

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

Author and Journalist

- Author of *Nostalgia Rice and Homeland Kabobs: A Memoir of Little Kabul in America*, work in progress
- Author of *Opium Nation: Child Brides, Drug Lords and One Woman's Journey Through Afghanistan*, HarperCollins, November 2011
- Contributing writer to anthologies: *Under the Drones: Modern Lives in Afghanistan-Pakistan Borderlands*, Harvard University Press, spring 2012; *Women for Afghan Women: Shattering Myths and Claiming the Future*, St. Martin's Press, 2002; *March to War: From Day One to War's End and Beyond*, Avalon, 1991
- 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
- Opinion writer for the Atlantic, Foreign Affairs, Daily Beast, Forbes, Women's eNews, New America Media
- 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, Pacifica Radio, CBS' 48 Hours and CorpWatch
- Most recent field coverage includes the frontline of feminism in South Asia, spread of ethnic media in the U.S., 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, World Affairs Council, and TEDx

Adjunct Professor of Journalism San Francisco, Calif. Jan. 2014 to present
San Francisco State University

- Teach upper-division university students advanced writing and reporting on community coverage
- Work one-on-one with each student to develop skills
- Introduce students to editors to publish their work

Farsi/Dari Language Instructor Newark, Calif. June 2012 to present
Farsi/Dari for Kids

- Teach children ages 4 to 11 to speak, read and write Farsi/Dari
- Create lesson plans and learning games for weekly class

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

- 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

AWARDS

- PEN USA finalist in research nonfiction for *Opium Nation* September 2012
- Achievement in community service from Afghan Coalition March 2013
- 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

- Public speaking on TV, radio and in front of large audiences
- 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
- Prolific on social media with a network of 5000 followers on Facebook and twitter

REFERENCES

Available upon request