

FARIBA NAWA

Work History

On Spec Podcast - Host and Editor-in-Chief

Istanbul, Turkey

09/2018 - Current

- Co-found freelance-run audio documentary from the field, train audio journalists and produce investigative episodes
- Create and produce podcasts for other organizations
- Report most recent nine-part series Lethal Dissent: How Iran kidnaps and kills its citizens abroad

Freelance Journalist

01/2001 - Current

- Byline in the New Yorker, Financial Times, Women in the World/New York Times, Time, The Atlantic, Newsweek, New York Review of Books, Foreign Policy, Foreign Affairs, Christian Science Monitor, Sunday Times Magazine, Mother Jones, San Francisco Chronicle
- Audio stories in The World, NPR, Reveal, On Spec Podcast
- Coverage includes yearlong investigations in transnational repression, migration, coup and terrorism attacks, elections, human rights and war on terror from Turkey, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan

Author

- Author of Opium Nation: Child Brides, Drug Lords and One Woman's Journey Through Afghanistan (Harper Collins, 2011)
- Contributing writer to anthologies: The American Way: Stories of Invasion (fiction, Comma Press, 2021); Under the Drones: Modern Lives in Afghanistan-Pakistan Borderlands (Harvard University Press, 2012); Women for Afghan Women: Shattering Myths and Claiming the Future, (St Martin's Press, 2002)
- Author of Afghanistan, Inc. (CorpWatch, 2006)
- Speaker about Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan on live TV as well as university, library, and media events, talk on TEDx

San Francisco State University - Adjunct Lecturer of Journalism

San Francisco, California

01/2014 - 06/2015

- Teach upper-division university students advanced writing and reporting on community coverage
- Introduce students to editors to publish their work

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Education

01/2004

New York University

New York, NY

Master's degree: Middle Eastern studies and journalism

Recipient of the two-year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship

05/1996

Hampshire College

Amherst, Mass.

Bachelor of Arts: liberal arts

Recipient of the four-year Leadership Scholarship

01/1995

The American University in Cairo

Cairo, Egypt

Study Abroad: communications and Arabic

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Fluent in English, Farsi/Dari, conversant in Turkish, understand some Arabic
- Skilled in radio recording and production
- Certified in first aid and trained to survive in hostile environments
- Prolific on social media with a network of 10,000
- Public speaking on TV, radio and in front of large audiences

Institute for War and Peace Reporting - News Trainer

Kabul, Afghanistan

07/2004 - 01/2005

- Train Afghan journalists 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.
- Coordinate 70 reporters across Afghanistan to cover the country's first presidential election

Sustainable Development Policy Institute - English Editor and Supervisor

Islamabad, Pakistan

07/2000 - 12/2000

- Design and edit newsletter, policy papers and books, revise scholarly jargon to readable material for Pakistan's top think tank
- Manage the unit's staff and activities, prepared annual budgets and hired consultants

ANG Newspapers - Daily Reporter

Fremont, California

11/1997 - 07/2000

- Cover crime, criminal justice, culture and religion for chain serving the San Francisco Bay Area
- Found a monthly unsolved crimes series featuring cold police cases
- Write up to three stories a day on deadline
- Use foreign language skills to break stories in immigrant communities
- Complete seven investigative projects, on issues such as low-income housing, diversity in police departments and local bombings

United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance - Consultant for the Mine Action Program for Afghanistan

Islamabad, Pakistan

05/2000 - 07/2000

- Edit the demining program's annual report and press releases
- Help organize press conferences
- Write articles for the UN's Aina quarterly magazine

Pacific News Service - Contributing Writer

San Francisco, California

09/1991 - 05/2000

- Co-founder of a monthly youth publication Youth Outlook!
- Writing coach to incarcerated youth

The American University in Cairo - Assistant Adviser

Cairo, Egypt

09/1996 - 06/1997

- Teach feature writing to student newspaper staff

Awards

- Overseas Press Club award, Justice for Halla. 2021
- European Press Prize shortlist for Sister of Europe project, 2021
- PEN USA finalist in research nonfiction for Opium Nation, 2012
- Achievement in community service from Afghan Coalition, 2013
- Project Censored for investigative report Afghanistan, Inc., 2007
- One World Broadcasting Trust Press Award for *Brides of the drug lords*, 2004