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## **علاء فخري "أحمد زكي" افتيحه**

تاريخ الميلاد: ١٩٨٣ ميلادية  
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## **Academic Credentials**

### **PhD, Chemistry, (Sep.2009 – May.2013)**

University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada (*World Rank 201-300 according to Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU, Shanghai ranking, 2013)*)

- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Matthew F. Paige
- **Title of dissertation:** Characterization, Control and Modeling of Phase Separation in Mixed Phospholipid-Perfluorinated Fatty Acid Monolayers

### **MSc, Chemistry, (Sep.2004 – Nov.2006)**

Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan  
Accumulated Average: 3.78/4.00, Excellent- 1st Honor Degree

- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Musa I. El-Bargouthi, Co-supervisor: Dr. Adnan A. Badwan
- **Title of dissertation:** Application of Percolation Theory on Compacts Utilized in Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms

### **BSc, Chemistry, (Sep.2000 – Jun.2004)**

Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan  
Accumulated Average: 3.73/4.00, Excellent- 1st Honor Degree

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## **Research Interests**

- Carbon dioxide capturing using green sorbents under mild conditions.
- Understanding the nature of bulk hetero-junction thin film blends composed of molecular donors and acceptors, with the aim of obtaining high performance organic photovoltaic cells.
- Studying the assembly of mixed surfactant monolayers at both air-water and air-solid interfaces that have applications as exogenous pulmonary lung surfactant preparation.

## **Professional Experience**

### **Assistant Professor, (Currently, since Sep.2014)**

Department of Chemistry, The Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan

### **Visiting Scholar, (Aug.2016-Jan.2017)**

The Jordanian Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards to the United States.

- University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California, United State of America (*World Rank 45 according to ARWU, 2017*)
- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Thuc-Quyen Nguyen

**Post-Doctoral Fellow, (Jun.2013 – May.2014)**

Dalhousie Research in Energy, Advanced Materials and Sustainability (**DREAMS**)

- Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (*World Rank 201-300 according to ARWU, 2014*)
- Supervisors: Dr. Gregory Welch and Prof. Dr. Ian Hill

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, (Sep.2009 – Apr.2012)**

Department of Chemistry, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

**Researcher, (Oct.2008 – Jun.2009)**

King Abdullah Institute for Nanotechnology (KAIN), King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Project Title: Development of novel self-assembling folate-conjugated chitosan derived nanomaterial's for controlled release and targeted delivery of hydrophobic bio-actives to colon cancer cells

**Researcher, (Jul.2006 – Sep.2008)**

Research and Development Department, Suwagh Company for Drug Delivery Systems, Subsidiary of the Jordanian Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co., Naor, Jordan

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, (Oct.2004 – Jun.2006)**

Department of Chemistry, Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan

**Analyst, (Jun.2004 – Aug.2004)**

Quality Control Department, El-Hikma Pharmaceutical Company, Amman, Jordan

**Trainee, (Jun.2003 – Aug.2003)**

Research and Development Department, the Jordanian Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co., Naor, Jordan

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**Honors, Awards, Nominations & Grants**

- Research Grant of **157,500 JOD** “equivalent to \$221,831US” awarded by the Deanship of Scientific Research, The Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan. (July.2017)  
- *Project Title: Exploiting Immiscibility of Hydrocarbons And Fluorocarbons to Pattern Interfaces*
- **The Jordanian Fulbright Visiting Scholar (Post-Doctoral) Award**, granted by the Jordanian American Commission for Educational Exchange (JACEE) (**\$22,500 US**, Aug.2016 - Jan.2017)
- Research Grant of **83,366 JOD** “equivalent to \$117,417 US” awarded by the Deanship of Scientific Research, The Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan. (Nov.2015)  
- *Project Title: Phase-Separation of Mixed Surfactant Films: The Interfacial Behavior of Dipalmitoylphosphatidyl Choline at Air-Water and Air-Solid Interfaces*
- Research Grant of **6,000 JOD** “equivalent to \$8,450 US” awarded by the Deanship of Scientific Research, The Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan. (Nov.2014)  
- *Project Title: Morphology Control and Optimization of Bulk Heterojunction Blends for Plastic Solar Cell Applications*
- **DREAMS Post-Doctoral Fellowship** (Dalhousie Research in Energy, Advanced Materials and Sustainability), funded by “NSERC-CREATE” program (Natural Sciences and Engineering

Research Council of Canada - Collaborative Research and Training Experience program) (**\$39,396 Canadian**, Jun.2013-May.2014)

- I have been **nominated** for **Taube Medal Award**, Chemistry Department, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada “It is awarded to a graduate student in the Department of Chemistry, who is judged to have made the most significant overall contribution to research and scholarly activity in honor of Henry Taube, a **Nobel Prize laureate** in Chemistry, 1983” (March.2014)
  - **Gerhard Herzberg Thesis Acceleration Award for Scholastic Achievements in Chemistry**, Chemistry Department, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada “It is awarded to a senior Ph.D. student with an outstanding record of academic performance and research achievement” (**\$14,088 Canadian**, Sep.2012-Apr.2013)
  - **Research and Teaching Fellowship**, Chemistry Department, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada (**\$59,262 Canadian**, Sep.2009-Aug.2012)
  - **Honorable Mention - Graduate Student Poster Competition**, 94th Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (2011)  
Poster Title: Thermodynamics and Morphological Characterization of a Model Pulmonary Lung Surfactant System, by: A.F. Eftaiha, S. Brunet and M.F. Paige
  - **Hisham Hijjawi Award for Applied Sciences - Energy and Industry Field**, Amman, Jordan (2007). Project Title: Novel Super disintegrating Agent Based on Chitosan-Silicon Dioxide, by: M.I. Barghouthi, I.S. Rashid, A.F. Eftaiha, M. Remawi and A.A. Badwan
  - **Research and Teaching Fellowship**, Chemistry Department, Hashemite University, Jordan (**3,580 JOD** “equivalent to \$5,042 US”, Sep.2004-Jun.2006)
  - **Academic Distinction Scholarship**, Hashemite University, Jordan (**324 JOD** “equivalent to \$456 US”, Sep.2002-Jun.2003)
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### Conference Presentations and Posters

1. Qaroush, A.K.; **Eftaiha, A. F.** and Assaf, K.I. The Birth of Green Sorbents for CO<sub>2</sub> Capturing: The Chemistry of Carbamates and Organic Ionic Alkylcarbonates. *Oral Presentation*, 15<sup>th</sup> Jordanian Chemical Conference, (5-6)-4-**2017**, Mafraq, Jordan.
2. **Eftaiha, A. F.**; Alsoubani, F.; Assaf, K.I. and Qaroush, A.K. Chitin Acetate/DMSO Binary Mixture as a Green Sorbent for CO<sub>2</sub> Capturing. *Oral Presentation*, 15<sup>th</sup> Jordanian Chemical Conference, (5-6)-4-**2017**, Mafraq, Jordan.
3. **Eftaiha, A. F.**; Alsoubani, F.; Assaf, K.I. and Qaroush, A.K. Supramolecular Chemisorption of Carbon Dioxide by Chitin Acetate Oligomer. *Poster*, **2016 Renewable Carbon Workshop** “Mellichamp Academic Initiative in Sustainability”, 21-9-**2016**, Santa Barbara, California, United State of America.

4. **Eftaiha, A.F.**; Non-fullerene, Small Molecular Acceptor for Solution Processed Bulk Heterojunction Solar Cells. *Oral Presentation*, 14<sup>th</sup> Jordanian Chemical Conference, 8-4-**2015**, Mafraq, Jordan.
5. Hendsbee, A.D.; Welch, G.C.; Sun, J.P.; Macaulay, C.M. and **A.F. Eftaiha**. Applications of  $\pi$ -conjugated small molecules in organic electronic devices. *Oral Presentation*, 97<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, [Abstract#1071](#), (1-5)-6-**2014**, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
6. Paige, M.F. and **Eftaiha, A.F.** Phospholipids, peptides and perfluorocarbons in monolayers: microscopy, spectroscopy and simulations of phase-separation. *Oral Presentation*, 96<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, [Abstract #1339](#), (26-30)-5-**2013**, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.
7. **Eftaiha, A.F.** and Paige, M.F. The Impact of Perfluorooctadecanoic Acid on the Phase Behavior of Dipalmitoylphosphatidylcholine at Air-Water & Air-Solid Interfaces. *Oral Presentation*, 95<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, [Abstract #135](#), (26-30)-5-**2012**, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
8. Paige, M.F. and **Eftaiha, A.F.** Comparing Surfactant Film Structures at Air-Water & Air-Solid Interfaces: When Does Deposition Affect Morphology. *Oral Presentation*, 95<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, [Abstract #1323](#), (26-30)-5-**2012**, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
9. **Eftaiha, A.F.**; Brunet, S.M. and Paige, M.F. Thermodynamics and Morphological Characterization of a Model Pulmonary Lung Surfactant System. *Poster*, 94<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, [Abstract #2403](#), (5-9)-6-**2011**, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

- **Honorable Mention - Graduate Student Poster Competition**

10. Paige; M.F. and **Eftaiha; A.F.** The Influence of Perfluorinated Surfactant on Model Pulmonary Lung Surfactant Mixtures. *Poster*, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Chemical Biophysics Symposium, [Abstract P.13](#), (8-10)-4-**2011**, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
11. **Eftaiha, A.**; Rashid, I.; Remawi, M.; Qinna, N.; Al Shami, M. and Badwan, A Novel Extended Release Matrix System of Metronidazole Based on Chitosan and Xanthan gum. *Poster*, 26<sup>th</sup> Arab Pharmacist Association General Conference “The Role of the Pharmacist in the Quality Provision of Pharmaceutical Care”, (10-12)-4-**2008**, Amman, Jordan.
12. Al Jbour, N.; **Eftaiha, A.**; Remawi, M. and Badwan, A. Oral Extended Release of Liquid Ibuprofen. *Poster*, 26<sup>th</sup> Arab Pharmacist Association General Conference “The Role of the Pharmacist in the Quality Provision of Pharmaceutical Care”, (10-12)-4-**2008**, Amman, Jordan.
13. **Eftaiha, A.**; Remawi, M.; Barghouthi, M.; Rashid, I. and Badwan, A. The Application of Percolation Theory on Binary Mixtures of Chitosan and Xanthan Gum. *Poster*, Jordan International Pharmaceutical Conference “Toward New Advances in Pharmaceutical Sciences”, Abstract P. 82, (15-17)-11-**2006**, Amman, Jordan.
14. **Eftaiha, A.**; Rashid, I.; Remawi, M.; Barghouthi; M. and Badwan; A. A Study Utilizing Percolation Theory: Mechanical Properties and Release Behavior of a Controlled Release System. *Oral*

Presentation, First Chemical Scientific Day (B.Sc. & M.Sc.), Abstract P. 15, 26-4-2006, Karak, Jordan.

15. **Eftaiha, A.**; Rashid, I.; Remawi, M.; Barghouthi; M. and Badwan, A. Application of Percolation Theory on Compacts Utilized in Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms. *Poster*, 6<sup>th</sup> Jordanian International Conference in Chemistry, Abstract P. PO7, 12-12-2005, Zarqa, Jordan.
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2. Qaroush, A. Q.; Assaf, K. I; Bardaweel, S. K.; Al-Khateeb, A.; Alsoubani, F.; Al-Ramahi, E.; Masri, M; Brück, T; Troll, C.; Rieger, B.; **Eftaiha, A. F.** Chemisorption of CO<sub>2</sub> by chitosan oligosaccharide/DMSO: organic carbamate–carbonato bond formation. **Green Chemistry**. 2017. 19: 4305-4314. DOI: [10.1039/C7GC01830D](https://doi.org/10.1039/C7GC01830D).  
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3. Paige, M. F. and **Eftaiha, A. F.** Phase-separated surfactant monolayers: Exploiting immiscibility of fluorocarbons and hydrocarbons to pattern interfaces. **Advances in Colloid and Interface Science**. 2017. 248: 129–146. DOI: [10.1016/j.cis.2017.07.023](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cis.2017.07.023).  
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4. Qaroush, A. Q.; Assaf, K. I; Al-Khateeb, A.; Alsoubani, F.; Nabih, E.; Troll, C.; Rieger, B.; **Eftaiha, A. F.** Pentaerythritol-Based Molecular Sorbent for CO<sub>2</sub> Capturing: A Highly Efficient Wet Scrubbing Agent. **Energy and Fuels**, 2017. 31 (8): 8407-8414. DOI: [10.1021/acs.energyfuels.7b01125](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.energyfuels.7b01125).  
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- 11. **Eftaiha, A. F.**; Hendsbee, A. D.; Sun, J.P.; Hill, I. G. *The influence of molecular geometry on photophysical properties and self-assembly of phthalimide end-capped thiophene-based organic molecules.* **Materials Letters**, **2015**. 157: 252-255, DOI: [10.1016/j.matlet.2015.05.136](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.matlet.2015.05.136)
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- 12. **Eftaiha, A. F.**; Tremblay, M.L.; Rainey, J. K.; Paige, M. F. *The effect of perfluorooctadecanoic acid on a model phosphatidylcholine-peptide pulmonary lung surfactant mixture.* **Journal of Fluorine Chemistry**, **2015**. 177: 55-61, DOI: [10.1016/j.jfluchem.2015.05.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jfluchem.2015.05.005)
- Elsevier Science SA, Switzerland, **2015 JCR IF: 2.213.**
- 13. **Eftaiha, A. F.**; Sun, J.P.; Hendsbee, A. D.; Macaulay, C.; Hill, I. G.; Welch, G. C. *High open circuit voltage organic solar cells based upon fullerene free bulk heterojunction active layers.* **Canadian Journal of Chemistry**, **2014**. 92 (10): 932-939, DOI: [10.1139/cjc-2014-0099](https://doi.org/10.1139/cjc-2014-0099).
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- 14. Sun, J.P.; Hendsbee, A. D.; **Eftaiha, A. F.**; MacAulay, C.; Rutledge, L. R.; Welch, G. C.; Hill, I. G. *Phthalimide-thiophene-based conjugated organic small molecules with high electron mobility.* **Journal of Materials Chemistry C**, **2014**. 2 (14): 2612-2621, DOI: [10.1039/c3tc32497d](https://doi.org/10.1039/c3tc32497d).
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17. **Eftaiha, A. F.**; Brunet, S. M. K.; Paige, M. F. *Influence of film composition on the morphology, mechanical properties, and surfactant recovery of phase-separated phospholipid-perfluorinated fatty acid mixed monolayers.* ***Langmuir***, **2012**. 28 (43): 15150– 15159, DOI: [10.1021/la3026655](https://doi.org/10.1021/la3026655).  
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18. **Eftaiha, A. F.** and Paige, M. F. *Phase-separation of mixed surfactant monolayers: A comparison of film morphology at the solid-air and liquid-air interfaces.* ***Journal of Colloid and Interface Science***, **2012**. 380 (1): 105-112, DOI: [10.1016/j.jcis.2012.05.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcis.2012.05.006).  
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19. **Eftaiha, A. F.**; Brunet, S. M. K.; Paige, M. F. *Thermodynamic and structural characterization of a mixed perfluorocarbon–phospholipid ternary monolayer surfactant system.* ***Journal of Colloid and Interface Science***, **2012**. 368 (1): 356–365, DOI: [10.1016/j.jcis.2011.10.012](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcis.2011.10.012).  
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### **Languages**

- **Arabic:** Native language
  - **English:** Very good in reading, writing, understanding and conversation
1. Proof of English Proficiency: IELTS (General Test), 6.5 out of 9 (Jan. **2012**), with the following subtotals:

Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing
6/9	7.5/9	6.5/9	6.5/9
  2. Advanced Spoken English Course (Oct. **2009** – Dec. **2009**), University of Saskatchewan Language Centre, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
  3. Proof of English Proficiency: TOEFL (IBT), 85 out of 120 (Feb. **2009**), with the following subtotals:

Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing
21/30	23/30	19/30	22/30
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### **References**

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