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**EDUCATION:**

**June 2022 – June 2023: American University in Cairo (AUC), Cairo**

**MA Hons:** *Advanced Arabic Studies**(3.895 GPA)*

* I was awarded a scholarship to study advanced Arabic at AUC's world-renowned CASA programme. This dedicated full-year academic program in both the Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) and spoken Egyptian dialect enables students to reach a near-native fluency in written and spoken Arabic. As part of my degree, I chose to embark on the Advanced Translation course, winning the University’s translation prize.

**September 2015- September 2019: University of Edinburgh, Scotland**

**MA Hons:** *Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies (Upper 2:1)*

* Modules have included: Islamic Movements in the 20th-21st Century, Modern Arabic Literature, Reading Arab feminist texts: key debates on women’s rights in the Arab world.

**Academic awards:** Distinction in Arabic Speaking (achieving over 75% in oral modules)

**Honors Dissertation:** *“Nawal El Saadawi: her relationship to authority in Egypt from the 1950s to the 1980s.” - 10,000 words*

* Conducted extensive literature research analyzing both English and Arabic sources using online and library archives.
* Presented findings to an audience of peers and academics, requiring effective communication skills to connect with a varied audience.

**2010-2015: Radley College, Oxford**

* May- June 2014: A Levels: Spanish (A\*), French (A), Geography (B), Classics (B)
* May-June 2012: iGCSEs: 3 x A\* (Spanish, French, English Literature), 5 x A (Mathematics, Latin, Classical Civilization, English Language Physics and Chemistry (double award)), 2 x B (Geography, Biology (double award))

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

**January 2021 – Present Day Sportstranslations.com, Ireland**, Freelance Translator

* Translating Ar-En FIFA football texts
* Working to tight deadlines e.g., translating 700-word texts in three hours
* Audio-to-text subtitling

**February 2021 – March 2022 Frontier, Cairo Senior** Business Editor

* Researched, wrote, and edited daily news briefings and analyses regarding Egypt's energy and transport sector.
* Work included translating local sources from Arabic as well as editing and proofreading my team's pieces.
* Oversaw a team of local staff and helped with the company's business development strategy.

**February 2020 – December 2020 Egypt Oil & Gas, Cairo** Research Analyst and Translator

* Finding and translating Arabic news pieces
* Writing industry insights on the Egyptian oil and gas sector
* Preparing newsletters and other features for the website

**ADDITIONAL SKILLS:**

**Languages**: **English**: Native **Spanish**: Fluent  **French**: Working Proficiency

**Arabic**: MSA Reading: Near-native; Egyptian Dialect: Near-native; Arabic Writing: Working Proficiency

**Presenting**: Carried out assessed presentations every week in both English and Arabic

**Sports**: Reached the Roehampton Squash nationals (2015). Was vice-captain for Edinburgh men’s hockey team (2017-2018). Hiked the Sinai Trail, a 12-day hike spanning 250 km.

**Digital Skills:** Extensive user of all Microsoft Office in business environments, especially Microsoft Excel. Competent in social media, including Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook. Good working knowledge of WordPress.