

FARIBA NAWA

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EDUCATION

New York University New York, NY Jan. 2004

Master's degree in Middle Eastern studies and journalism
Recipient of the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship

Hampshire College Amherst, Mass. May 1996

Bachelor of Arts in liberal arts
Recipient of four-year full scholarship
Senior thesis: Afghan Couples in the United States, a study of shifting gender and identity

The American University in Cairo Cairo, Egypt Jan. 1995

Completed graduate-level work in communications and Arabic

EXPERIENCE

Freelance journalist

- Author of *Opium Nation: Child Brides, Drug Lords and One Woman's Journey Through Afghanistan*, November 2011, HarperCollins
- Author of *Afghanistan, Inc.* and several other investigative reports and white papers on topics such as Pakistan's secret police, reconstruction fraud in Afghanistan and the Green Revolution in Iran
- Middle East and South Asia stringer for *Sunday Times Magazine of London*, *Newsday*, *National Public Radio*, *Mother Jones*, *Village Voice*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Agence France-Presse*, *Scholastic* and *POZ* magazines, *Pacific News Service*, *Pacifica Radio*, *CBS' 48 Hours* and *CorpWatch*
- Articles published in anthologies *March to War* and *Women for Afghan Women*
- Most recent field coverage includes the drug trade, mass graves and an investigative report on the follies of reconstruction in Afghanistan and post-Saddam Iraq.
- Speaker on Afghan and Middle East issues at university, library, media events and the World Affairs Council

News trainer

Institute for War and Peace Reporting Kabul, Afghanistan July 2004 to Jan. 2005
Pajhwok Afghan News Agency

- Trained Afghan journalists, in the local languages, at the country's largest independent news agency, consulting two dozen reporters on the job as they developed story ideas, reported and wrote the stories on a daily deadline in the Afghan capital
- Coordinated 70 reporters across Afghanistan to cover the country's first presidential election
- Taught news training workshops on reporting and writing

Contributing writer and broadcaster

Pacific News Service San Francisco, Calif. Sept. 1991 to Oct. 2001

- Co-founder of a monthly youth publication *Youth Outlook!*
- Commentator for the wire service and affiliated local radio and television programs on such issues as immigration and cultural diversity
- Writing coach to incarcerated youth

English editor and supervisor of think tank publication unit
Sustainable Development Policy Institute Islamabad, Pakistan July to Dec. 2000

- Prepared and edited newsletter, policy and research papers and books, revised scholarly jargon to readable material
- Managed the unit's staff and activities, prepared annual budgets and hired consultants

Consultant for the Mine Action Program for Afghanistan
United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance Islamabad, Pakistan May to July 2000

- Edited and formatted the program's annual report and press releases
- Helped organize press conferences
- Wrote articles for the UN's Aina quarterly magazine

Daily reporter
ANG Newspapers Fremont, Calif. Nov. 1997 to Feb. 2000

- Covered crime, criminal justice, culture and religion for chain serving the San Francisco Bay Area
- Founded a monthly unsolved crimes series featuring cold police cases
- Wrote up to three stories a day on deadline
- Used foreign language skills to break stories in immigrant communities
- Covered local reaction to international events
- Completed seven investigative projects on topics ranging from low-income housing, diversity in police departments and local bombings

Assistant adviser to student newspaper Caravan
The American University in Cairo Cairo, Egypt Sept. 1996 to June 1997

- Taught feature and news writing to newspaper staff
- Coached editorial staff design, layout and headline writing

JOURNALISM AWARDS

- Project Censored for investigative report Afghanistan, Inc. October 2007
- One World Broadcasting Trust Press Award for "Brides of the drug lords" June 2005
- Overseas Press Club Scholarship for an essay on the drug trade in Afghanistan January 2004

RELEVANT SKILLS

- Fluent in Farsi/Persian/Dari, conversant in Arabic, understand Urdu
- Skilled in radio recording and broadcasting
- Skilled in news photography
- Certified in first aid and trained to survive in hostile environments

REFERENCES

Available upon request