

# **Dr. Zafar A. Anjum**

## **Senior Lecturer (Arabic)**

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### **EXPERIENCE:**

**Aug 2011 – Current     University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)**

**Visiting Asst. Professor of Arabic, August 2011-June 2012**  
**Senior Lecturer of Arabic,                     August 2012- Current**  
**The University of Texas at Dallas**  
**School of Arts and Humanities,**  
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### **Other experience**

**January 2010 – Current                     Islamic Center of Frisco, TX**  
**Director Religious Studies**

- Lecturing at ICF on Family and Youth Night Programs every First and Third Friday of the month.
- Supervising educational activities on weekends for adults and youth.
- Delivering sermons on special occasions.
- Participating in Inter-fatith meetings.

**2009 Fall - University of Texas at Brownsville**  
**UTB**

**Adjunct Faculty, Department of Foreign Languages**

- Teaching Arabic courses at UTB (University of Texas at Brownsville, Texas)

**Oct 2008 – December 2009             Islamic Society of Brownsville,**  
**Brownsville, TX**

**Director of Arabic and Religious Studies**

- Developed curriculum of Arabic & Islamic studies at Islamic Society of Brownsville.

- Conducted classes of Arabic to the students of four levels at the society.
- Presented society at other educational institutions.
- Delivered lectures on Arabic language and cultures on various programs.

**Jun 2004 - Jul 2008     IANT Qur'anic Academy,  
Richardson, TX**

Director of Arabic and Islamic Studies

- Developed curriculum of Arabic/ Islamic studies and Qur'an memorization program at IQA.
- Interviewed and hired instructors in Arabic and Religious Studies at the Academy.
- Supervised and directed Arabic/Islamic Studies and Hifdh of Qur'an/Tajweed teachers at IQA.
- Founding scholar of Alim program at IQA, by initiating and developing curriculum for Alim courses and teaching students of middle and high school with textual traditions of advanced Arabic grammar, Tafsir of Qur'an, Fiqh and Hadith.
- Trained new teachers of Religious studies department and Alim program at IQA.
- Presented papers and attended ISNA Education forum in Chicago.
- Participated and attended Arabic workshop in Washington D.C. and Chicago during the years of 2005-06 and 2007-08
- Represented IQA at several conferences of ISNA and alike.
- Suffa Islamic Seminary at IANT, taught classes on exegesis of Qur'an.
- Delivered Friday sermons at IANT and different mosques of Dallas Metropolis area.
- Actively participated in interfaith activities of DFW area.
- Coached students for competitions of Qur'an memorization/Arabic language at local, regional and national level.
- Blessed to have 18 students who completed the memorization of the Holy Qur'an at IQA over a period of 4 years under my supervision.

**Aug 2007 – Sep.2008     Community College of Collin  
County, Plano, Texas**

Adjunct Faculty, Department of Foreign Languages

- Taught Arabic courses 1411, 1412 at Collin County Community College.

**Jan 2003 – Jun 2004    Community College of Southern  
Nevada, Las Vegas, NV**

- Adjunct faculty, Department of Philosophy and Regional studies at Community College of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas (taught courses Islam 101 and Philosophy 101).

**Mar 2002 – Jun 2004    Islamic Society of Nevada, ISON  
Las Vegas, NV**

Director of Educational Services

- Supervised educational activities like weekend school and evening classes for adults and youth.
- Taught Courses - Arabic 101 to Arabic 490 (including language and grammar).
- Taught courses on comparative religion – Judaism, Christianity and Islam.
- Delivered sermons on Friday, and other special occasions.
- Taught Qur'anic Arabic with the Rules of Phonetics and explanatory Lectures /Commentaries of Qur'an for Adults
- Written articles for publication in the Minaret Magazine, Los Angeles, California.
- Attended interfaith meetings and promoted related programs.
- Worked as a part-time Muslim Chaplain in Federal Prison Camp at Nellis, Las Vegas, Nevada, July 2002- June 2004.

**Apr 1997 - Feb 2002    Islamic Center of Palm Beaches, FL**

Director of Religious Studies

- Taught Arabic and Islamic Studies courses in language and grammar for adults and youth.
- Taught courses on comparative religions.
- Conducted socio-religious activities.
- Delivered lectures at Interfaith meetings and actively participated in other related activities.
- Volunteer lecturer of Qur'anic Arabic at Florida Atlantic University (FAU), Boca Raton, FL.

**Jun 1994 - Dec 1996    Dept. of Arabic, Aligarh Muslim  
University, India**

Lecturer, Part-time

Taught Arabic Literature and Grammar III to undergraduate students.

**Jun 1991- May 1994    Oriental College, Rampur, India**

Instructor

Courses Taught: Islamic Jurisprudence, Meanings and explanations of the text of Qur'an, Arabic Grammar II & III, Logic, and Philosophy.

**Jun 1990 - Mar 1991      Women's College, Aligarh  
Muslim University, India**

Lecturer

Teaching Arabic Literature and Arabic Grammar III

**EDUCATION:**

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| 1995 | Ph.D., Arabic   | Aligarh Muslim University, India<br><b><u>Dissertation Topic:</u> The Literary<br/>Movements of Egypt During the<br/>First Half of 20th Century, AD</b> |
| 1993 | M.Phil, Arabic  | Aligarh Muslim University, India<br><b><u>Thesis Topic:</u> Contribution of<br/>Ahmed Zaki Abu Shadi to the<br/>Modern Arabic Poetry</b>                |
| 1989 | M.A., Arabic  | Aligarh Muslim University, India  |
| 1987 | Fazil Darse Nizami<br>(Islamic Studies)<br>(Equivalent to M.A.) | Government Oriental College<br>Rampur, UP, India  |
| 1987 | Advanced PG<br>Diploma in Arabic<br>(Speech and Translation)    | Arab Culture Center, New Delhi, India   |
| 1986 | Fazil (in Theology)<br>(Equivalent to B.A.)                     | U.P. Board, Allahabad, India  |
| 1984 | Alim (in Theology)<br>(Equivalent to Associate Degree)          | U.P. Board, Allahabad, India  |
| 1985 | Daura-e-Hadith<br>India (Sihah-e-Sittah)                        | Jameul-uloom Furqania, Rampur,  |
| 1984 | Adeeb- e- Kamil<br>(Urdu Literature and Language)               | Jamea-Urdu, Aligarh, India  |
| 1983 | Munshi Kamil<br>(Persian Literature and Language)               | U.P. Board, Allahabad, India  |

## LANGUAGES LEARNED:

- ♣ Arabic (Ph.D)
- ♣ English (Associate Degree)
- ♣ Hindi (High School Diploma)
- ♣ Persian (Associate Degree)
- ♣ Urdu (Masters level)

## AWARDS RECEIVED:

- Received Award “**Shining Star**” by ICC of Carrollton, Texas, January 2013.
- Received Award “**Leadership Role**” by IANT (Islamic Association of North Texas), March 2005, 2006, 2007 2008
- Received Award “**Community Leadership**” by Tampa Bay Association, Florida, April 1999
- Awarded “**Research Fellowship**” by University Grants Commission, Ministry of Education, India, 1989-1994
- Awarded “**Eligibility for Lectureship in Arabic**” by University Grants Commission, Ministry of Education, New Delhi, India.
- Awarded “**Merit Scholarship**” for Master’s Program December 1987-April 1989, Aligarh Muslim University, India

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION:

- Member of MESA (Middle Eastern Studies Association of America)
- Member of AATA (American Arabic Teachers Association)
- Member of Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)
- Member of Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR)
- Member of Interfaith Association of Palm Beach County, Florida Jan 1998 - Mar 2002
- General Secretary of Aligarh Muslim University Research Scholars Association (AMURSA)
- Member of the Editorial Board, Journal Entitled “Zia-e-Wajih”, Published by Anjuman Kalamia, Rampur, India, Jan 1982 – Current
- Member, Forum of the Imams in Dallas Fortworth Area.

## **SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS:**

- Participated in MESA & AATA (Middle Eastern Studies Association of and American Arabic Teachers Association) Annual Conference of 2012 in Denver, CO.
- Attended International Seminar in India organized by “All India Fiqh (Jurisprudence) Academy” held March 5-7, 2011
- Participated in a workshop on Islamic Banking conducted by American Islamic Finance at Berkley, CA held May 2-5, 2011.
- Presented papers and attended ISNA Education forum in Chicago, 2005-2007
- Participated and attended Arabic workshop in Washington D.C. and Chicago during the years of 2005-06 and 2007-08
- Coached students for competitions of Qur’anic Arabic at local, regional and national level.
- Suffa Islamic Seminary at IANT, Richardson, Texas taught classes on exegesis of Qur’an 2004-2008

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

- ☐ Leader of Religious Services for Ramadan  
Imam for Taraweeh Prayers  
Ramadan 2010  
Islamic Center of Firsco, Texas
- ☐ Leader of Religious Services for Ramadan  
Imam for Taraweeh Prayers  
Ramadan 2009  
Islamic Society of Brownsville, Texas
- ☐ Leader of Religious Services for Ramadan  
Imam for Taraweeh Prayers  
Ramadan 2004-2008  
Islamic Association of North Texas, Dallas, Texas
- ☐ Leader of Religious Services for Ramadan  
Imam for Taraweeh Prayers  
Ramadan 2002-2003  
Islamic Society of Nevada, Las Vegas
- ☐ Leader of Religious Services for Ramadan  
January 1997 - December 2001  
Muslim Community of Palm Beach, Florida

- Leader of Religious Services for Ramadan  
Ramadan 1994-1996  
Islamic Educational Services, NJ