

NADA FARIS RESUME

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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing
Major: Poetry & Literary Translation
Graduated 2020

KUWAIT UNIVERSITY

Higher Diploma
Major: Comparative Literature
Graduated 2013 | GPA: 3.97 | Top Student: October 2010

KUWAIT UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts
Major: English Language & Literature
Graduated 2006 | GPA: 3.14 | Dean's List: 2003

GULF ENGLISH SCHOOL

International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)
Graduated 2001

EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE WRITER, PERFORMANCE POET, TEACHING-ARTIST

Aug 2009–Present

- Writing articles for various publications, nationally and internationally
- Performing slam poems nationally and internationally
- Speaking at schools and universities, including two TEDx talks
- Participating in panel discussions on literature, identity, and language
- Designing and conducting creative writing workshops in Kuwait and abroad for people across ages, genders, and interests to help them creatively articulate their identities

DALAL AL-DOUB CO.

Chief Communications Officer & Public Relations Consultant

Feb 2018–Present

- Creating and maintaining the DalaliD brand from its inception in 2012
- Designing a plan for the company's expansion and managing the company's various branches and operations, including: Vterra, Très Beige, Ambrette, etc.

KUWAIT UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF ARTS

Aug 2006-Oct 2016

Executive Administrative Coordinator for the Office of the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Research, and Graduate Studies

- Managing the accreditation of Kuwait University's College of Arts from 2006 - 2012
- Fulfilling office tasks such as editing, translating from Arabic into English, designing posters, book covers, and websites, organizing events, and more

AWARDS, HONORS, & RESIDENCIES

WRITING

Nomination, One Jacar for Best of the Net 2021: "Every Day is a Celebration Worthy of Fireworks"

Nomination, No Contact for Pushcart Prize, 2021: "Poem to be Read from Right to Left"

Finalist, No Contact's Summer Poetry Contest, 2021: "Poem to be Read from Right to Left" Finalist,

Lucie Photo Book Award, Independent Prize, Sep 2019: *Women of Kuwait*

Semi-finalist, Vine Leaves Vignette Collection Award, Apr 2016: *Fountain of Youth*

Winner of the Voice of Success Program, en.v earth, Oct 2012: "Every Child Deserves a Home: Zeina Al-Sultan Unveils the Truths Behind Adoption in Kuwait"

1st Place Winner of Kuwait's national poetry slam (organized by the Jamaican Embassy in Kuwait and Taste of Jamaica), Kuwait: Oct 2010, Dec 2010, Feb 2016, and Jul 2016; 1st Runner Up: DEC 2011, SEP 2012, APR 2014, AND JAN 2015

OTHER

Arab Woman Award, Harper's Bazaar Arabia, 2018: Inspirational Woman

International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), Apr 2018: Empowering Youth Through the Performing Arts, USA

MENA Salam Fellowship, World Peace Initiative Foundation (Peace In, Peace Out), Turkey, May 27–Jun 1st, 2016

Board of Trustees, 2015–2016, Cultural Circle Prize for the Arabic Short Story (Almultaqa)

Honorary Fellowship in Writing, Iowa University's International Writing Program, Aug 24–Nov 12, 2013: Writer in Residence

Top Student, October 2010: Kuwait University's MA in Comparative Literature

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Women of Kuwait (Daylight Books, 2019) USA

Finalist in the Lucie Photo Book Award Independent Prize, September 2019

Mischief Diary (Hamad Bin Khalifa University Press, 2018) Qatar

Fountain of Youth (Vine Leaves Press, 2016) Australia

Semi-finalist in the Vine Leaves 2016 Vignette Collection Award, April 2016