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AWARDS

- Aug 2009 Awarded lifetime membership with Macondo Writers' Workshop, San Antonio, TX. (macondofoundation.org)
- Jan 2009 Honored by Fatima Jinnah Women's University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan.
- Jun 2007 Featured Poet on Border Senses. (bordersenses.org)
- Feb 2007 Honoree for community service and writing at Living Smart's Annual 2007 conference and featured guest on weekly television show, Living Smart
- Dec 2006 Recipient of Houston Arts Alliance's Creative Artist Award; received support for research on new novel. (haatx.org)
- Mar 2005 Conversationalist at Table-Talk, Annual luncheon by Friends of Women's Studies, University of Houston. (friendsofwomen.org)
- Oct 2003 Honorary poet, Houston Poetry Fest, University of Houston-Downtown (Houston, TX).
- Jan 2002 Recipient of Cultural Arts Council Houston/Harris County's Creative Artist Award.
- Mar 1996 Recipient of Cultural Arts Council Houston/Harris County's Creative Artist Award.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Sep 2009 – present Serve on Board for Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas. (pphouston.org/)
- Jul 2007 – present Serve on Advisory Board for Artists Rescue Mission, a non-profit arts organization created to assist artists in distress.
- May 2007 – present Serve on Advisory Board for Houston Palestine Film Festival. (hpff.org)
- June 2001 – present Serve on Board for Voices Breaking Boundaries. (vbbarts.org)
- Feb 2004 – Sep 06 Served on Advisory Board for National Association of Arts Organizations (NAAO), an advocacy group for artists and arts organizations. (naao.net)
- Sep 2005 – Oct 06 Served on Board for Friends of Women's Studies, University of Houston. (friendsofwomen.org)
- Sep 2003 – May 06 Served on Advisory Board for Daya, Inc., a support service that addresses domestic violence in Houston's South Asian community. (daya.org)
- May 02 – Dec 04 Radio Co-Host and producer for Living Art on KPFT 90.1 FM Pacifica Radio. (kpft.org)
- Sep 2000 – May 03 Served on Artist Board for DiverseWorks Artspace, an alternative artspace in Houston. (diverseworks.org)

PUBLICATIONS

- Oct 2009 Sarwar, Sehba. "Education is the key to peace." *Houston Chronicle*. October 17, 2009, B-15.
- Aug 2009 Sarwar, Sehba. "Houston/ Karachi: Sisters in Struggle." *CITE Magazine*. Rice Design Alliance, 79 Summer 2009: 9.
- Mar 2009 Sarwar, Sehba. "Heartbeat." *Callaloo Salutes Texas Writers*. 32.1 (2009): 235-240.
- Dec 2008 Sarwar, Sehba. "Why I Can't/ Don't Write About the War" and "Tearing Wires, Building Bridges." *ASIA: Magazine of Asian Literature* 3.4 (2008): 94-103.
- Oct 2008 Sarwar, Sehba. "Soot." *And the World Changed: Anthology of Short Stories by Pakistani Women Writers*. Ed. Muneeza Shamsie. New York: Feminist Press, 2008.
- Mar 2008 Sarwar, Sehba. "Lives: Karachi's Winter Days." *New York Times Sunday Magazine*, 30 March 2008.
- Feb 2008 Sarwar, Sehba. Words Without Borders blog. "Street Signs: Karachi Graffiti." 14 February 2008. <<http://www.wordswithoutborders.org/?post=graffitiblog>>.
- Jan 2008 Sarwar, Sehba. Words without borders blog. "Kalidas in NAPA in Karachi." 16 January 2008. <<http://www.wordswithoutborders.org/?post=KalidasBlog>>.
- Oct 2007 Sarwar, Sehba. "A Sandstone Past" in *Neither Day nor Night: Pakistani Women Writers*. Ed. Rakshanda Jalil. New Delhi: Harper Collins, 2007.
- May 2007 Sarwar, Sehba. "Calling All Asia." *ASIA: Magazine of Asian Literature* 2.2 (2007): 375-379.
- Feb 2007 Sarwar, Sehba. "Jamshed Road" and "For René." *Alhamra Literary Magazine* 2:2, (2007): 18-19.
- Nov 11, 2006 Sarwar, Sehba. "Along a Broken Border." *The News on Sunday*, 12 November, 2006.
- Oct 1, 2006 Sarwar, Sehba. "The Forgotten Earthquake: Kashmir 2005." *Ellipsis* 1:10 (2006), 7-9.
- Sept 1, 2006 Sarwar, Sehba. "Standing for Peace." *Ellipsis* 1:9 (2006): 21-22.
- Aug 6, 2006 Sarwar, Sehba. "Protesting for ourselves and for peace." *The News on Sunday*. 8 August, 2006.
- Aug 2006 Sarwar, Sehba. "Standing/ Falling in Karachi/Houston." *Ellipsis* 1:8 (2006): 18-19.
- July 2, 2006 Sarwar, Sehba. "Displaced Lives: The High Cost of Beauty." *The News on Sunday*. 2 July, 2006.
- Jun 6, 2006 Sarwar, Sehba. "Displaced Lives: Dancing for Freedom." *The News on Sunday*. 4 June, 2006.
- May 7, 2006 Sarwar, Sehba. "Displaced Lives: The A wild boar chase." *The News on Sunday*. 7 May, 2006.
- Mar 26, 2006 Sarwar, Sehba. "Displaced People: Changing Plays." *The News on Sunday*. 26 March, 2006.
- Dec 16, 2005 Sarwar, Sehba. "Balakot: Lost in the Earthquake's Rubble" *Pakistan Chronicle* (Houston, TX) 12 December 2005: B3.
- Dec 2005 Sarwar, Sehba. "An adapted excerpt from Black Wings." *And the World Changed: Anthology of Short Stories by Pakistani Women Writers*. Ed. Muneeza Shamsie. New Delhi, India: Kali for Women/Women Unlimited, 2005.
- Oct 2005 Sarwar, Sehba. "Changing Plays: Lessons from a Karachi Childhood." *Chowrangji* 1:3, 2005: 37-38.
- Mar 2005 Sarwar, Sehba. "Samosas/Tamales: Reminiscence on a Chicano-Pakistani marriage." *Chowrangji* (2005): 21-22.
- Jun 2004 Sarwar, Sehba. *Black Wings*. Islamabad: Alhamra Publishers, 2004.
- Jan 2004 Sarwar, Sehba. "The Flower Pot." *The News on Sunday*.
- Fall 2002 Sarwar, Sehba. "Making Noise—Journalling with Young Women." *Inprint Magazine*, Houston, TX.
- Dec 2000 Sarwar, Sehba. "Recovering My Voice." *GOOD*. Ed. Polly Koch (Essay commissioned by Toni

Beauchamp.)

- Fall 2000 Sarwar, Sehba. "Fire in Jamshed Road." *The Bayou Review* 8:2 (2000): 18.
- Sep 10, 2000 Sarwar, Sehba. "Browning the World." *The News on Sunday*.
- Aug 1, 1999 Sarwar, Sehba. "Travel Diary from Oaxaca and Huatulco" in *The News on Sunday*.
- Jul 25, 1999 Sarwar, Sehba. "Fire in Jamshed Road—A Short Story." *The News on Sunday*.
- Fall 1998 – Spring 1999 Sarwar, Sehba. "Writing to Raise Connections Between Teachers and Students." *Centerpiece*, Center for Education, Rice University (Houston, TX).
- Fall 1998 Sarwar, Sehba. "Nothing Lovely's Ever Going to Happen in My Life." *Centerpiece*, Center for Education, Rice University (Houston, TX).
- Fall 1998 Sarwar, Sehba. "Teaching from the Heart." *Centerpiece*, Center for Education, Rice University (Houston, TX).
- Sep 1, 1995 Sarwar, Sehba. "The Bridal Doom—A Children's Story." *The News on Friday*, Pakistan.
- Jul 28, 1995 Sarwar, Sehba. "Ever Seen a Folk Dance Condemned?" *The News on Friday*, Pakistan.
- Aug 19, 1994 Sarwar, Sehba. "The Mermaid's Magic Wand." *The News on Friday*, Pakistan.
- Dec 1988 Sarwar, Sehba. "A Desire for Change." *Subha: A Newsletter on Women and Development*. Eds. T. Ahmed and S. Hussain. Karachi: Shirkat-Gah Publications. Vol. II.
- Aug 1986 – Aug 1987 Weekly columns in *The Star*. Karachi: Pakistan Herald Publications.

PERFORMANCES AND READINGS

- Aug 2009 Poetry performance at Macondo Writers Workshop, San Antonio, TX.
- Mar 2009 Reading at Callaloo conference *Callaloo Salutes Texas Writers*, Texas A& M University, College Station, TX.
- Dec 2008 Reading and panel discussion for *And the World Changed* book launch, T2F, Karachi, Pakistan.
- Jan 2009 Reading and discussion at Islamabad Club, Pakistan.
- Dec 2008 Reading and panel discussion for *And the World Changed* book launch, Feminist Press, New York, NY.
- Nov 2008 Video installation, Voices Breaking Boundaries' *Pakistan Live Broadcast* Production, Houston, TX.
- Oct 2008 Reading and performance for the Women's Center, Duke University, Durham, NC.
- Oct 2008 Reading to launch *And the World Changed* at Art League Houston, TX.
- Sep 2008 Video installation, Voices Breaking Boundaries' *Brown in the Third Ward*, Houston, TX.
- May 2008 Reading at BookWoman, Austin, TX.
- Apr 2008 Reading at Indie Book Festival, Houston, TX.
- Jan 2008 Reading at Second Floor Coffee Shop, Karachi, Pakistan.
- Nov 2007 Reading at University of Texas, Austin.
- Aug 2007 Reading and discussion at Karachi University, Karachi, Pakistan.

- Aug 2007 Reading and discussion at Second Floor Coffee Shop, Karachi, Pakistan.
- Jun 2007 Featured author at Space125 Gallery hosted by Houston Arts Alliance, Houston, TX.
- Mar 2007 Reading for El Paso Community College and Women's Collective, El Paso, TX.
- Mar 2007 Literary reading and lead panelist at Association for Writers and Writing Programs, Atlanta, GA.
- Feb 2007 Performance for Voices Breaking Boundaries' event: Un/Natural Disaster: Katrina-Kashmir, Houston, TX.
- May 2006 Performance for Voices Breaking Boundaries' season closing, Words for Peace Houston, TX.
- Mar 2006 Reading from novel *Black Wings*, South Asia Institute, University of Texas-Austin.
- Mar 2006 Reading from novel *Black Wings*, and panelist at Association for Writers and Writing Programs, Austin, TX.
- Jan 2006 Performance at Dosti 2006: A Forum on Peace and Development in South Asia, Rice University, Houston, TX. (www.pakindiadosti.org).
- Dec 2005 Reading from novel *Black Wings*, Neiman House, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- Jul 2005 Reading from novel *Black Wings*, Clifton, Karachi, Pakistan.
- Mar 2005 Reading from novel *Black Wings* and panelist at Association for Writers and Writing Programs, Vancouver, Canada.
- Feb 2005 Reading from novel *Black Wings* at Voices Breaking Boundaries' five-year anniversary celebration, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX.
- Mar 2004 Reading and panel discussion at Association for Writers and Writing Programs, Chicago, IL.
- Sep 2003 Spoken word performance at Voices Breaking Boundaries' Season Opener, Words for Peace, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX.
- Mar 2002 Featured poet for International Women's Month, University of Houston-Downtown Houston, TX.
- Feb 2000 –Sep 2002 Monthly performances at various venues as Voices Breaking Boundaries co-Founder, Borders Books, DiverseWorks and Inprint, Houston, TX.
- Oct 2001 Reading at "Trying to Praise the Mutilated World" at Brazos Bookstore, Houston, TX.
- May 2001 Literary performer for Nuestra Palabra: Latino Writers Having Their Say, Talento Bilingue de Houston, Houston, TX.
- Apr 2001 Reading at Houston International Poetry festival (HIP), Mausoleum Café, Houston, TX.
- Mar 2001 Reading for International Women's Day at University of Houston-Downtown, Houston, TX.
- Nov 2000 Reading at the Orange Show, Houston, TX.
- Apr 2000 Reading at Houston International Poetry (HIP) Festival, Houston, TX.
- Aug 1999 Reading for DiverseWorks' PhoneWorks, Houston, TX.
- Jun 1996 Reading and teacher training, Common Ground, University of Houston, TX.
- May 1994 Reading and teacher training, Society for Professional English Language Teachers, Karachi, Pakistan.

PANELS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES (aside from readings and performances)

- Mar 2009 Panel Discussion "Eyes on Texas: What it Means to Write Here" at Callaloo conference *Callaloo Salutes Texas Writers*, Texas A& M University, College Station, TX.
- Apr 2008 "Africans In Asia" at George Washington University, Africana Studies Program, Washington DC.
- Mar 2008 "Publishing Your Work" at University of Houston-Downtown, Houston, TX.
- Mar 2008 "Pakistan Today: Life after Benazir Bhutto: Houston Pakistani women speak out," hosted by Friends of UH Women's Studies' Living Archives Series, Houston, TX.
- Feb 2008 Served on Artist Panel, Houston Arts Alliance, Houston, TX.
- Jan 2008 Presentation on "Voicing Needs & Creative Survival: Writing in Multilingual, Community Spaces" at Association for Writers and Writing Programs, New York, NY.
- Oct 2007 Served on panel "Beyond Extremes: Contesting Cultural Stereotypes" in a panel entitled "Contested Spaces, Competing Narratives in Pakistan: A Gendered View" at South Asia Conference, The University of Wisconsin.
- Apr 2007 Presented paper on "Cross cutting cultural-political linkages" at seminar entitled "Contested Spaces, Competing Narratives: Towards Human Rights and Democracy in Pakistan," hosted by Tufts & Harvard Universities.
- Nov 2005 Served on Literary Panel for Cultural Arts Council of Houston/Harris County, Houston, TX.
- Sep 2004 Panelist for "Think Global, Act Local: New Directions in the Arts in Houston", Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX.
- Jul 2004 Served on Arts Organization awards panel for Austin Arts Commission, Austin, TX.
- May 2004 Participant in "Conversations on Art and Changing Demography," Ford Foundation, New York, NY.
- Mar 2004 MC at rally to mark anniversary of US invasion on Iraq, March20Houston, Houston, TX.
- Nov 2003 Panelist for "Artists and Activism" for National Performance Network, Chicago, IL.
- Sep 2003 Panelist for Films with Vision: A South Asian Film Festival, Rice Media Center, Rice University Houston, TX.
- Sep 2002 Panelist for national radio broadcast, "9/11 Anniversary", KPFT Pacifica Radio 90.1 FM, Houston, TX.
- Jun 2002 Served as peer review panelist for Cultural Arts Council of Houston/Harris County, Houston, TX.
- Jan 2002 Panelist at the Museum of Fine Art's screening of *Kandahar* Houston, TX.

YOUTH WRITING WORKSHOPS

- Aug 2009 Instructor for Express Yourself: A Writing | Blogging | Video workshop for Pakistani young women, St Luke's Episcopal Health Charities, Houston, TX.
- Jan 2009 Reading and talk at Fatima Jinnah Women's University, Pindi and Government College University, Lahore, Pakistan.
- Oct 2008 Women's empowerment workshop, Duke University, Women's Center, Durham, NC.
- Jul 2007 Reading and talk at Karachi University, Karachi, Pakistan.

- Spring 2007 VBB literary instructor for Showcase of Poetry/Prose, Art and Music (SPAM!), Lee High School, Houston, TX.
- Fall 2005 VBB literary instructor for Showcase of Poetry/Prose, Art and Music (SPAM!), Lee High School, Houston, TX.
- Summer 2005 VBB literary instructor and administrator for Retelling Histories, a collaborative project between VBB, Youth Advocates and Project Row Houses at Lee High School, Houston, TX.
- Spring 2004 VBB literary instructor for Writing Workshop for Vietnamese Youth at Vietnamese Cultural Center, Houston, TX.
- Spring 2004 VBB performance instructor for La Voz Femenina, Project Row Houses, Houston, TX.
- Summer 2003 VBB project administrator of Multi-Disciplinary Workshop and performance, Furr High School, Houston, TX.
- Spring 2003 VBB performance instructor for La Voz Femenina, Lee High School, Houston, TX.
- Fall 2002 – Spring 2003 VBB literary instructor and administrator of Multi-Disciplinary Elective at Furr High School, Houston, TX.
- Summer 2002 VBB literary instructor and administrator of Multi-Disciplinary Summer After-School Program at Sharpstown High School, Houston, TX.
- Fall 1999 – Summer 2002 Writing instructor for Making Noise, a writing workshop for young women, Inprint Inc., Houston, TX.
- Fall 1997 – Summer 2002 Writing Consultant/ Instructor at Jones High School (HISD), Houston, TX.
- Fall 1997 – Summer 1999 Writing Consultant/ Instructor at Project Chrysalis Middle School (HISD), Houston, TX.
- Fall 1993 – Summer 1997 Writer-in-Residence at the Menil Collection, MD Anderson Cancer Center, the Rice School, and other Houston schools through Writers in the Schools (WITS), Houston, TX.

ADULT WRITING WORKSHOPS

- Mar 2009 Pakistani Literature: A workshop for Houston educators, World Affairs Council of Houston, Houston, TX.
- Fall 2008 Instructor, Daytime Essay Writing Class, Inprint, Inc., Houston, TX.
- Aug 2007 Presenter session "Writing from Memory" for Society for Professional English Language Teachers, Karachi, Pakistan.
- Spring 2003 – Summer 2004 VBB Lead-facilitator for five semesters of Voices of the Displaced, Houston, TX.
- Summer 2002 Co-Facilitator for workshop on mothers and writing, Houston, TX.
- Fall 1997 – Spring 2001 School Writing Project lead facilitator for Teacher Writing Workshops, Rice University, Houston, TX. Led eight workshops that served over 80 teachers around Houston, Houston, TX.
- May 1996 Led writing workshop for teachers, Honors College, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
- May 1994 Presenter and instructor, Society for Professional English Language Teachers, Karachi, Pakistan.
- Spring 1992 – Summer 1994 Adjunct faculty, Houston Community College, Northeast Campus. Taught writing and English classes, Houston, TX.