

# NADA FARIS

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## EDUCATION

### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Master of Fine Arts Candidate: Poetry & Literary Translation  
2018-Present

### 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

The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)  
Graduated 2001

## EXPERIENCE

### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Oct 2018–Dec 2018

*Creative Writing Teacher*

- Designed and led a six-week poetry workshop (The List Poem) as a part of the Columbia Artist/Teacher Community Classes Program (CCC)

### KUWAIT TIMES, ARAB TIMES, ECONOMIC & POLITICAL WEEKLY, & MORE

Aug 2009–Present

*Freelance Writer and Performance Poet*

- 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 workshops for people across sexes, ages, and interests in Kuwait to help them articulate their identities creatively

### KUWAIT'S MINISTRY OF STATE FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS

May 2017–Aug 2017

*Translator*

- Translating articles, memos, and online material

## **KUWAIT UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF ARTS**

Aug 2006–Oct 2016

*Administrative Coordinator for the Office of the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Researches and Graduate Studies*

- Designing, proofing, and translating university communications

## **NEW HORIZON, HUMAN SOFT, KUWAIT**

Oct 2006 – Apr 2007

*English Language Instructor*

- Giving English language courses to a broad student base

## **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

## **AWARDS, HONORS, & RESIDENCIES**

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

Arab Woman Award, Inspirational Woman, Harper Bazaar Arabia, 2018

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

MENA Salam Fellowship, World Peace Initiative's Peace Revolution, Turkey, May 27–Jun 1st, 2016,

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

1st Place Winner of Taste of Jamaica's Slam Poetry Competition, Kuwait: Oct 2010, Dec 2010, Feb 2016, and Jul 2016; 1st Runner Up: Dec 2011, Sep 2012, Apr 2014, and Jan 2015

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

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

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