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Personal Summary

Award-winning writer with 10+ years of experience spanning social media strategy, storytelling, creative writing, and research-based communication. Excellent command of the English language; doctorate in humanities, and experience as a professor. Background includes SEO training, editorial experience, copywriting, community engagement, and arts-based pedagogies.

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Education

PhD in Ethnic Studies

University of California, San Diego

2015-2021

Dissertation on Syrian women's protest culture and storytelling; also produced short film on the topic

Masters in Ethnic Studies

University of California, San Diego

2018

Bachelors in Comparative Women's Studies and Sociology

Spelman College, Atlanta, GA

2011-2015

- Valedictorian; Summa Cum Laude

Work Experience

Assistant Professor of Comparative Women's Studies

Spelman College

2022-2025

- Designed curriculum emphasizing storytelling, social justice, and global feminisms.
- Advised 200+ students; organized Spelman's first Black Queer Studies Conference.
- Mentored students, supporting publication and presentation prep.

Graduate Student Researcher

University of California, San Diego

2016 to 2019

- Researched and wrote on refugee storytelling, displacement, and gendered protest.
- Coordinated conferences and events centered on narrative, justice, and migration.

Work Experience, cont.

English Teacher

Syrian Women's Association, Amman Jordan

Summer 2015

- Taught English using theatre of the oppressed and justice-based methods.
- Created curricula for refugee learners with a focus on narrative expression.

Books

Ululating from the Underground: Syrian Women's Protest Cultures

Forthcoming, SUNY Press, 2026

A La Syrena: Visions of a Syrian Mermaid in Space

Dzanc Books, 2022 | Winner of the Diverse Voices Prize

Creative Writing

- "banat ishreh" and "Sacred" in *Mizna*
- "Nashwa: a Journey to Calligraphic Relaxation" in *Wanabqa Zine*, Forthcoming
- "Cousins" and "Fruit" in *My Kali Mag*, Forthcoming
- "[Love in the Time of Khibbezeh](#)," *Arrow Journal* Dec 2024
- "the kesra poem" in *Mizna: the Cinema Issue*, Fall 2024
- "[moonlit](#)" "[de dea syria](#)" and "[where the goddess lives](#)" in *Allium Journal*, Summer 2024
- Published in anthologies: *Dream of the River* (Jacar Press), *The Hajar Book of Rage*, *Passage and Place*, *Black Feminist Free*, edited by Beverly Guy-Sheftall

More at: banahelghadbanah.com/published-poems

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Articles

- "Treat Us Like Your Mother, A Review" *Herizons, Canada's Foremost Feminist Magazine*
- "Ululating from the Underground: My Trip to Syria," *Herizons*
- "Give Us Our Land Back: The Golan Heights and Palestine's Intertwined Revolution," *Spectre Journal*
- "Speaking Through the Cracks: Syria's Earthquake," *Herizons*

More at <http://banahelghadbanah.com/articles>

Content Writing Experience

Content Writer – Human Appeal (Muslim Charity)

2024-2025

- Wrote Instagram and Facebook content, ads, and short video scripts to communicate the organization's global impact.

Communications Writer – Demilitarize ATL

2024

- Created social media calendars and grew audience engagement.

Copy editor, Vocal Justice

2025

- Edited 1,000+ slides and curriculum guides for accessibility and clarity.

Social Media writer, Faculty and Staff for Justice in Palestine- Georgia

2023-2024

- Researched and wrote platform-specific posts around current events.

Social Media writer, Northwest Arkansas for Palestine

2023-2024

- Wrote Instagram content blending political education and storytelling. Worked with a graphic designer to build audience engagement with posts

Core Skills

- Content Writing & Editing
- Social Media Copywriting & Campaigns
- Creative Writing (Poetry, Scripts, Prose)
- Cross-Cultural Communication
- Research & Messaging Strategy
- Trauma-Informed Storytelling
- Multimedia & Film Writing

Certifications

Google SEO Certifications Course

UC Davis

2025

- Completed an online course offered from UC Davis on Google SEO Certification to learn best search engine practices

SEO Course Certification

Sem Rush

2025

- Completed a SEO course for best SEO practices

Film & Media Projects

- *Ululating from the Underground* (2021): Documentary film based on PhD dissertation
- *Syrians for Black Power* (2020): Collaborative activist campaign
- *In the Revolution* (2020): Spoken word film
- Multiple micro-films on gender, grief, and diaspora storytelling

Fellowships

Recipient of multiple prestigious awards, including the **Mellon-Mays Gender and Sexualities Grant**, **Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship**, **Critical Refugee Studies Grant**, and **Pollination Project Grant**.

Supported by over **\$60,000** in funding for research, writing, and community-based projects focused on justice, storytelling, and refugee studies.