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## EDUCATION /المؤهلات العلمية

- Ph.D. Urban and Regional Planning, February 2019**  
Department of Urban and Regional Planning  
University at Buffalo, State University of New York  
Buffalo, New York  
*Dissertation Title:* Understanding the Transportation Experiences of Refugees: A Case Study of Iraqi and Syrian Refugees in Erie County, NY  
*Dissertation Committee:* Nicholas Rajkovich (Chair), Samina Raja, Robert Silverman
- MLA Landscape Architecture, 2012**  
Department of Landscape Architecture  
College of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture  
University of Arizona  
Tucson, Arizona  
*Thesis Title:* Retrofitting highway arterials into greenways: Redesigning Petra St., Irbid, Jordan  
*Thesis Committee:* Margaret Livingston (Chair), Ron Stoltz, Oscar Blazquez
- BSc Architectural Engineering, 2008**  
Faculty of Engineering (now College of Architecture and Design)  
Jordan University of Science and Technology  
Irbid, Jordan  
*Graduation Project:* Aqaba Port Redevelopment  
*Supervisor:* Anne Gharaibeh

## WORK EXPERIENCE /الخبرة العملية

### Academic Positions

**Assistant Professor, Jan 2019-present**  
Department of City Planning and Design  
College of Architecture and Design  
Jordan University of Science and Technology  
Irbid, Jordan

**Lecturer, Sept 2012-Dec 2015**  
Department of City Planning and Design  
College of Architecture and Design  
Jordan University of Science and Technology  
Irbid, Jordan

**Teaching Assistant, Sept 2009-July 2010**  
Department of Urban Planning  
College of Architecture and Design  
Jordan University of Science and Technology  
Irbid, Jordan

### **Research Positions**

**Research Assistant, June 2015-June 2018**  
Department of Architecture  
School of Architecture and Planning  
University at Buffalo, State University of New York  
Buffalo, New York  
*Research project title:* Adapting Buildings for a Changing Climate in New York State.

**Research Assistant, Dec 2012-Dec 2015**  
Department of Urban Planning  
College of Architecture and Design  
Jordan University of Science and Technology  
Irbid, Jordan  
*Research project title:* Promoting socio-economic sustainable development through innovative technological actions for Mediterranean tourism-heritage and landscapes protection clusters – HELAND, European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) program.

### **Professional Positions**

**Landscape Architect, 2013-2015**  
Jordan University of Science and Technology  
Irbid, Jordan

**Landscape and Planning Consultant, Summer 2014**  
HS Group, Hani Sahooley Consultants  
Amman, Jordan

**Junior Architect, 2008-2009**  
Imad Dabbas Architectural Office  
Amman, Jordan

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS/المنح الدراسية والجوائز**

**Innovation Award, 2017**  
2017 Global Innovation Challenge, Community for Global Health Equity  
University at Buffalo, State University of New York  
Buffalo, New York

**Full Ph.D. Studies Scholarship, 2014**  
College of Architecture and Design  
Jordan University of Science and Technology  
Irbid, Jordan

**Full Masters Studies Scholarship, 2009**  
College of Architecture and Design  
Jordan University of Science and Technology  
Irbid, Jordan

**Highest GPA in the Master of Landscape Architecture, 2012**  
College of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture  
University of Arizona  
Tucson, Arizona

## RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANTS / المنح البحثية

**Mark Diamond Research Fund (\$2870), 2017**  
Funding doctoral dissertation data collection and processing  
Graduate Student Association  
University at Buffalo, State University of New York  
Buffalo, New York

**Graduate Student Association Conference Funding (\$475), 2018**  
University at Buffalo, State University of New York  
Buffalo, New York

**PhD Conference Funding (\$227), 2018**  
Department of Urban and Regional Planning  
University at Buffalo, State University of New York  
Buffalo, New York

## PUBLICATIONS / الأبحاث العلمية

1. Rajkovich, N.B. and **Okour, Y.**, 2019. Climate Change Resilience Strategies for the Building Sector: Examining Existing Domains of Resilience Utilized by Design Professionals. *Sustainability*, 11(10), pp.1-15. [DOI: 10.3390/su11102888]
2. Bohm, M, Rajkovich, N. B., **Okour, Y.**, Gilman, E., and Mulligan, T. J., 2019. *Climate Adaptation by Design: Overview for New York State Building Professionals*. New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). Albany, New York. Retrieved from <http://ap.buffalo.edu/adapting-buildings>
3. **Okour, Y.**, Rajkovich, N., Bohm, M., 2019. Balancing Adaptation and Mitigation in the Building Sector of New York State. In: Leal Filho W. (eds) *Handbook of Climate Change Resilience*. Springer, Cham. [DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-71025-9\_124-1]
4. **Okour, Y.**, 2017. Designing healthy communities. *Community Development*, 48(5), pp.753-754. [DOI: 10.1080/15575330.2017.1369650]
5. Ghariabeh, A., Jaradat, R., **Okour, Y.**, Al-Rawabdeh, A. 2017. Landscape perception and landscape change for the city of Irbid, Jordan. *Journal of Architecture and Planning – King Saud University*. 29 (1), pp. 98-104.
6. Jamhawi, M., Al-Shorman, A., **Okour, Y.**, Alkhalidi, M. 2015. Gender equality in tourism industry: A case study from Madaba, Jordan. *Journal of Global Research in Education and Social Science*. 4 (4), pp. 225-234. [ISSN No.: 2454-1834]

## PRESENTATIONS/ المؤتمرات والندوات العلمية

### Conference Presentations

1. **Okour, Y.**, 2018. The transportation needs of refugees: An examination of Arab refugees in Buffalo, NY. 48<sup>th</sup> *Urban Affair Association Annual Conference*, Toronto, Canada.
2. Rayyan, K., **Okour, Y.**, Dana, S. 2017. Cemeteries as green spaces: Incorporating cemeteries in the planning process of green networks. *International Conference II: Reclaiming Public Spaces within Metropolitan Areas*. German Jordanian University, Madaba, Jordan.
3. Rajkovich, N., **Okour, Y.**, Tuzzo, M., Ray, P., Kelly, B. 2016. Adapting buildings for a changing climate. *From Sandy to Snowvember: Climate Change and Buildings in New York State Symposium*, University at Buffalo, State University of New York, Buffalo, New York.
4. Rajkovich, N., **Okour, Y.**, Tuzzo, M. 2016. Preparing building for climate change in New York state. *The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual NYS Green Building Conference*, Syracuse, New York.
5. Rayyan, K., **Okour, Y.**, Dana, S. 2016. An assessment of cemetery planning in Amman, Jordan: A guide to incorporating cemeteries in the planning process. *Unfolding Middle Eastern Landscapes: Changing Forms, Evolving Tools, Transforming Meanings*, The American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.

### Invited Presentations

6. **Okour, Y.** 2013. Complete Streets, Reclaiming Public Space: Applications in Jordan. *Department of Architectural Engineering*, Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan.

### Panels

7. Idea to Application: How Prospective Students make Decisions. 2018 (Panel Facilitator). ACSP Pre-doctoral Workshop for Students of Color, *Department of Urban and Regional Planning*, University at Buffalo, State University of New York, Buffalo, New York.
8. I am Intrigued, Now What do I Do? 2018 (Student Coach). ACSP Pre-doctoral Workshop for Students of Color, *Department of Urban and Regional Planning*, University at Buffalo, State University of New York, Buffalo, New York.

## TEACHING/ خبرة التدريس

**Undergraduate design studios**, Department of Architecture & Department of City Planning & Design, JUST

ARCH 111 Basic Design Studio

ARCH 211 Architectural Design Studio 1

ARCH 212 Architectural Design Studio 2

ARCH 411 Urban Design Studio

ARCH 341/URP 222 Landscape Architecture Studio

**Undergraduate Courses**, Department of City Planning & Design, JUST

URP 595 Elective: Complete Streets

URP 526 Elective: Townscape

URP 528 Elective: Parks and Green Spaces

**Undergraduate graduation project**, Department of Architecture, JUST  
2013: Twelve students  
2013/2014: Eight students  
2019/2020: Six students

**Graduate Planning Courses**, Department of City Planning & Design, JUST  
UP 702A Graduate Planning Workshop  
UP 783 Ideas of Social Space  
UP 791 Special Topics in Urban Planning: Qualitative Research Methods  
UP 790 Master Thesis Seminar

## **SERVICES/الخدمات**

### **University**

**Organizing Committee Member**, 2018, ACSP Pre-doctoral Workshop for Students of Color, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University at Buffalo, State University of New York, Buffalo, New York.

**Ph.D. Student Representative**, 2016-2017, Graduate Planning Student Association (GPSA), Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University at Buffalo, State University of New York, Buffalo, New York.

**Library Committee Member**, 2012-2015, College of Architecture and Design, Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan.

**Technology Committee Member**, 2012-2015, College of Architecture and Design, Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan.

**Supervision of web page development**, 2014-2015, College of Architecture and Design, Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan.

### **Community**

**Committee Member**, 2018-2019, Planning and Development Committee, Irbid Development Corporation, Irbid, Jordan.

**Volunteer Interpreter**, 2017-2019, Refugee Women's group, Journey's End Refugee Resettlement Agency, Buffalo, New York.

**Member**, 2017-present, Sister's Group (refugee women support group), Buffalo, New York.

**Design supervision of Al-Birgish Family Park**, 2013-2014, Al-Kora Natural Reserve Association, Al-kora, Jordan.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/المعضوبات المهنية**

**Jordan Engineers Association**, Member, 2008-present

**Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning**, Student Member, 2017-present

## **SKILLS/المهارات**

**Software:** SPSS, NVivo, AutoCAD, Adobe Suite, Arc Map, Microsoft office.

**Languages:** Arabic (Native speaker), English (Excellent Proficiency).

\*References available upon request.