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## Islamic University Welcomes New Students and Launches Official Website

On Wednesday, December 2023 ,6, the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center held a special ceremony to welcome new students for the second semester of the 2024-2023 academic year and to inaugurate the official English-language website. The event took place at 8:00 PM Mecca time and was attended by a wide audience of around 200 participants, including college deans, department heads, directors of departments, faculty members, and students.

The ceremony was hosted on a virtual Zoom platform, with Dr. Abdu Nasr Abdulwahab delivering the opening remarks in Arabic and Dr. Wafa'a Al-Damardash delivering them in English on behalf of His Excellency Dr. Omar bin Ahmed Al-Maqrami, the Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center.

The ceremony included various official and interactive segments. Dr. Mazahem Mustafa, the Dean of the College of Sharia and Law, delivered a speech commending the university's efforts in developing the website and facilitating access to its services and benefits for students, learners, and faculty members. He welcomed the new students, wishing them success in their

educational journey. Subsequently, Mr. Sulaiman Maqboul, the Head of Student Affairs, addressed the new students, highlighting the advantages of the educational system at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Campus, particularly regarding attendance and academic monitoring.

During the ceremony, the official launch of the university's website was announced. Dr. Salah Alawi Hussein Al-Sharafi, the Director of the IT Department, delivered a speech in Arabic, while Dr. Yasmin Abu Shabanah, the Director of the Graduate Studies Department, provided the English translation. The speeches were followed by video presentations showcasing the most important educational and academic programs and services offered by the university through the website and other e-learning platforms.

Dr. Abdu Nasr Abdulwahab and Dr. Wafa'a Al-Damardash concluded the ceremony by expressing gratitude and appreciation on behalf of the university to the IT Department, the website team, and the university's media center for their dedicated efforts in designing, preparing, and producing the website and organizing the event.

## Language and Translation Center Hosts President of the international Association of Hispanic Poets and Writers



### Creation of Virtual Rooms and Audio Recordings for the Second Semester

Engineer Mohammed Abduljawad, the director of the Virtual Rooms and Audio Recordings Unit, has confirmed the creation of 313 virtual rooms for the second semester. He noted that the virtual rooms unit is still undergoing modifications based on the directives of department heads.

Abduljawad explained that the College of Economics and Business Administration usually has a large number of students, requiring the creation of lecture rooms with a capacity exceeding 100 students. However, for this semester, there was a need to create larger rooms in the College of Computers, given the increase in the number of students in certain courses to more than 150 individuals. Consequently, the computer science rooms needed to accommodate more than 100 people.

Abduljawad added that one of the new features for this semester is the use of codes in course schedules to facilitate access for the technical support team and streamline the process of submitting requests by students and coordinators.

He further mentioned the establishment of a website for uploading audio recordings and the creation of playlists for these recordings. The number of audio playlist links reached 83, as well as 83 video playlist links. A feature in the Telegram application was utilized, supporting the creation of topics in groups, to organize file uploads and assist coordinators in quickly accessing them.

Abduljawad pointed out the adoption of new privacy policies regarding video recordings on YouTube as a preliminary experiment, to accommodate instructors' preference for not appearing on the platform. Therefore, a decision was made within the virtual rooms unit not to include instructors' names in videos or audio recordings. To enable students to view the videos, the email address of each student will be used for the respective course.

Abduljawad concluded his statements by announcing that the unit has established two groups on the WhatsApp application; one for monitoring incomplete recordings and the other for requesting makeup lectures.

### Minnesota Islamic University Launches Digital Library



Islamic University of Minnesota has announced the launch of a digital library in collaboration with the IT Deanery, with Dr. Mohammed Ali Ismail, Director of the Scientific Research Unit at the university, unveiling this unique achievement. Ismail explained that the library contains a diverse collection of educational and research materials in digital and electronic formats, such as e-books, scientific articles, electronic journals, scientific research, references, and digital educational content.

Ismail emphasized that these materials can be accessed online from anywhere and at any time, making it easier for students and faculty members to access educational and research resources quickly and easily. He also noted that the library is currently undergoing preparation and is expected to be available soon to researchers and all affiliated members of the university.

Ismail praised the value of this unique achievement, which enhances learning and research opportunities for everyone, contributing to the promotion of academic and research development at the university.

Regarding the previously launched "Zad Al-Bahith" library, Ismail confirmed that it is being updated daily with new content. Among the recent updates is the addition of a list containing over 1,500 master's and doctoral theses in the field of administrative sciences, archived at the National Information Center in Sana'a. He pointed out that this list serves as a reference for researchers in this field, as it can be used to measure previous studies and derive new research topics in the field of administrative sciences. Partial access to these studies can be obtained by visiting the National Center or through an authorized person, and research titles in this field can be inferred from these studies.

Ismail concluded by stating that the list is available in DOC format to facilitate the research and editing process.

# College of Economics Launches Journal and Prepares for Second Semester

In a new step aimed at enhancing scientific research, the College of Economics and Business Administration has invited researchers to contribute their research to the Journal of Economics and Business Administration. The college has completed the necessary legal and technical procedures to initiate the publication of the journal and has required interested researchers to submit their research through the designated email, [aiqtisad@ium.edu.so](mailto:aiqtisad@ium.edu.so).

This new achievement has been appreciated by the dean of the college, Dr. Sherine Mamoun. The journal has been licensed under the name "Journal of Economics and Business Administration," and Dr. Sherine Mamoun has been appointed as the editor-in-chief, while Dr. Hiyam Sami Ahmed Al-Zu'bi has been appointed as the editorial secretary. The editorial board and advisory committee include experts from Sudan, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan, in addition to a group of distinguished reviewers.

On another note, the dean of the college, Dr. Sherine Mamoun, expressed the college's readiness to receive the second semester of the academic year 2024/2023.

Timetables have been prepared, and future plans have been made to develop the work in the college. The Audiovisual Unit has also been involved in preparing the schedules for the second semester through Google Drive. The dean highlighted that the college has completely finished the activities of the first semester, including the submission of all final exam files to the different departments. These files have been shared with the Control Unit through Google Drive in collaboration with the Administrative Affairs Unit.

Dr. Sherine expressed her satisfaction with the smooth conduct of the final exams at the college, the excellent attendance of the students, and their evident commitment to their studies. The grades for the costs and final exams have been recorded by the faculty members at the college. She expressed gratitude to the department heads for their diligent follow-up to ensure the success of the educational process, and she thanked the faculty members, administrative units, supporting deanships, department secretaries, and assistants for their accurate and continuous monitoring of the exam proceedings.

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## Call for Papers: Exploring Arabness of Palestine

The editorial board of the peer-reviewed journal "Al-Adab wa Al-Ulum Al-Insaniya" (Literature and Humanities) has announced the allocation of the first issue of the journal to a specific topic: "The Arabness of Palestine: New Perspectives from Interdisciplinary Sciences." They invite researchers to contribute by submitting their relevant research papers to the journal for free publication.

This decision comes after the inaugural meeting of the journal's editorial board, following the approval obtained by the College of Arts and Humanities from the regulatory body overseeing peer-reviewed journals affiliated with the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Campus.

Dr. Sulaf Faidh Allah Hasan, a member of the editorial board, stated that the board "will accept research papers addressing this topic from faculty members at the university and colleagues from other Arab universities." She emphasized that the first issue will be published free of charge.

When asked about the focus on the Arab identity of Palestine rather than its Islamic identity, Dr. Sulaf explained that the Arabness of Palestine inherently includes its Islamic identity since the Qur'an was revealed in Arabic. She emphasized that the goal is to fulfill the duty imposed on all members of the nation, especially academics and researchers who have the power of the pen. It should be noted that Asst. Prof. Ismail Hamed Ismail, the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, previously appointed an administrative body for the journal consisting of faculty members from the college. The body is chaired by Prof. Abdulbaqi Al-Sayed Abdulhadi Al-Qattan and includes Dr. Mohammed Tawfiq, Dr. Sulaf Faidh Allah Hasan, Prof. Hisham Al-Khaledi, Dr. Jassim Younis Mohammed Al-Hariri, Dr. Radhi Mohammed Judah, Dr. Suhair Sayed Al-Khalil, Dr. Suad Mohammed Qassar, Dr. Khaled Al-Qutb Al-Shahawi, and Dr. Iman Essam Khalaf.



## College Council Meeting Emphasizes Preparations and Journal Publication

Dr. Muzahim Mustafa, Dean of the Faculty of Sharia and Law, held a routine meeting of the College Council with the attendance of all members on November 1st. The meeting focused on discussing the preparations of the college for the second semester.

The dean affirmed that the three departments, along with their heads and council members, have made thorough preparations for the teaching process. This includes curriculum development, distribution to specialized professors, and scheduling appropriate timings for both professors and students. These preparations have been submitted to the relevant technical administration, and a timetable has been set for each stage.

Dr. Mustafa also highlighted the efforts of department heads and their deputies in monitoring the progress of the educational process, evaluating performance, and delivering lessons and educational presentations. Meetings were held with faculty members to discuss challenges, propose solutions, and present demands and suggestions to the college administration.

Regarding the Artificial Intelligence Conference, the dean announced that it has been postponed in collaboration with Taheri Mohammed University in Algeria, where he was selected to be the executive director of the conference. The postponement was due to the circumstances faced by our people in Gaza. The dean clarified that the research papers are ready and peer-reviewed, and the arrangements from his university are also in place. Currently, communication is underway with the Algerian university to work on rescheduling the conference at a later date.

As for the college journal, the dean stated that numerous research papers have been received and distributed to reviewers for evaluation. Preparation is currently underway for the release of the first issue of the journal soon.

## Faculty of Media Enhances Teaching Staff



Dismissals and  
New Appointments  
Aim for Academic  
Excellence

Following a series of interviews conducted through the electronic system portal, Dr. Abdulsalam Al-Wahati, the Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Media, announced an important decision regarding the enhancement of the teaching staff at the college. A meeting was held in the presence of department heads, Dr. Hanan Obaid and Dr. Badeea Abdulqader, where several proposals were discussed to facilitate the educational process and achieve the necessary discipline.

As a result of this meeting, significant decisions were made regarding the faculty members at the college. Four members were relieved of their duties, namely Dr. Rased Abdulsalam, Dr. Mustafa Abdulwahab, Dr. Ahmed Zidan, and Dr. Mohamed Amara. Additionally, warnings were issued to the professors who did not deliver any lectures for two consecutive semesters.

Among the important decisions made during the meeting was the appointment of seven new members to the teaching staff, aimed at strengthening the academic workforce at the college. These new members were selected based on the results of the interviews conducted under the supervision of Prof. Al-Wahati and with the participation of Dr. Badeea Abdelqader, the head of the Media Department. This step aims to complement the distinguished academic personnel at the college and improve the quality of education provided to students.

The decision reflects the commitment of the Faculty of Media to provide an excellent and stimulating educational environment, as well as promote sustainable development of academic programs in the field of media. It is expected that the reinforcement of the teaching staff with the new members will contribute to enhancing research and development efforts and delivering exceptional educational experiences to students, thereby raising the level of academic excellence at the Faculty of Media.





## Islamic University Appoints Awf and El-Shboul to Key Positions

The media center affiliated with the Islamic University of knowledge to the university. Minnesota - Main Center has announced the appointment of Dr. Osama Awf as the new Head of the Arabic Language and Literature Department in the College of Arts and Humanities. Dr. Awf, an accomplished scholar with a Ph.D. in Arabic Literature, holds a Ph.D. in Comparative Linguistics: Spanish and Arabic. He brings extensive experience in teaching and research. He succeeds Dr. Ali Al-Sha'ari in this role.

In addition, the media center also congratulated Dr. Ali El-Shboul on his appointment as the Deputy Head of the Department of Arabic Language and Literature. Dr. El-Shboul, hailing from Jordan, has a distinguished academic record and has taught Spanish and Arabic to non-native speakers at several Jordanian universities. Dr. El-Shboul has made significant contributions to the fields of Spanish and Arabic languages and literature through his published works and participation in conferences.

Dr. Awf, originally from Egypt, has an impressive academic background, having served as an Assistant Professor in Modern Literature, Criticism, and Rhetoric at the College of Basic Education in Kuwait. He is actively involved in various literary organizations and has authored several books and critical studies. With 24 years of experience in education in Kuwait and the United States, Dr. Awf's appointment brings a wealth of Humanities.



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### New Faculty Members Join the University in the Beginning of the Second Semester

The Deanship of Faculty Affairs announced the addition of a new group of faculty members to the university across various colleges and departments. In a welcoming announcement, the Dean, Ms. Wafa Al-Damardash, congratulated all the new members on the start of the second semester and expressed the readiness of the Faculty Affairs Administration to provide service to faculty members in all matters related to them, pointing out the contact details for the administration.

According to the previous announcement, three new professors have joined the College of Computer Science and Information Technology, and two have joined the College of Arts and Humanities, with one joining the Department of English Literature and the other joining the Department of Political Science.

The announcement also mentioned the addition of eleven new doctors to the College of Economics and Business Administration, with four of them joining the Department of Islamic Economics, three joining the Department of Accounting, and four joining the Department of Business Administration.

In regards to the College of Education Sciences, three new doctors have joined, with one joining the Department of Education Sciences and two joining the Department of Educational Administration.

According to the announcement, ten doctors have joined the College of Islamic Studies, with three of them joining the Department of Prophetic Tradition and its Sciences, two joining the Department of Islamic Studies in English, and five joining the Department of Islamic Studies in Arabic. Eight new doctors have joined the College of Sharia and Law, with five of them joining the Department of Jurisprudence and its Foundations, and three joining the Department of Judiciary and Legal Policy. As for the College of Media, eight new female doctors have joined, with one joining the Department of Media Studies (Postgraduate) and seven joining the Department of Media (Undergraduate).

The total number of new male doctors is 39 male doctors, along with 9 female doctors.



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### Appointment of Six Deputies for Department Heads in the College of Education

Dr. Abdullah Abdulnabi, the Dean of the College of Education at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, has issued an administrative decision appointing six deputies for the heads of the six departments in the college.

The decision includes the appointment of Dr. Mahid Al-Tarifi as the Deputy Head of the Family Counseling Department, Dr. Talat Al-Dardir as the Deputy Head of the Curriculum and Teaching Methods Department, Dr. Anas Mohammed Al-Nawafleh as the Deputy Head of the Psychology and Education Department, Dr. Asma Al-Jabri as the Deputy Head of the Educational Administration Department, Dr. Suheir Sahwil as the Deputy Head of the Educational Technology Department, and Dr. Dua'a Bassam Mahmoud as the Deputy Head of the Education Sciences Department.

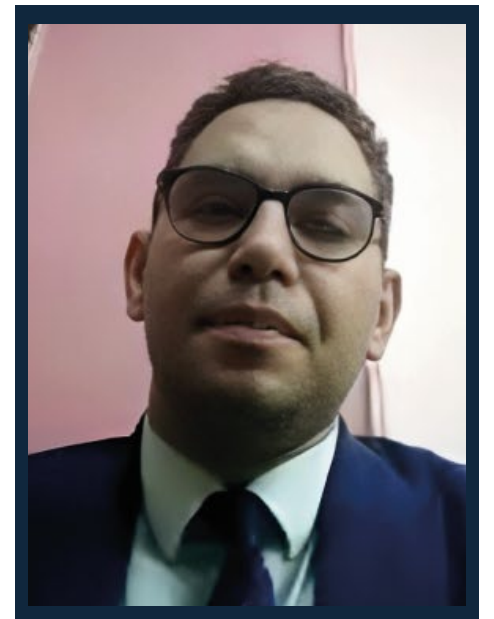
It is worth mentioning that the College of Education is one of the seven colleges that constitute the core of the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center. Additionally, it is relatively new in comparison to the College of Computer Science and Information Technology in terms of its establishment.

Professor Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud, Associate Professor of Private Law and Director of the Legal Affairs Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, recently conducted a training workshop titled "The Importance of Legal Awareness in Regulating Administrative Work."

The workshop focused on a broad objective, highlighting the significance of legal awareness in promoting system and discipline in administrative work, safeguarding institutions and individuals from potential legal issues, and fostering trust and transparency in both institutional and societal relationships.

The workshop covered various sub-topics, with the first session titled "Understanding Legal Awareness in the Context of Administrative Work." The second session delved into "The Importance of Understanding Laws and Regulations Related to Administrative Work." The third session explored "The Possible Consequences of Non-Compliance with Laws and Regulations in Administrative Work." The training workshop, organized by the Training and Development Center and Community Programs, specifically targeted the university's administrative staff. The aim was to ensure that administrative tasks are carried out in a legally compliant and transparent manner, while fostering more trustworthy relationships within the university community.

## Workshop by Abdulmaqsoud Targets Administrators





# Islamic University Announces New Faculty Appointments and Unit Establishments

A decision has been issued by His Excellency Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, the Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, regarding new appointments within the university's faculty. The decision includes the appointment of Dr. Mai Mohammed as the Director of Staff Affairs and Ms. Shaima Qaid as the Director of the Monitoring Unit. The Vice President congratulated Dr. Mai and Ms. Shaima in a post on the university's main WhatsApp groups, wishing them success and prosperity in their new responsibilities. He expressed his hope that these two administrative units would contribute to enhancing the administrative work at the university.

Al-Maqrami emphasized the importance of cooperation with these departments by the deans of colleges, department heads, and directors of administrative units, as their work requires partnership with all units, colleges, and departments.

Al-Maqrami expressed his deep gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Mai Mohammed for her great efforts as the Director of the Media Center, noting that she has made a distinguished impact in her work. He wished her and all administrative, academic, and teaching staff success and hoped that their contribution would be an asset to the university.

The university's media center published a post praising Dr. Mai Mohammed's efforts as the supervisor of the media center, commending the achievements she has made over the past two years.

As for Ms. Shaima Qaid, she has been appointed as the Director of the Monitoring Unit. She has extensive experience in the field of educational sciences and possesses diverse personal skills. The Monitoring Unit is responsible for improving the administrative work at the university and striving for excellence, innovation, and quality. It monitors the various departments within the university, ensures the safety of work, good performance, and compliance with established regulations and rules.

Earlier, Ms. Iman Abdulaziz was appointed as the Director of Student Affairs at the university. The university administration praised her previous efforts as the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Psychology and expressed confidence in her ability to achieve the future aspirations of student affairs at the university.

These appointments come as part of the ongoing efforts of the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center to develop its administration and enhance its performance in the fields of administrative and academic affairs. It is expected that these appointments will have a positive impact on the university and contribute to enhancing administrative work and improving the student experience.

Since my knowledge is up to September 2021, I do not have updated information on recent developments at the Islamic University of Minnesota. Therefore, you may need to reach out to reliable sources within the university to learn more about the current developments and any other appointments that may have taken place.

Iman Abdulaziz holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and media from the Department of Public Relations at Al-Azhar University in 2018. She has experience in the field of media work. She previously worked as a media officer for the university's official website, as well as an editor at the London Center for Research and Consultancy. She has also worked as a trainee broadcaster at the Radio Quran in Egypt and as a content writer, program producer, and voiceover for various programs and advertising campaigns.

In a post on the WhatsApp group for administrative units, Iman expressed her happiness to be among the "constellation of distinguished individuals" at the university. She emphasized the importance of the statistics unit in the current era characterized by digitization and technological advancements, noting that converting information into numbers and analyzing them to achieve dynamic rates, ratios, and results has become crucial for success and development in major academic institutions. She praised the university for dedicating a special management for statistical operations and expressed her appreciation for being assigned to lead this unit. She requested support and assistance from all university members.

It is worth mentioning that the establishment of these new units is part of Dr. Al-Maqrami's solid approach, believing in the importance of institutional work in achieving quality standards as a fundamental requirement for excellence and leading modern institutions.



## College of Technology Team Presents Workshop on Google Tools

The Training and Development Center, in collaboration with the College of Information Technology, conducted a training workshop titled "Google Workspace Tools." The workshop was delivered by a team from the College of Information Technology, led by Dr. Salah Alawi Hussain Al-Sharafi, the Director of the College of Information Technology.

The workshop began with an introduction presented by Engineer Al-Mu'tasem Faez, the Executive Director of the Training and Development Center. Dr. Salah Al-Sharafi then provided a comprehensive explanation of a range of Google tools and their positive impact on daily life and work, such as email, translation, Google Drive, and forms. He elaborated on how to efficiently use these tools to improve communication and facilitate work tasks.

In the context of electronic communication, the focus was on the benefits of Gmail and how users can leverage its advanced features for effective organization and smart search. An overview was also provided on the translation tool and its role in facilitating international communication.

Google Drive, as a means of file storage and collaborative work, was an important part of the workshop. The participants were informed about how to manage and efficiently share files. Regarding office tools like Excel, Word, and PowerPoint, the workshop provided in-depth familiarity with fully utilizing these tools to create and edit documents and presentations effectively.

In the same context, Ms. Marwa Qasem discussed the concept and importance of electronic archiving, shedding light on how participants can effectively retain and organize information.

Engineers Ali Mustafa and Khubaib Habib concluded the workshop with a practical demonstration of Google tools, providing additional insights to participants on how to maximize the benefits of these tools to improve work performance and facilitate daily operations. Overall, the workshop was a valuable opportunity for participants to acquire new skills and enhance their understanding of how to make the most of Google tools in modern work environments.

Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, Vice Chancellor of the Islamic University of Minnesota, has issued a decision to appoint three women to prominent administrative positions at the university. Ms. Halima Mohammed has been appointed as the Director of Graduate Student Affairs, succeeding Dr. Abdullah Bakri. Additionally, Professor Wafa Al-Damardash has been appointed to manage Faculty Affairs, succeeding Dr. Halima Al-Sadiya Tamali. Furthermore, Professor Amal Al-Ahdal has been appointed to the Counseling and Guidance Unit.

In a public post on the university's WhatsApp groups, Dr. Al-Maqrami congratulated the three professors and wished them success and support, expressing his confidence in their qualifications to assume responsibility and contribute to the university's development.

Dr. Al-Maqrami expressed his deep gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Abdullah Bakri, who spent two years managing Graduate Student Affairs, praising his efforts and achievements in promoting excellence in this department. He also commended Dr. Bakri's high ethical values and mentioned that he had provided comprehensive briefings to the new administration over the course of more than a month. Dr. Al-Maqrami wished him success in his journey to Saudi Arabia and hoped it would be blessed wherever he goes.

Dr. Al-Maqrami also expressed his gratitude to Dr. Halima Tamali, describing her as an exceptional administrator and a kind person, for her outstanding contributions during her tenure as the Dean of Faculty Affairs. He wished her success in all her endeavors and expressed his hope to meet her again in the future, after overcoming the current circumstances, affirming that her place in the university is secure at any time.

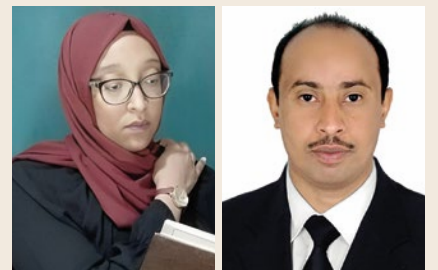
It is worth noting that Dr. Abdullah Bakri and Dr. Halima Al-Sadiya Tamali received heartfelt farewell messages and appreciation from several members of the academic and administrative bodies, in addition to receiving two official certificates of appreciation and an official thank-you letter published by the university's media center.

Minnesota, USA - The Language and Translation Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota, based in the United States, held the eleventh lecture of the Spanish language course, featuring a distinguished guest, Dr. Palmira Ubiñas Cardona, President of the international Association of Hispanic Poets and Writers (AIPEH).

According to Dr. Ali El-Shboul, the presenter of the Spanish language course, the International Association of Hispanic Poets and Writers (AIPEH) is headquartered in Orlando, Florida, United States, with ambassadors across all five continents.

Dr. El-Shboul added, "Dr. Palmira is a renowned poet, writer, radio and television producer, theater practitioner, and a prominent promoter of art and culture. She is a well-connected public figure who holds an honorary doctorate in literature and has received over 500 international awards."

The hosting of Dr. Palmira Ubiñas Cardona took place as part of a twelve-lecture Spanish language course for beginners, presented by Dr. Ali El-Shboul. The course organized by the Language and Translation Center under the supervision of Dr. Ismail Hamid, Dr. Mohammed Tawfiq, Dr. Zainab Ali, and Mr. Taher Alwan. It was attended by more than 300 male and female students from various parts of the world.



## Vice Chancellor Appoints Female Directors to Prominent Administrative Positions



## Language and Translation Center Hosts President of the international Association of Hispanic Poets and Writers





## Deanship of Graduate Studies Holds Two Seminar Sessions

The Deanship of Graduate Studies at Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center held two seminar sessions during the month of November. The first session took place on Thursday, November 2023 ,9, in the Accounting Department of the College of Economics and Business Administration. The purpose of the session was to discuss a research plan aiming to obtain a Ph.D. in Financial Analysis. The research plan was prepared by the researcher Amani Abu Bakr Hussain Al-Shatari. The committee for the discussion consisted of Dr. Rufaida Qamar Al-Dawla Mohammed, the head of the Accounting Department and the committee chairperson, Dr. Sherine Ma'moun, the Dean of the College of Economics and Business Administration as a member, and Dr. Abdurrahman Ahmed Rateb and Dr. Ala'a Al-Din Ahmed as committee members.

The second session was held on Wednesday, November 2023 ,29, in the Family Counseling Department of the College of Education Sciences. The purpose of the session was to discuss a research plan aiming to obtain a Ph.D. in Family Interaction Patterns. The research plan was prepared by the researcher Mohammed Abdullatif Husain Badr. The committee for the discussion consisted of Dr. Mohammed Shatyat, the head of the Family Counseling Department and the committee chairperson, and Dr. Mohib Al-Tarifi and Dr. Hiyam Fathi as committee members.

Dr. Yasmin Abu Shabana, the Director of the Graduate Studies Deanship, indicated that there are other plans that require necessary amendments, and they are currently in the process of being amended. Seminar sessions will be held in December to address these plans.

## Al-Khaledi Receives Ph.D. in Holy Qur'an and Its Sciences



Ahmed Mohammed Al-Khaledi, a researcher from the Department of Islamic Studies in English at the College of Islamic Studies, has obtained a Ph.D. degree in the Holy Qur'an and its Sciences. This came after the public defense session of his dissertation titled "The Educational Significance of the Holy Qur'anic Dialogue Addressed to Young Muslims in the West." The defense session was held by the Graduate Studies Department on Saturday, November 2023 ,11.

The defense committee consisted of Dr. Manal Mustafa Abdullah, Head of the Department of Islamic Studies in English at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the supervisor; Dr. Aziz Marzouq Mohammed Zalegh, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the internal examiner; and Professor Dr. Diyar Saeed, Associate Professor of Interpretation at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the external examiner.

Islam Ahmed Mohammed Rakha, a researcher from the Department of the Holy Quran and its Sciences at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, has successfully completed his doctoral studies in the field of the Quran and its Sciences. The achievement was marked by a public defense session organized by the Deanery of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center. The session focused on the dissertation titled "The Commentary of Ibn Al-Tamjid on the Lights of Revelation and the Secrets of Interpretation" by the renowned scholar Mustafa bin Ibrahim Al-Mashhour, commonly known as Ibn Al-Tamjid. The study and analysis specifically covered verses 6 to 19 of Surah Al-Baqarah.

The examining committee comprised esteemed scholars, including Dr. Imad Qadri Al-Ayadhi, Head of the Manuscripts Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, who served as the supervisor; Dr. Amina Hamid Musa, Head of the Holy Quran and its Sciences Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, acted as the chairperson. Additionally, Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Bakri, Dean of the Faculty of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, participated as an internal examiner, while Dr. Tariq Al-Khawalda, Dean of the Higher Institute for Imams and Preachers in Minnesota, served as an external examiner.

## Graduate Affairs Unit Successfully Authenticates Documents for Students



The Director of the Graduate Affairs Unit at the Islamic University in Minnesota, Engineer Mohammed Sultan Abed, announced that the unit has been in communication and coordination with the Authentication Affairs Unit during the first semester to obtain the necessary authentication for students at the main center from the US Department of State, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Virginia.

Abed added that the files of 15 male and female students have already been authenticated, and the unit has been in contact with the students, sending the authenticated documents to their addresses in the countries where they reside. Furthermore, Abed confirmed that a total of 576 certificates were issued for branch students, and graduation documents were issued for 42 students at the main campus during the first semester. Specifically, there were two bachelor's degree recipients, 35 master's degree recipients, and five doctoral degree recipients.

Regarding the unit's plans for the second semester, Abed mentioned that in coordination with the Development and Quality Unit and the Media Center, the unit will publish an annual book containing data on all former graduates. Additionally, the unit will issue congratulations to the graduates of the first semester in collaboration with the Media Center.



## Al-Aghar obtains Ph.D. in Holy Qur'an and Its Sciences

Karim Najib Al-Aghar, a researcher from the Department of Qur'an and Its Sciences at the College of Islamic Studies, has obtained a Ph.D. degree in the Holy Qur'an and its Sciences. This came after the public defense session held by the Graduate Studies Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, in the College of Islamic Studies - Department of the Holy Qur'an and Its Sciences, on Sunday, November 2023 ,26, to discuss his dissertation titled "Characteristics of the Atmosphere: A Study on the Cosmic Miracles of the Holy Qur'an."

The defense committee comprised of a scholarly panel consisting of Professor Dr. Abdullah Mohammed Youssef Mahmoud, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the supervisor; Dr. Amna Hamed Musa, Head of the Department of the Holy Qur'an and Its Sciences at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the chairperson; Dr. Youssef Mohammed Hameed, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the internal examiner; and Professor Dr. Ayman Sobhi Seddiq, Professor of Interpretation and Qur'anic Sciences at Al-Azhar University, as the external examiner.

## Rakha Earns Ph.D. in Quran and its Sciences





## College Council Meeting Emphasizes Preparations and Journal Publication

Dr. Muzahem Mustafa, Dean of the Faculty of Sharia and Law, held a routine meeting of the College Council with the attendance of all members on November 1st. The meeting focused on discussing the preparations of the college for the second semester.

The dean affirmed that the three departments, along with their heads and council members, have made thorough preparations for the teaching process. This includes curriculum development, distribution to specialized professors, and scheduling appropriate timings for both professors and students. These preparations have been submitted to the relevant technical administration, and a timetable has been set for each stage.

Dr. Mustafa also highlighted the efforts of department heads and their deputies in monitoring the progress of the educational process, evaluating performance, and delivering lessons and educational presentations. Meetings were held with faculty members to discuss challenges, propose solutions, and present demands and suggestions to the college administration.

Regarding the Artificial Intelligence Conference, the dean announced that it has been postponed in collaboration with Taheri Mohammed University in Algeria, where he was selected to be the executive director of the conference. The postponement was due to the circumstances faced by our people in Gaza. The dean clarified that the research papers are ready and peer-reviewed, and the arrangements from his university are also in place. Currently, communication is underway with the Algerian university to work on rescheduling the conference at a later date.

As for the college journal, the dean stated that numerous research papers have been received and distributed to reviewers for evaluation. Preparation is currently underway for the release of the first issue of the journal soon.



## Control Unit Successfully Completes Its Work

Over 2,000 students from various levels and stages at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center have taken their end-of-semester exams. The exams were conducted from November 4th to November 15th.

In this regard, Ms. Amat Al-Rahman Al-Maqrami, the Director of the Control Unit, has confirmed the successful completion of all examination-related tasks without any issues. She attributed this success to the unit's prior preparedness for the examination process and expressed her gratitude to the Control team, stating that they played a significant role in ensuring this readiness through their collaboration with department heads, whom she thanked for their cooperation.

The Director of the Control Unit added that preparations for the final exams were made from various perspectives. Circulars were sent to faculty members regarding exam template preparations, and this was followed up by department heads. The Control Unit closely monitored each doctor, stage, and course. Afterward, the exams were sent to the Control team for inputting them into Google forms.

Furthermore, the Director emphasized that the Control Unit has successfully completed tasks associated with the examination process, such as monitoring grading costs and documenting doctors who had not completed the monitoring process. The unit followed up with them to ensure timely completion and focused on grading the final exams to complete the first semester comprehensively.

The Director expressed her sincere appreciation to the Media Center for their significant cooperation in preparing and modifying schedules, as well as providing motivational phrases to students during the final exams.



## Quranic Center Implements New Strategies

"Sada Al-Jami'a" has obtained a statement from Dr. Hadeel Mohammed Abdulazim Afifi, the director of the Quranic Center, stating that the administration has carried out a new restructuring of the center. She mentioned that they have recruited a number of new teachers to revitalize the center and organize continuous Quranic circles throughout the day.

Regarding future plans, Afifi confirmed the preparation of some important training courses, aiming to serve the students of knowledge, especially those studying at the College of Islamic Studies. The goal of these courses is to enhance their connection with the subjects they are studying and provide them with a rich background and information.

The management of the Islamic University's Quranic Center in Minnesota - the main campus - has started implementing a training course in Tajweed titled "Guidance for Reciters in Mastering Proper Pause and Starting Points in the Noble Quran." The course is presented by Dr. Hamed Salah El-Din Tantawi, a reciter at the Kuwaiti Ministry of Awaqaf. The course is held every Sunday and Tuesday of each week at 9:00 AM Mecca time. The course had 240 participants registered at its opening.

The administration of the Quranic Center stated in the course announcement that it is free for males and females from within and outside the university. Attendees will also be granted an accredited certificate of attendance. The course is scheduled to continue for a full month.



## Workshop Explores Artificial Intelligence Impact on Future of Media

The Islamic University in Minnesota, in collaboration with the Training and Development Center, the Community Programs, and the College of Media, organized a training workshop titled "Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Media: Global Experiences and Challenges." The workshop was presented by Dr. Saly Saad Jouda.

The workshop focused on the challenges of digital transformation facing the media industry in light of technological advancements and the widespread use of social media and the internet. The impact of these transformations on information dissemination and consumption was discussed, as well as the changes in media consumption habits and audience preferences towards digital content. It was emphasized that the use of digital technologies can contribute to improving the quality of media content and enhancing media engagement with the audience.

Approximately 300 participants, including students from within and outside the university, attended the workshop. It was broadcasted through the center's Facebook page and uploaded to the university's YouTube channel and the center's platform on the university's official website. The workshop was organized by Eng. Mu'tasem Faez, the Executive Director of the center. It is expected that digital transformation will continue to reshape the media industry and its future directions, necessitating media professionals to adapt to these changes and confront new challenges in the media market, including the emerging challenge of artificial intelligence.

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