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Research and Educational Interests

- The philosophy and core concepts of occupational therapy.
- Occupational therapy, culture, and cultural competency.
- The theory and the philosophy of occupational therapy.
- Occupational science.
- Qualitative research methodologies.
- Reflexivity and qualitative research.
- Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR).
- Dysphagia and the role of occupational therapy.

Education

PhD Occupational Therapy, University of Essex, 2011

Thesis title: TOWARDS CULTURALLY COMPETENT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

MSc in Occupational Therapy, Brunel University, 2007

Thesis title: An Investigation of Practice and Implementation of Falls Programs in the UK.

BSc in Occupational Therapy, UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN, 2004

Projects of graduation: unlike other students, I made two projects instead of one attributed to my interest in my field. The first was “Problem Solving and Decision Making”. The other was “Anxiety Inoculation”.

Overall GPA: 3.56/4.00 and graduated as the first in my batch.

Relevant Courses/workshops/

Writing project proposals for ERASMUS grants, The University of Jordan, 2016.

This 3 hours workshop aims to show the attendees the structure, component, and content of a successful project proposal for the ERASMUS grants.

Statistical Methods in the Health Field, University of Jordan, 2012

This course provided an illustration of the statistics involved in SPSS, when to conduct them and how. By that, it aimed to enable researchers to make the correct choice when choosing a statistical test in the SPSS.

Writing Research Papers for International Publication in the Health Field, University of Jordan, 2012

How to read a research paper and critically appraise it, was the first step in introducing researchers to the process of writing a research paper. Then the course tackled the actual process of writing research papers, and what elements should be there.

Statistical Analysis Using SPSS 18 , University of Jordan, 2012

A step-by-step course that aimed to introduce participants to the SPSS, what is it and the basic tests that it includes and when to use them. Also this course offered practical examples to train participants on using appropriate tests in SPSS.

Stories of Health and Illness: An Introduction, University of Essex, 2011

Telling stories about our illnesses has become a widespread and common feature of the modern world. This course critically examined some of these recent trends and the development of what has been called 'illness narratives' or narrative medicine. This one-day course could only be exploratory and it aimed to introduce some of the key ideas of such research, create a space for discussion of a wider array of such experiences including those of the participants, and develop a series of specific critical debates around the content, purpose and analysis of such analysis.

Focus Groups as a Qualitative Research Tool, University of Essex, 2011

Through a combination of taught and practical sessions, the course introduced key features of focus groups as a qualitative research method and gave me an opportunity to learn at first hand some of the skills involved in their facilitation. It was a two days short course where I took part in some focus groups to put into practice what I have learnt.

Qualitative interviewing and focus groups: a practical introduction, University of Essex, 2008

Two weeks course from: 21-07-08 till 01-08-08. It focused on acquiring attendees with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills to conduct qualitative research generally, and interviews as a method of qualitative researching specifically. This course incorporated theoretical and practical material concerning conducting interviews and focus groups.

Narrative Studies: Modes and Methodologies, University of Edinburgh, 2008

Project managing your PhD November, University of Essex, 2007

Presented by the learning and teaching unit at the University of Essex. This course aimed at helping students establishing a readiness to assume the full responsibility of conducting their research projects along with giving an idea and a practical skill that can help in that. Also it built a kind of preparedness to face challenges through the course of getting the project done.

Master Class on Bringing occupation back into older people's service, Brunel University, 2006

In addition, I had attended several of the research Seminars run by the School of Health and Human Sciences at Essex university, UK, from year 2007-20010.

Academic Publications

- Natour, Y., Darawsheh, W., Sartawi, A., Marie, B., Efthymiou, E. (2016). Reading error patterns prevailing in Arab Emirati first graders. *Cogent Education*, 16 (1), 1-17. doi: 10.1080/2331186X.2016.1226459
- Darawsheh, W., Chard, G., Eklund, M.(2015). The challenge of cultural competency in the multicultural 21st century: a conceptual model to guide occupational therapy practice. *The Open Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 3(2). doi: 10.15453/2168-6408.1147
- Darawsheh, W., & Chard, G. (2015). Towards culturally competent professional practice: exploring the concepts of independence and interdependence. *Research, Policy, and Planning*, 31(1), 3-17
- Darawsheh, W. (2014). Reflexivity in research: promoting rigour, reliability and validity in qualitative research. *International Journal Of Therapy & Rehabilitation*, 21 (12), 560-568.
- Darawsheh, W. (2010). Letter to the editors. Occupational therapy between cultural competency and colonization. *New Zealand Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 57(2), 48.
<http://search.informit.com.au/documentSummary;dn=431037505729961;res=IELHEA>

Other Publications

Darawsheh, W. (2010). Balance, Justice or equality: the principle that governs the relationship between men and women in Islam. [In Arabic] <http://www.albosala.com/>

Papers in Conferences

- Darawsheh, W., Alaraifi, J., & Natour, Y. (2016). A Pilot study of the rehabilitation services provided for patients with dysphagia in medical settings in Jordan. In Second Kuwait International Conference on Life Sciences. Kuwait 4th-6th April, 2016. Kuwait University, 2016.

- Darawsheh,W.(2016). The role of occupational therapists with children with Down Syndrome. In the Fifth National Conference on Down Syndrome. Amman 24th March, 2016. The University of Jordan, 2016.
- Darawsheh,W.(2016). An exploratory Study of occupational Enrichment of Syrian Refugees in Jordan. In Refugees, Security, and Sustainable Development in the Middle East: The Need for North – South Dialogue. Amman 15th-16th March, 2016. The Royal Hotel, 2016.
- Darawsheh,W.(2015). A qualitative study of the needs of CBR programmes in Jordan. In: College of Occupational Therapists Annual conference 2015. Brighton 30th June, 2015. The Brighton Centre, 2015.
- Darawsheh, W. (2015) Employing Reflexivity as a rigour strategy in Qualitative research: a research study example. In: The 1st Scientific of Jordan universities in Rehabilitation Sciences. Amman 31st May, 2015. The University of Jordan, 2015.
- Darawsheh,W.(2014) . Exploration Of The Experiences Of Occupational Deprivation Among Syrian Refugees In Jordan. In: Conference on Syrian refugees in Jordan: the question of Media and society. Amman 9th December, 2014. Kempinski Hotel, 2014.
- Darawsheh,W.(2014) . Towards Culturally Competent Occupational Therapy. In: The 1st Scientific Conference of Rehabilitation Sciences . Amman 6th May, 2014. The University of Jordan, 2014.
- Darawsheh, W. (2013). Towards Culturally Competent Occupational Therapy. In: The 37th College of Occupational Therapists Annual conference. Glasgow 20th June, 2013. The Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC),2013.
- Darawsheh, W.(2009). Toward Transcultural Occupational Therapy Practice: Reflections on the concepts of independence and interdependence within occupational therapy practice in the UK. In: Research Students Conference. Colchester 5th June, 2009. University of Essex, 2009.

Attended Conferences

Autism: diagnosis and therapy. Amman 14-16 April 2014. Our Lady of Peace Center for Persons with Disability, 2014.

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor, Occupational Therapy Division, The University of Jordan, 2012-now.

Teaching/participating in teaching courses of "Community Based Rehabilitation", "Physical applied clinical", "Approaches of occupational therapy", "Treatment Models", "Assessment of performance", "Principles of Rehabilitation", "Group therapy".

Lund university, 30-01-20013 till 6-2013

As part of the exchange programme between the University of Jordan and Lund university, I was sent to Lund university and participated by giving several lectures. One titled "cultural perspectives on occupation" and the other was "an introduction about the occupational therapy and rehabilitation programmes in Jordan".

Graduate Teaching Assistant(GTA), School of Health and Human Sciences, University of Essex, 2009

From 12-01-09 to 02-02-09: directed and facilitated the discussion of students in the HS804 Research Module for MSc students. Also enabled students to link the theory with practice through sharing examples and experiences, asking questions, and using problem based learning.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Health and Human Sciences, University of Essex, 2009

From 30-03-09 to 20-04-09: directed and facilitated the discussion of students in the HS803 Reflective Practice Module for MSc students. Also enabled students to link the theory with practice through sharing examples and experiences, asking questions, and using problem based learning.

Gave a workshop at “Health and Well Being” module, the Colchester Institute, 22-01-2008

The workshop addressed the topic of culture and its correlation and influence on occupational therapy practice.

Teaching assistant, Occupational Therapy Division, The University of Jordan, 2004-2005.

Taught undergraduate class, supervised their work in the practical parts of the subjects, participated in evaluating students’ practical performance and participated in grading assignments.

Research Experience

University of Jordan 2012-Now

Several research papers were published so far – please refer back to publications section.

Currently enrolled in several research projects:

- Exploration of the concept of occupational deprivation among Syria Refugees
- Exploration of the perception of occupational therapy in Jordan
- Exploration of the perception of OT students of occupational therapy
- Exploration of the dysphagia services provided in medical institutions in Jordan.
- Exploration of the needs of Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programmes in Jordan.

University of Essex, 2007-2011

Research Title: Toward Transcultural Occupational Therapy Practice.

This research comprised of two stages, where qualitative research methodologies were incorporated.

Brunel University, 2005-2006

Performed a research project titled “An Investigation of Practice and Implementation of Falls Programs in the UK”. This research involved mainly the utilization of quantitative research methodologies and the usage of SPSS for data analysis

Computer Skills

Operating Systems: Windows 95/98, Windows XP

Computer Languages: Visual Basic

Office Applications: Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel, Word.

Internet development: HTML

Statistical Software Packages: SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences), MAXQDA2.

Awards

- Awarded a scholarship for the academic excellence to pursue the postgraduate education (MSc & PhD Degrees), the University of Jordan, 2004.
- Awarded the ABD AL-FATTAH SALEH ABU UBAID prize for scientific excellence in Occupational Therapy, The University of Jordan, 2004.
- Awarded the Gratitude Certificate for Scientific Excellence, The University of Jordan, 2004.
- Awarded the Language Center's Sixth Prize for Creativity in Writing English Stories, The Language Center, The University of Jordan, 2003.
- Awarded a scholarship for the academic excellence to pursue the undergraduate education, the University of Jordan, 2002.

Other Activities

- Supervised various students projects directed to serve the local community within the courses of Community Based Rehabilitation, Group Therapy, and Occupational Therapy Fundamentals.
- Organized and launched "from Amman we begin" student initiative that is directed to raise the awareness about disability and the rights of people with disability. This campaign included several activities such as schools campaigns, producing clips, organizing gathering with people from the community
- Participated in organizing the third and the fourth University of Essex Islamic conferences, 2009 & 2010

Other Interests

Traveling: I am fond of traveling. I have visited different places across the UK. Also I went to Sweden, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey. I have aspirations to go around Europe.

Exploring and trying new things: exploring people, cultures, food and anything new.

Learning: it could be anything from learning how to screw a screw of a table till learning the politics of the world. I have great interest in learning languages.