation at the eastern entrance to Egypt in Sinai.
- Received a Certificate of Appreciation for dedicated participation in the conference of researchers in Gharbia in 2016, coinciding with the National Day of Gharbia Governorate.
- Honored with a Certificate of Appreciation and Honor in the Bibliotheca Alexandrina by the Ministry of Antiquities in the Thirty Years of Excavations Exhibition.
- Awarded multiple Certificates of Appreciation from institutions such as the Department of Cultural Development and Other Awareness Raising, Russian Cultural Center in Alexandria, the “Voice of the Masses” newspaper, and the team of Heritage and Civilization Guards and the Supreme Committee for Antiquities and Tourism Education.

**Education**

**Ph.D. in Islamic Archaeology in 2016** - Department of Archeology.

Faculty of Arts - Tanta University, with First Degree of Honors under the title: (Women’s Buildings in the Mamluk Era in Cairo: an archaeological and architectural study).

\*Major: Islamic Architecture and Arts

**Master's Degree in Islamic Archeology, Distinction, 2012**

\*Thesis: "Palaces in the Gharbia Governorate in the two centuries 13th - 14th Hijri / 19th - 20th AD: an architectural archaeological study"

\*Specialization: Islamic Architecture and Arts

**Post Graduate Diploma in Islamic Archaeology in 2009** with distinction.

**B.A. in Islamic Archaeology in 2004**, Department of archaeology, Division of Islamic Archeology.

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## Certifications, Awards & Affiliations

- One of the top 100 Arab personalities as chosen by the General Union of Arab Youth, 2022
- Member of Archaeological Institute of America
- Co-director, research project "Social archaeology of Food along the Nile"  
Hosted by the Ancient Agriculture and Paleoethnobotany Laboratory, the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at the University of California Los Angeles.

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## Professional Development and Training Courses

### American Research Center in Egypt

- Techniques of Photographing Artifacts, 2022
- Archaeological Surveying and GPS, 2021

### Ministry of Antiquities

- Archaeological Survey and Annexation of Archaeological Properties and Antiquities Protection Law, 2011
- Excavation Techniques, 2011
- Mosaic Restoration Techniques, 2013
- Combating Antiquities Trafficking, 2015
- Development of Archaeological Sites in the Suez Canal Axis

### Italian-Egyptian Center for Restoration and Bibliotheca Alexandrina

- Principles and Foundations of Restoration, 2012

### Tanta University

- Proficiency in All Computer Programs, 2010-2013
- English Language Course (TOEFL), 2013
- PhD Level Computer Course

### British International Language Institute

- Italian Language Proficiency Course, Distinction, 2004

### Historic Cairo Administration of Ministry of Antiquities

- Foundations and Principles of Project Management, 2015

### Ministry of Antiquities and Clerical College, Tanta

- Coptic Language Course

### Gharbia Conference for Researchers

- Participated with a research paper titled "Evolution of Building Architecture: Palaces in the Western Governorate," 2014

### Certifications

- Certificate of Excellence for participation in the Development Course of the Suez Canal Axis, Production and Scientific Research
- Certificate of passing the Principles of the Italian Language Course

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## Publications

- [Forthcoming]. (Title of the Book: Selected Models of the Palaces of the Western Governorate)
- [Forthcoming]. (Title of the Book: Prove the Rulers, Caliphs and Kings of Egypt Through the Ages)
- [Publication date unknown]. (Research Title: Publishing a Debut Version of Holy Qur'an from the Circassian Mamluk Period)
- [Publication date unknown]. (Study of a Manuscript Title: Publishing a Debut Page of Qur'an from the Mamluk Era)

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## Conferences

- **Russia Conference**  
International Scientific Conference “Archaeology and Culture of the Islamic World in the Spaces of Eurasia,” Rostov-on-Don / Azov, Russia, May 10-12, 2023. Presented a report on the topic: “Artuqid Copper Coins of King Said Najm al-Din Gazi I Ibn Artaq Arslan (637-658 AH / 1239-1260 AD) in the collections of the Museum of Islamic Art in Cairo.
- **Research Center Conference**  
American Research Center conference, April 2023. Presented a research paper entitled: "Ras Raya excavations in Tur Sinai, South Sinai."

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## Community Engagement & Volunteering

- American Alliance of Museums - Active Member ([Link](https://www.aam-us.org))
- North Carolina Archaeological Society - Active Member
- Egyptian Television - Regular contributor, sharing insights on antiquities, heritage, and archaeological culture in numerous episodes
- Rose Al-Youssef - Regular Contributor, writing archaeological and historical articles for this reputable print and electronic newspaper
- Sada El-Balad - Content Contributor, focusing on archaeological and historical articles for the website
- Visionary Electronic Newspaper (US-based) - Content Contributor, providing archaeological articles
- Sphinx Electronic Tourism Newspaper - Regular Contributor, focusing on archaeological articles
- Association for Community Development - Vice-Chairman
- Arab Society for Preservation of Heritage - Board of Directors Member
- Syndicate of Press, Printing and Media - Active Member
- General Union of Arab Archaeologists - Active Member
- Free Egypt Association (Arab Republic of Egypt) - Active Member
- Antiquities Protection Law - Judicial Control Officer for the application of the law
- International Council of Museums - Member in charge of international museum affairs (Membership Number: 154240)
- Arab Youth Union - Active Member (Membership Number: 28641366)
- World Ambassadors Organization (Australia-based) - Active Member

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