

RANA TAHIR

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Bio: Rana Tahir is a poet, educator, and artist living in Portland, OR. She currently serves as the Treasurer for the Oregon Poetry Association and is an Assistant Professor at Pacific University. She is a recipient of a fellowship from Kundiman. For bookings, please contact her through her website.

EDUCATION

JUNE 2015

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN WRITING, PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Thesis: *Old Tea: A Collection of Poems*

Narrative transcript available upon request.

AUGUST 2013

CERTIFICATE IN PUBLISHING, UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Coursework followed the publishing industry from acquisitions, editing, and design to marketing and sales.

JUNE 2013

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING & POLITICAL SCIENCE, KNOX COLLEGE

Honors Thesis: *Bukhoor: A Collection of Poems & Paintings*

GPA: 3.67, Cum Laude

Honors & Awards: College Honors for Thesis, Richter Award, Pearl Harris Award, Hermann R. Muelder Prize, Alpha Delta Epsilon Scholarship, Reverend Pete Hosutt Scholarship, Pi Sigma Alpha, Mortar Board, Dean's List of Distinguished Students

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 2019 – PRESENT

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Teaches undergraduate composition & research.

AUGUST 2016 – AUGUST 2019

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER, HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Taught six sections of ELA with experience at secondary level adhering to state standards.

SEPTEMBER 2010 – DECEMBER 2010

TEACHING ASSISTANT, KNOX COLLEGE

Taught college level writing specifically targeting key areas such as outlining, the use of quotes and citation, and constructing thesis statements and introductory paragraphs.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

OCTOBER 2020 – PRESENT

TREASURER, OREGON POETRY ASSOCIATION

Describe your responsibilities and achievements in terms of impact and results. Use examples, but keep it short.

AUGUST 2013 – MAY 2014

EDITORIAL INTERN, SMITHSONIAN BOOKS

Assisted the editor and editorial assistant on tasks ranging from running acquisition meetings, to making edits, to organizing contract archives.

JUNE 2012 – JUNE 2013

POETRY EDITOR, CATCH LITERARY MAGAZINE

Solicited and read through submissions to the magazine and made selections for publication. Facilitated signing of publishing contracts.

NOVEMBER 2012 – JUNE 2013

ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, KNOX COLLEGE

Assisted the Director of Communications at Knox College.

AUGUST 2011 – NOVEMBER 2012

WRITER, PUBLIC RELATIONS, KNOX COLLEGE

Wrote special interest stories and feature articles for the Knox College website.

2009

BUSINESS WRITER/EDITOR FOR THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, AL MANAR CLINIC

Created and edited materials in the English language for the clinic and its website.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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- **Kundiman**, Fellow since 2019.
Kundiman is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to nurturing generations of writers and readers of Asian American literature.

AWARDS

- **Live Poets Society of New Jersey**, American High School Poetry Award, Second Place 2008
- **Fresh! Literary Magazine**, Short Story Award, Second Place 2008
- **Poet's Night Out**, Audience Favorite 2008

MEMBERSHIPS

- **Oregon Poetry Association**, member since 2015
- **American Academy of Poets**, member since 2015
- **Association for Writers & Writing Programs**, member since 2013

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- **Choose Your Own Adventure Spies: Noor Inayat Khan**, ChooseCo LLC, 2020
- **Artists of the Harlem Renaissance: Countee Cullen**, Cavendish Square Press, 2016

POETRY

Print Oriented Bastards

“The Beings of Physics”

Catch Literary Magazine

“To Yesenin,” Spring 2012

3 Poems from “Letters to Jim Harrison,” Spring 2011

“Prayers Under Blankets,” Fall 2010

The Interlochen Review

“Lullaby,” May 2009

Live Poets Society of New Jersey

“Letter to Jim Harrison 3,” 2008

NONFICTION

Catch Literary Magazine

Excerpts from “God Songs,” Spring 2012

FICTION

Fresh! Literary Magazine

“My Church,” 2008

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The Knox Student

Columnist for “World Politics Corner”:

Last Thoughts: Finding Truth and Understanding, May 22, 2013

Learning from the Tragedy at the Boston Marathon Bombing, May 2, 2013

Marriage Inequality, April 10, 2013

Immigration Reform: a personal experience, February 20, 2013

Who is Kuwaiti?, January 30, 2013

Can We Just Admit That Nobody Cares About Syria?, January 16, 2013

Vice-Presidential Debates, October 17, 2012

Dealing with Discrimination, Caste System in India, October 3, 2012

A Muslim Student’s Take on “Innocence of Muslims”, September 20, 2012

When Good Men Do Nothing, April 19, 2012

Questioning Western Terminology, April 11, 2012

Keeping Western Hands Off Africa, April 4, 2012

Love Around the World, February 15, 2012

The Politics of Genocide Denial, February 8, 2012

Nuclear Double Standards, January 25, 2012

Iraq’s Oily Problem, January 11, 2012

Election Season Comes to Tunisia, October 26, 2011
The Death of Anwar Al-Awlaki, October 5, 2011
Pakistan's Problems, September 28, 2011
Independent Palestine?, September 22, 2011
Bin Laden, May 5, 2011
Qur'an Burning, April 21, 2011
Terrorist or Victim?, April 7, 2011
Muslim Brotherhood, February 17, 2011
Revolt in Egypt, February 3, 2011
Weeding Out Disagreeables, January 13, 2011
The Myth of Targeted Strikes, October 28, 2010
You Are Either With US or We'll Sanction You, May 26, 2010
Middle East Deportations?, April 29, 2010
Islamophobia in Europe, April 15, 2010

Reporter:

Obamacare and the Partisan Summit, March 4, 2010
Student-run Forum Addresses Assault, March 4, 2010

PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, READINGS, INTERVIEWS, CONFERENCES & RETREATS, AND PERFORMANCES

PRESENTATIONS

- **Book Club Pick, Belmont Books**, Virtual, June 13th, 2020
- **Choose Your Own Adventure BINGO!**, **LitCrawl Portland**, Portland, OR, November 8th, 2019

WORKSHOPS

- **How to Write a Scene, Garden Home Community Library**, Virtual, June 23rd, 2020
- **Choose Your Own Adventure Workshop, Books With A Past**, Virtual, June 18th, 2020
- **Choose Your Own Adventure Workshop, Read It Again Books**, Virtual, May 30th, 2020
- **Choose Your Own Adventure Workshop, Midtown Reader**, Virtual, May 28th, 2020
- **Choose Your Own Adventure Workshop, Rediscovered Bookshop**, Virtual, May 27th, 2020
- **Choose Your Own Adventure Workshop, The Frugal Frigate**, IGTV, May 16th, 2020
- **Choose Your Own Adventure Workshop, Book Revue**, Virtual, May 7th, 2020
- **Choose Your Own Adventure Workshop, Books Are Magic**, Virtual, April 30th, 2020

READINGS

- **Poetry Night with Rana Tahir & Nicole Yackley, Read it Again Books**, Virtual, July 31st, 2020
- **Choose Your Own Adventure Interactive Reading, The Frugal Frigate**, IGTV, May 2nd, 2020
- **Thesis Reading**, Pacific University, June 2015
- **Student Readings**, Pacific University
- **Senior Night**, Knox College, 2013
- **Student Reading**, Interlochen Arts Academy, May 2009
- **Poet's Night Out**, Traverse City, MI, 2008

INTERVIEWS

- **Author Talk with Rana Tahir, Book Talk Bakersfield Episode 28**, Podcast, October 22nd, 2020
- **Meet Rana Tahir, Gamebook Academy**, Article, July 9th, 2020
- **Knox Senior's Honors Project Combines, Art, Poetry, War, Knox College**, May 14th, 2013

CONFERENCES & RETREATS

- **Oregon Poetry Association Conference**, Virtual, October 2020
- **Kundiman Retreat**, New York, NY, June 2019
- **Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference**, Portland, OR, March 2019

PERFORMANCES

- **For colored girls who have considered suicide / when the rainbow is enuf**, Knox College, Spring 2011 — Role of Lady Orange
- **International Fair**, Knox College, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
Various skits, and belly dance performances.