Brief Bio

1. Personal Information	
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2. Employment History		
Place of Work (Institution)	**Year**	**Occupation**
Sultan Qaboos University	(2020 – Now)	Dean of College of Arts and Social Science
Sultan Qaboos University	(2018-2020)	Director of the Main Library
Sultan Qaboos Univeristy	(2016 – 2018)	Assistant dean for Postgraduate Studies and Research; College of Arts; Sultan Qaboos University
National Defence College	(2014 – 2016)	representing SQU at the College of National Defense as a director and academic advisor for Master Program of Strategic Studies
Sultan Qaboos Univeristy	(2012- present)	Assistant professor at Sultan Qaboos University, Department of Information Studies
Sultan Qaboos Univeristy	(2005- 2012)	Lecturer at Sultan Qaboos University, Department of Library and Information Science.
Sultan Qaboos Univeristy	(2002-2005)	Teacher at Sultan Qaboos University, Department of Library and Information Science.

3. Education and Qualifications		
3- 1 Qualifications		
Institution	**Year**	**Qualification**
Sheffield University, UK	2012	PhD in Information Studies
Curtin University, Australia	2005	Master in Information Management
Sultan Qaboos University, Oman	2002	Bachelor in Library and Information Sciences

4. Research
4-1   Research Interests
Information Sharing
Knowledge Management
Knowledge Economy
Research Methods
Soft Systems Methodology

4-2   Papers (5 most important or recent papers)

- Al-Aufi, A., Al-Harrasi, N., Al-Abri, Z. (2021) The Effectiveness of Using Crowdsourcing for Improving Information Services: An Action Research Approach, Library Hi tech, Vol 38, Issue 4.

- Al-Kharousi, R; Al-Harrasi, N, Jabur, N & Bouazza, A. (2018). Soft Systems Methodology (SSM) as an Interdisciplinary Approach: Reflection on the Use of SSM in Adoption of Web 2.0 Applications in Omani Academic Libraries,   Promoting Interdisciplinarity in Knowledge Generation and Problem Solving, IGI Global, PP. 243-257.

- Al-Aufi, A; Al-Harrasi, N; Al-Balushi, S; & Al-Azri, H. (2017). Mapping out Arab international book fairs: Investigating the development of the Muscat book fair, Information and Learning Science, Vol. 118 No. 5/6, pp. 280-297Vol. 118 No. 5/6, pp. 280-297.

- Al Hijji,K; AlHarrasi, N & Alissaee, H. (2018). The Role of Information in Strategic Planning and Decision Making: Overview on Economic Organizations in Oman, Journal of Economics, Business, & Accountancy Ventura. V 22 (1), PP. 143-150.

- Al-Harrasi, N. & AL-Salmi, K. (2016). Cooperation between Learning Resource Centers at Colleges of Applied Sciences, Oman. International Journal of Digital Library Systems, 5(2), 35-49 (English).

- AlHarrasi, N., & Alhijji, K. (2015). Factors working against collaboration among Omani academic libraries. International Information & Library Review, (just-accepted), Available: http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10572317.2015.1133211 (English)

- AL-Harrasi, N & Jaber, N. (2014). Factors contributing to successful collaboration among Omani academic libraries, Interlending & Document Supply, Vol. 42. Iss: 1, 2014. Available: http://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/full/10.1108/ILDS-02-2014-0015 (English)

- AL-Harrasi, N & Aloufi, A. (2012). The potential of inter-state collaboration for Omani academic libraries, Library Review, Vol. 61 Iss: 4, 2012. Available: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Nabhan_Alharrasi/publication/241956003_The_potential_of_inter-state_collaboration_for_Omani_academic_libraries/links/0a85e53adf9312cf58000000.pdf (English)

- Al-Harrasi, N. (2015). Reflections of Soft Systems Methodology on Participants' Thinking and Practice throughout Different Processes of Developing Omani Academic Libraries Collaboration System. The Journal of Modren Education Review, 11 (5), Available: http://www.academicstar.us/journalsshow.asp?ArtID=365 (English)

- Al-Harrasi, N. (2014). The application of organizational learning theory to Omani academic library collaboration. Procedia - Social and Behavioral Sciences 147, 86 – 90. Available: http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1877042814040300 (English)

4-3   Conferences (5 most important or recent conferences)

- AlAbri, A. Alufi, A. Al-Harrasi, N. (2021). Crowdsourcing and its implementation in Data collections and Information Services in the Sultanate of Oman. SLA, Gulf Chapter first virtual Forum, Kuwait, September, 20 – 21, 2021. (Arabic)

- AlHashmi, K. Al-harrasi, N. Alufi, A. (2021). Big Data as a component of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. SLA, Gulf Chapter first virtual Forum, Kuwait, September, 20 – 21, 2021. (Arabic)

- Alharrasi, N., Alufi, A., Albuloshi, S., & Alazri, H. (2017). Mapping out Arab international book fairs: investigating the development of the Muscat Book Fair, 15TH International Conference on Books, Publishing, and Libraries, London, July 6 & 7, 2017.

- Alharrasi, N. Alsalmi, K. (2015). Reality of Cooperative Network between Learning Resource Centers in College of

Applied Sciences in the Sultanate of Oman. 2ed International Conference in Library and Information Science, Athene Institutue for Education and Research. Athens, Greece, 27 – 30 July 2015. (English)

- AlHarrasi, N. (2015). Using Soft Systems Methodology to create an accessible digital library for blind students. 6th Annual Conference, The Qualitative Report, Nova Southeastern, Miami, USA. January, 8 – 10, 2015. (English)

4-4	Thesis Supervision (5 most recent theses)

- Al Muzahmi, Zainab. (2021) Big Data and its importance in health sector in the Sultanate of Oman. Department of Information Studies, College of Arts and Social Sciences, SQU.

- Al Hashmi, Safaa. (2020). The reality of subscribing in Electronic Resources and its challenges in the Information Institutions in the Arab world, from the viewpoint of Publishers, Suppliers and Agents. Department of Information Studies, College of Arts and Social Sciences, SQU.

- Al Hashmi, Kothar. (2019). Big Data management and its investment in the Omani government institutions. Department of Information Studies, College of Arts and Social Sciences, SQU.

- Al-Balushi, Halima (2019), The Role of Academic Libraries in Supporting Institutional Accreditation. Department of Information Studies, College of Arts and Social Sciences, SQU.

- AL-Hinai, Abdullah (2018), The Financial Crisis and Its Impact on the Performance of University Libraries in the Sultanate of Oman. Department of Information Studies, College of Arts and Social Sciences, SQU.

5. Awards

- **Best Paper Award** for paper "Faculty Acceptance of Electronic Resources at Applied Sciences Colleges: Application of the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM)" presented at the 20th Annual Conference of the Special Libraries Association-Arabian Gulf Chapter. March 25-27, 2014. Doha, Qatar.

- **Best Paper Award** for paper "Adoption of Web 2.0 applications in Omani academic libraries" presented at the 20th Annual Conference of the Special Libraries Association-Arabian Gulf Chapter. March, 2015. Abu Dhabi, UAE.

- **Distinguished Researcher Award**: Received the Distinguished Researcher Award from the Vice Chancellor of Sultan Qaboos University, 2014.

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6. Community Service

6-1 Community services (Lectures – Seminars – etc….)

- Lecture at Constantine University, Algeria, titled "The use of Soft Systems Methodology in Social Science" March, 2017.

- Lecture at Kuwaite University, Kuwaite, titled "Interdesplinarity in teaching Information Sciences", April, 2016.

- Conducting eight workshops for information specialists of Ministry of Education Titled "How to enhance collaboration between Learning Resource Centers", Center of Community Services, Sultan Qaboos University, 2014-2016.

- Conducting Seven workshops for information specialists of Ministry of Education Titled "The Management of Organizational Change in Learning resource Centers", Center of Community Services, Sultan Qaboos University, 2014-2016.

- Presented a lecture entitled "developing a research objectives and Questions in Scientific research", Command and

Staff College, 2015.
• Presented a lecture entitled "doing a research proposal in strategic studies", National Defense College, Muscat, Oman, 2015.

6-2 Committee membership (5 main committees)
• President of Special Library Association, Gulf Chapter
• Chair of Proposed Omani Medical National Library
• Chair of Omani Research repository
• Member of Joint committe between Sultan Qaboos Univerity and Ministry o Heritage and Tourism
• Member of Joint Committee between SQU and Ministry of Social Development