

Slma Shelbayah

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Peachtree City, GA

- Experienced Television Reporter and Commercial Talent with exceptional communication skills.
- Certified Voice-Over Talent
- Well-connected with the diverse communities of Atlanta, including minorities such as the African American, Muslim, Arab and Hispanic population.
- Active leader and participant in varied community service initiatives across Atlanta.
- Certified Public Speaker. Experience presenting to corporate, government, civic and religious organizations, both locally and nationally.
- Fluent in Arabic and conversant in Spanish.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

<i>CNN International: Special Guest</i>	11/2009
<i>Azizah Magazine: Freelance Talent/Producer</i>	01/2007-present
<i>Bridges TV: GA Correspondent / Freelance Reporter</i>	05/2005- 05/2007
<i>April & Company LLC: Freelance Producer/Talent</i>	12/2004- 12/2005
<i>Taqwa Productions:: Youth TV host for show entitled Reflections</i>	05/2004- 08/2004
<i>Signal: Writer for Georgia State University's newspaper</i>	11/2003- 12/2004

EDUCATION

Georgia State University Ph.D. Communications Enrolled: 08/2008	Atlanta, GA 30303 Public Communication Expected Graduation: 08/2012
Oxford University Annenberg-Oxford Summer Institute Global Media Policy: Technology and New Themes in Media Regulation Enrolled: 06/2010	Oxford, United Kingdom Graduated: 07/2010
Georgia State University M.A. Applied Linguistics 08/2005 to 12/2007	Atlanta, GA 30303 Focus on Arabic and Spanish
Georgia State University B.A. Journalism 06/2002 to 12/2004	Atlanta, GA 30303 Minor, Sociology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bernau University: Adjunct Faculty School of Business and Mass Communication 10/2009-present

- Teaching graduate students business and communication courses.
- Course taught: Academic Research and Writing and Business Communication skills.

Georgia State University: Visiting Instructor Middle East Institute 01/2007-06/2009

- Teaching Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced level courses of Modern Standard Arabic to undergraduate and graduate students.
- Developing, designing and teaching a special seminar 4000 level course on Egyptian Colloquial Arabic to undergraduate and graduate students.

INTERNSHIPS

CBS46: Interactive Media News Room 09/2004-12/2004

Taqwa Productions: Television Production Company 05/2004-08/2004

Governor's Internship: Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 09/2002-12/2002

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENTS

Atlanta Press Club- Active member since 2004

Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta- Certified Public Speaker presenting and creating educational interactive workshops and sessions on the culture and religion of Islam, to universities, civil and government organizations, churches, synagogues, temples, etc.

Egyptian Colloquial Arabic Immersion Program- Director of Georgia State University based Arabic Immersion study abroad program to Egypt in May, 2009. Organized and developed this study abroad trip, designed as an intensive summer experience for Arabic language students.

Workshop for Georgia Educators- Developing and presenting a workshop on Media of the Middle East to Georgia Educators sponsored by Georgia State University and Georgia Perimeter College.

SKILLS

Computer: Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Indesign 2.0, iNews, Avid

Work: Excellent communication and organizational skills

Foreign Language: Arabic, Intermediate Spanish

ACHIEVEMENTS

National Dean's List: 2004

Hope Scholarship: 2002-2004

B.A. Completion: Completed 4 years of B.A. in 2 ½ years