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Education:

2020 – 2024	**University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), BA**
	Double Major: Computer Science, Anthropology
	Minor in ancient, medieval studies

Experience:

Jan. – Apr. 2023   **Middle Eastern Collections Intern,** *Reynolds-Finley Historical Library*
- Translated and Analyzed Medieval-Early Modern Arabic Manuscripts (Ranging from Religious to Medical Texts)
- Read and analyzed 16th century Syriac Prayer Books

Publications:

2024 "An analysis of three Palmyrene funerary busts and their inscriptions at the Barracco Museum in Rome." *Maarav,* **Ali Kesserwani**, Jeremy Hutton, Konstantin Klein **(In Preparation)**

2020 "Autoantibody-Negative Immune-Mediated Necrotizing Myopathy Responds to Early and Aggressive Treatment: A Case Report." *Cureus 12(4),* Dario A. Marotta, Adena Zadourian, Maxwell J. Jabaay, **Ali Kesserwani**, Hassan Kesserwani.

Professional Presentations:

"Emergence and Evolution of the Arabic Script." Presented at University of Alabama at Birmingham Annual Anthropology Conference. May 2023
Video Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1r269wBZ0b289B7tofEHXS3Nr4txR-g7g/view

Projects:

LinguaBerry – Virtual language immersion software: Creator of a desktop-based language learning software, 1,000+ current downloads. Built on Electron with VueJS. Available on OSX and Windows. (*linguaberry.com*)

Digital Archaeological Atlas of the Classical East: Creator and editor of an archaeological atlas that tracks lost, known, and potential classical archaeological sites in the Middle East. Full-stack Ruby on Rails site complete with CRUD functionalities, user authentication, and geo-location through open-source APIs. (*http://daace.explorerali.com*)

Portfolio Website: Personal website (*explorerali.com*)

Extracurriculars:

2022 – 2023	**Middle Eastern Student Association at UAB – President**
2021 - 2022	**Middle Eastern Student Association at UAB – Treasurer**

Language Skills:

Modern Languages: Modern Standard Arabic/Colloquial Lebanese Arabic (Fluent), Spanish/French/German (Partial Written and Oral Proficiency)
Classical Languages: Biblical Hebrew (reading), Syriac/Aramaic (reading), Greek/Latin (rudiments, mostly epigraphy)

Technology Skills:

Python, HTML/CSS/JavaScript (web programming), React/Vue, Ruby + Rails, Java, C/C++, UX/UI development - Figma, TailwindCSS