

# **KHALID KEBBATI**

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## **ISLAMIC WORK and LEADERSHIP PROFILE**

I have been involved in the field of Da'awa, i.e. outreach, for the past 28 years. While studying to obtain my Ph.D. in Education at Kansas State University I held several positions within the Islamic Community of Manhattan, KS, and the Muslim Students Association at KSU. My role as President of the Islamic Community of Manhattan put me at the forefront of public speeches about Islam, and forums in which leaders of different faiths would expose the tenets of their belief systems.

I played an active role during the tension felt nationwide after the criminal act committed on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, OK in 1995. After I wrote a letter to the main city newspaper to condemn this horrific crime, I organized a meeting on campus along with other religious leaders from Christian and Jewish denominations to address the public and denounce such horrific crime, and to proclaim the innocence of all faiths from such horror.

My role as President of the MSA was to promote the sound understanding of what the Islamic faith stands for. I designed weekly programs to help students and faculty members to interact with Muslims and address their questions and perceptions about Islam. This program was ongoing year after year, and is still effective to this day.

I have been invited on numerous occasions by different churches and public schools across the state of Kansas and North Texas to deliver short lectures on Islam. At the aftermath of September 11, 2001, I represented the Islamic Society of Greater Kansas City as the official spokesperson on state TV to answer difficult questions raised by journalists.

For the past few years I have contributed with my knowledge of Islam and Da'awa approach to several programs organized by the Islamic Center of Irving. I also help several Islamic organizations to raise funds for charitable and educational programs.

## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I have several years of teaching experience at the undergraduate level and across a variety of subjects including French, Educational Technology, Foundation of Education, Educational Leadership, Integration of Technology in the Curriculum, Computer Technology in Education (online course), Instructional Media and Technology, and Microcomputers in Instruction.

For many years I have worked as a school Principal in private educational institutions across the Midwest. This experience was necessary for me to understand the dynamics of private schools and why communities and parents choose this alternative over others. My contribution to these private schools extends beyond managing the simple day to day functions of the school. It included obtaining accreditation for these schools with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-CASI), establishing High School Programs, Raising Funds, Building Character and Leadership Development programs for the youth, as well as providing Counseling for teachers and students.

### Teaching

- 8 years of experience in teaching at undergraduate level in education
- 4 years of experience in teaching at undergraduate level in French and Modern Languages
- 2 years of experience as Academic Advisor in Education (UAE university)

### School Administration

- 11 years of experience as School Principal and Vice-Principal
- Assessing school needs in computer technology, textbooks, software management for library and parent access to students info, school furniture, classroom expansion, etc.
- Hiring qualified teachers at elementary, middle, and high school levels
- Evaluating teachers' performance
- Writing teachers contracts
- Establishing High School Programs with Dual Credit system
- Obtaining Accreditation Status from SACS-CASI
- Building Character Development programs including teaching of values and morals
- Raising funds for Islamic Schools

## EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** in Curriculum and Instruction, focus on technology (1994-2001)  
(Educational Computing, Design & Online Learning.)  
Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas USA
- M.Sc.** in Agricultural Economics. (1989-1992)  
Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas USA
- B.Sc.** in Industrial Chemistry (1979-1985)  
Algerian Institute of Petroleum, Algeria. 1985.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER / FUND RAISER** (2008-present)  
Giving on a yearly basis motivational speeches and lectures  
Helped different Islamic Organizations in raising funds
- SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**  
*IANT Quranic Academy* (2014-2015)  
Richardson, TX  
SACS accredited private non-profit school. Exemplary Status.  
Grades include Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle and High School.
- Islamic School of Irving* (2008-2012)  
Irving, Texas  
SACS accredited private non-profit school. Exemplary Status.  
Grades include Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle and High School.
- Iman Academy SW* (2004-2008)  
Houston, Texas  
SACS accredited private non-profit school.  
Grades include Elementary, Middle and High School.
- Islamic School of Greater Kansas City* (1995-1996)  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Grades include Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle School.
- EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT** (2012 to date)  
Program Assessments and Workshops for private schools in DFW
- ASSISTANT PROFESSOR** (2002-2004)  
Department of Curriculum & Instruction  
United Arab Emirates University, Al-Ain UAE
- ACADEMIC ADVISOR** (2002-2004)  
Department of Curriculum & Instruction  
United Arab Emirates University, Al-Ain UAE
- ACTING DIRECTOR** (2002-2003)  
Center for Teaching and Learning Technologies  
United Arab Emirates University, Al-Ain UAE
- ADJUNCT FACULTY** (2001-2002)  
Department of Education  
Avila University, Kansas City, MO  
Department of Curriculum & Instruction (2001-2002)  
University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO
- TEACHING ASSISTANT** (1996-2001)  
Department of Education  
Educational Computing, Design, and Telecommunication  
Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Department of Modern Languages (1998-1999)  
Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS  
Department of French, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS (1986-1989)

**TRANSLATOR / INTERPRETER**

Food & Feed Grains Institute (1989-1994)  
International Grains Program / US Agency for International Development  
Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

Crop Utilization Research Database (1991-1993)  
Food and Feed Grains Institute  
Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

**CHEMICAL ENGINEER**

Entreprise Nationale des Industries Electroniques (1984-1985)  
Research and Development: Copper Recovery from Waste Waters  
Sidi Bel Abbes, Algeria

**TEACHING**

**Courses Taught**

- Seerah or Biography of Prophet Mohammed (S)
- Understanding Leadership
- Integration of Technology in the Curriculum
- Foundation of Education
- Computer Technology in Education (online course)
- Instructional Media and Technology
- Microcomputers in Instruction
- Multimedia: Workshop sessions on how to use HyperCard
- French

**PUBLIC SPEECH**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Hulen Masjid - Ibrahimi Masjid  
Islamic Center of Irving  
Burlison Mosque  
Colleyville Islamic Center  
Islamic Association of Carrollton  
Islamic Association of North Texas  
Brighter Horizon Academy  
Islamic Association of Arlington  
Dar El-Iman Islamic Center  
Youth Center of Richardson, TX

Churches and Public Schools  
*Building Bridges Between Islam and Christianity*  
Manhattan, KS; Kansas City, MO  
Fort Worth, Texas

Universities and Colleges  
*Understanding Islam and the Muslims*  
KSU Manhattan, KS  
Avila University Kansas City, MO  
Wesleyan University Fort Worth, TX

## **FUNDED GRANT**

Schenck-Hamlin, Donna; Kebbati, Khalid; Sherukuri, Rama. 1992 Database of Funded Research on Corn Quality and Utilization. (Granted by the National Corn Growers Asso. \$35,747 for 1991; \$25,000 for 1992).

## **PROFICIENCY**

### **Language**

Fluent in Arabic, English, and French. Some Spanish.

### **Computer**

Windows - Macintosh

Microsoft Office – Blackboard – Photoshop - U-Lead (audio/video editing)

## **SPECIAL PROJECT**

Developed an application that would allow the "Classroom Management" laserdisc from University of Alberta, Canada, to function interactively using a computer. The project necessitated excellent design and multimedia skills as well as a solid background in Instructional Design. The project involved a thorough understanding of flowcharts which provided the basis for the functionality of the program.

## **AREAS OF STRENGTH**

Fluency in several languages ♦ Instructional Design ♦ Cognitive Issues in Educational Technology ♦ Computer Ethics ♦ Qualitative Research ♦ Character Development and Youth Leadership ♦ Counseling ♦ Public Speech ♦ Motivational Speaker

## **INTEREST**

- ♦ Curriculum development with emphasis on computer technology and how it can improve education.
- ♦ Research Topics of Interest: Theories of Learning. Private vs. Public Schools: Strengths and Weaknesses.
- ♦ Principles Centered Leadership
- ♦ Laws of Leadership
- ♦ Emotional Intelligence

## **Ph.D. Dissertation**

Kebbati, K. 2001. Dealing with Ethical Issues in Technology Use in a High School Classroom. Dissertation. KSU.

## **Master's Degree Report**

Kebbati, K. 1991. Public Law 480 & Food Aid Programmes, an Analysis. Master's Report, KSU.

## **References:**

Br. Abderaouf Khawalda

Dr. Hamed Ghazali

Qari Abdelkarim Edghouch