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Resume

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KAREN HUNT AHMED

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SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

- Successfully teach and research Microfinance/Social and Economic Development, University level
 - Successfully teach and research Islamic Finance; undergraduate and graduate level
 - Research and analysis skills through Master's and PhD level research projects
 - Excellent writing ability
 - Skilled at and work best when managing multiple tasks and activities
 - Highly organized; able to put together and manage daily work and conference events
 - Public speaking: invited speaker at professional and academic conferences; liaison to media promotions of academic programs/courses
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CURRENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DePaul University College of Commerce **2007-present**
Visiting Assistant Professor of Finance and Management

- Teach *Microfinance* (original course), *Islamic Finance* (original course), *Introduction to Finance*, *Foundations of Business Thought* at undergraduate and graduate level
 - Developed curriculum for *Master of Science in Finance: Islamic Finance* for DePaul/Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF)
 - Developed online course for DePaul/BIBF course
 - Teaching/course evaluations available upon request
 - Organized day-long Finance conference at DePaul (March 2008)
 - Published author in edited book, peer-reviewed journal, trade publications
 - Faculty Board member for Global Microfinance Brigades student organization
 - Moderator and panel discussant at DePaul World Catholicism conference
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EDUCATION

PhD, Psychology: Human Development **August 2007**
The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Dissertation title: *The 'Business' of Culture: Morality and Practice in Islamic Finance*

Master of Arts, Psychology: Human Development **June 2000**
The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Master's Thesis title: *Cross-cultural Patterns of Pregnancy Sickness and Food Taboos: An Evolutionary Perspective*

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) **May 1990**
John M. Olin School of Business, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, magna cum laude **May 1990**
Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fieldwork

August 2002 – June 2003

Lived and conducted dissertation research in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
During fieldwork, I conducted semi-structured interviews with professionals in the field of Islamic Finance and Banking.
Observed daily practices in Islamic banks and Islamic finance companies

Islamic Adaptations Working Group on Culture and the Law

1999 – 2004

- Performed and analyzed structured interviews
- Presented findings at Conference, Duke University, March 2002

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

DePaul University

2007-present

- Developed curriculum for Master of Science: Islamic Finance program (in Bahrain)
- Islamic Finance (developed course, graduate and undergraduate levels)
- Islamic Finance online (developed successful online graduate course for DePaul)
- Microfinance (developed course)
- Introduction to Financial Management, Foundations of Business Thought

University of Chicago

1997 - 2007

- Developed syllabus and taught a stand-alone course entitled "Culture and Economy"
- Center for Teaching and Learning's "Workshop on Teaching in the College"
- Center for Teaching and Learning's "Seminar on Course Design"
- Supervised Senior Honors Thesis for undergraduate student; research topic was the education system in the United States.

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, non-academic

Arabian General Investment Corporation (Now SHUAA Capital, p.s.c.) Dubai, United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.)

Project Analyst

June 1992 – March 1994

Responsible for all aspects of credit evaluation for new and existing direct investments in Middle East, Africa and Europe

American National Bank and Trust Company Chicago, Illinois

Commercial Real Estate Analyst

October 1991 – December 1991

Commercial Banking Credit Analyst

July 1990 – October 1991

Training rotations included General Commercial Banking, Commercial Real Estate, and Cash Management

SAMPLE PUBLICATIONS

Martin, W.F. & Hunt-Ahmed, K. (2011, forthcoming). "Executive compensation: The Role of Shari'a Compliance." *International Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Finance and Management*. Volume 5, No. 4.

Hunt-Ahmed, Karen. 2009. "Islamic Banking and Finance: Moral Beliefs and Business Practices at Work," in *The Global Corporation: Sustainable, Effective and Ethical Practices*. Laura Hartman and Patricia Werhane, editors. Prentice Hall.

Hunt Ahmed, Karen. 2009. "What does Islamic finance want to be when it grows up?," cover article in *Business Islamica's* special edition entitled "Where is Islamic finance going? Ethical investment strategies". January 2009.

SAMPLE INVITED LECTURES

- Discussant at Midwest Financial Association Annual Meeting, March 2011
 - Chicago Booth School of Business (University of Chicago) Microfinance Conference: Invited panelist for "Faith and Microfinance" session, May 7, 2010 (<http://www.chicagomicrofinance.com/bios.shtml#Ahmed>)
 - American Islamic College: Keynote speaker for seminar on "Personal investing and Islamic finance", June 12, 2010
 - North American South Asian Bar Association Annual Meeting: "Doing business in the GCC" panelist, Boston, June 24, 2010
 - ISNA: panel member for "Islamic finance and wealth management strategies", July 2010
 - "Islamic law, finance and debt in Dubai," Invited guest speaker for Money, Markets & Consumption Workshop at University of Chicago, February 2010
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NOT-FOR-PROFIT AFFILIATIONS

Haven Youth Services, NFP
Board Member and Finance Committee

Wilmette, IL
October 2010 - present

RefugeeOne, NFP
Secretary, Board Member and Finance Committee

Chicago, IL
July 2010 – present

PERSONAL

- Coordinator of U.A.E. exhibit, Kenilworth Girl Scout Troop Thinking Day, 2007
- Coordinator of Geography/History education section of the Japan Culture Fair Committee at Joseph Sears Elementary School, Kenilworth, Illinois, USA, 2002
- Lived and worked in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 1991 to 1996 and August 2002-June 2003 (PhD fieldwork); Have traveled to the GCC region since 1988
- Traveled extensively in Europe, Arabian Gulf States, Pakistan, East Africa and Mexico
- Conversant in Spanish; Read, write and speak basic level Urdu