

PROFILE

Bay Area book writer, editor, and instructor with 15 years of experience book reviewing, freelance writing, and fiction writing with a focus on Middle Eastern speculative fiction. Shortlisted for the 2014 and 2016 Steinbeck Fellowship; 2016 Key West Literary Seminary Emerging Writer Award finalist.

PUBLICATIONS & PROJECTS

ROOM 100 and THE STORY THIEF: completed manuscripts
The Editor's Lexicon: Essential Writing Terms for Novelists, nonfiction, Glyd-Evans Press, 2011
"Beyond 1,001 Nights: Science Fiction and Fantasy 2015–2016," *Publishers Weekly*, Oct. 2015
"Oakland Triathlon Debuts in August," *Oakland Magazine* feature article, Aug. 2014
"Get to Know the Lesbians!" *Salon*, essay, Jan. 2013
"The Purgation," *The Oakland Review*, short story, Fall 2012
"Brindle," *Grim Corps Magazine*, short story, Winter/Spring 2013
"I Got Duped by Glenn Beck," *Salon* and *Huffington Post*, essay, Nov. 2012
Over 30 freelance book reviews in *The Oregonian*, 2004–2011
"Hamsa," *Crab Orchard Review*, novel excerpt, Sept. 2006
Editing: *The Regulars*, Georgia Clark, Emily Bestler Books, 2016
Editing: *The Seeker*, Karan Bajaj, Random House, 2016
Editing: *Doubt*, Cindy Tobisman, Thomas & Mercer, 2016

CONFERENCES

Northern California Writers Retreat, Santa Cruz, CA, March 2017
BinderCon, Los Angeles, CA, March 2016
Key West Literary Seminar, Key West, FL, Jan. 2016
BinderCon, NY, NY, November 2015
Shubbak Arab Literature Festival, London, UK, July 2015
Backspace Writers Conference, NY, NY, May 2013
San Miguel Writers Conference, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, Feb. 2012
Backspace Writers Conference, NY, NY, May 2009
Associated Writers Programs (AWP) Conference, Palm Springs, CA, Feb. 2001

GRANTS

Creative Capacity Fund Quick Grant to attend NorCal Writers Retreat, Feb. 2017
BinderCon LA Scholarship and Stipend Recipient, March 2015
Creative Capacity Fund Quick Grant to attend BinderCon, Nov. 2015
Key West Literary Seminar Scholarship for Diana Abu Jaber's workshop, Aug. 2015
Vira I. Heinz Study Abroad Scholarship, 2001

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, 1998–2002

- B.A. Creative Writing, Minor in Psychology
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Donna Grear Memorial Award

Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, Summer 2001

- Iowa Writers' Workshop Study abroad creative writing program
- Work with Iowa and Trinity College faculty in workshops and seminars

California University of Pennsylvania, Global Education Program, 2011–2015

- Certificate in Arabic Language and Culture

Certified, BrazenU Executive Social Media Strategy Bootcamp, September 2011.

- Completed a rigorous four-week curriculum on executing social media strategies.

Various workshops including Pinewood Table in Portland, OR, and The Grotto in SF.

WORK

The Threepenny Editor, Freelance Editor, Writer

January 2003–Present

- Provide developmental and substantive editing to over 50 authors per year
- Manage subcontracting staff of five editors
- Teach writing courses in the community (e.g., a pitch workshop at Impact Hub Oakland in Sept. 2016 with author Kate Gray)
- Maintain publicity and marketing efforts through a twice-yearly newsletter and partnerships with other businesses (e.g., The Proactive Author book launch course)
- Support clients as they go on to obtain representation, publication, film deals
- Network with and support colleagues as an active member of the Editorial Freelancers Association

Forest Avenue Press, Advisory Committee

June 2015–Present

- Submissions reader and selection committee
- Support and help publicize launch of the Main Street Writers Movement
- Attend selected networking events in Portland, OR, and NYC
- Maintain general industry knowledge regarding distribution and events

Assistant Editor, Carnegie Mellon University Press

Pittsburgh, PA, August 1999–June 2002

- Read and recommend manuscripts to the acquiring editors
- Attend AWP 2001 to gain book promotion experience
- Assist with author accommodations during local events

ACTIVITIES

Social media volunteer, Editorial Freelancers Association, 2015–present

Volunteer mentor for Communities in Schools, San Antonio, 2011–2012

Volunteer workshop facilitator for Write Around Portland, 2006–2009

Long-course triathlons, trail running