

RANA TAHIR

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Bio: Rana Tahir is a poet, educator, and artist living in Portland, OR. 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 – November 2022

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AUGUST 2019 – JUNE 2022

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Taught undergraduate composition & research for six semesters. Student evaluations available upon request.

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

November 2022 – Present

Administrative Assistant, PACIFIC UNIVERSITY MFA IN WRITING

OCTOBER 2020 – OCTOBER 2022

TREASURER, OREGON POETRY ASSOCIATION

Volunteered as part of the nonprofit board, completing a two-year term. Additionally served as events coordinator, webmaster, and other functions.

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

FELLOWSHIPS

- **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

- **Radius of Arab American Writers, Inc,** member since 2021
- **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: The Tarot Deck,** ChooseCo LLC, 2024
- **Choose Your Own Adventure Heroes & Monsters (Stranger Things),** ChooseCo LLC, 2023
- **Choose Your Own Adventure Spies: Noor Inayat Khan,** ChooseCo LLC, 2020
- **Artists of the Harlem Renaissance: Countee Cullen,** Cavendish Square Press, 2016

POETRY

Lantern Review

"Ramadan" 2023

The Common

"Trenches at Showbiz" 2023

"Coming Home" 2023

Dunes Review

"Soldiers in Showbiz" 2023

The Oakland Review

"Orange Line" 2023

Nimrod International Journal

"Family Recipes" 2023

Quarterly West

"Off the Knife" 2022

"Estate Sale: Reduction" 2022

Palette Poetry

"Belief" 2022

Poetry Online

"Highway 80" 2022

BAHR Magazine

"Surah for the Birds," Issue 2, 2021

Print Oriented Bastards

"The Beings of Physics" 2011

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

**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

- 028: Rana Tahir, **Ledger**, Podcast, July 24, 2024
- Wider Window Poetry featuring Rana Tahir, **KBOO Portland**, Radio/Podcast, August 1st, 2022
- Interview with Rana Tahir, **Yale University Radio**, Radio/Podcast, April 21st, 2021
- 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, 2021, 2022

- **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.

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