Homa Sarshar

Journalist, writer, lecturer

**EDUCATION**

*College of Letters and Science*

American World University – Los Angeles, California

Ph.D. (HC), Journalism, 2006

*Annenberg School of Communications*

University of Southern California – Los Angeles, California

MA, Communications Management, 1980-1981

University of Tehran – Tehran, Iran

BA, French literature, 1968-1972

**EXPERIENCE**

* **MEDIA**

1. Producer, writer, and host, Radio Iran KIRN 670AM – Los Angeles, California, 2006-2021
2. Weekly guest, [NewsTalk](http://www.voanews.com/persian/NewsTalkram.cfm) VOA – Washington DC, 2006-2011
3. Co-producer, writer, and talk-show host, Yaran Satellite Radio – Woodland Hills, California, 2003-2004
4. Writer, producer, and host, Jaam-e-Jam Television- Encino, California, since 1998-2008
5. Co-producer, writer, and talk-show host, Omid-e Iran Radio and Television – Redondo Beach, California, 1982-1990
6. Editor-in-Chief, *Shofar* Monthly Magazine – Los Angeles, California, 1981-1983
7. Television producer, director, and talk-show host, National Iranian Radio & Television (NIRT), Tehran, Iran 1972-1978
8. News editor and columnist, *Kayhan* Evening Newspaper, Tehran – Iran, 1971-1978
9. Special intern in journalism, *Elle* Magazine, Paris – France, 1968

* Correspondent reporter, special events reporter & columnist, *Zan-e-ruz* Weekly Magazine, Tehran – Iran, 1964-1971

**- EVENT ORGANIZATION**

* Master of Ceremonies, Special Events Organizer, National Seminars & Conferences Organizer since 1964

**PUBLICATIONS**

**- BOOKS**

1. A Narrative of Endurance, 2 volumes– 2022
2. *In the Back Alleys of Exile*, 2 volumes Second Edition– 2022
3. *Sha’baan Ja’fari* – 2002
4. *The History of Contemporary Iranian Jews*, Vol. 4, (Co-Ed.)– 2000
5. *The History of Contemporary Iranian Jews*, Vol. 3, (Co-Ed.) – 1999
6. *The History of Contemporary Iranian Jews*, Vol. 2, (Co-Ed.) – 1998
7. *The History of Contemporary Iranian Jews*, Vol. 1, (Co-Ed.) – 1997
8. *Women, Sexuality and Islam* (Ed.)– 1996
9. *Women and Politics in Contemporary Iran* (Ed.)– 1995
10. *Women and Family in Iran and Abroad* (Ed.)– 1994
11. *Iranian Women’s Image in Iranian Culture* (Ed.)– 1993
12. *Iranian Women, Researches and Arts* (Ed.) – 1993
13. *In the Back Alleys of Exile*, 2 volumes First Edition – 1993
14. *Book of Now Ruz*,Vol. 2 – 1989
15. *Book of Now Ruz*, Vol. 1 – 1988
16. Translation of Albert Camus' book *Jonas ou l'Artiste au Travail* to Persian – 1972

**- ARTICLES (Selected)**

1. “In exile at Home,” in *The Flying camel: Essays on Identity by Women of North African and Middle Eastern Jewish Heritage*. Ed. Loolwa Khazzoom, Seal Press: 2003, pp. 123-130.
2. “Esther or Vashti: That is the Question,” in *Medusa Magazine*, ed. Azar Majedi, London: 2000
3. “Iranian Jews: Tenants or Land Lord?” in *Par Magazine*, Issue # 155, Washington, DC: December 1998
4. “From Esther to Esther, A play,” in *The History of Contemporary Iranian Jews*, Vol. 1, ed. Homa Sarshar Los Angeles: 1997 pp. 3-29
5. “Between Two Worlds: Lost Identity,” *Payman*, Magazine Issue # 4, Los Angeles, California: 1995
6. “Iranian women and Media in Exile,” in *Nimeye-Digar*, ed. Afsaneh Najmabadi Cambridge: Volume 14 Spring 1991 pp. 220-224
7. “Mina and Iguana,” in *Nimeye-Digar, Iranian Women in Exile*, ed. Afsaneh Najmabadi Volume 12/13 Fall 1990 pp. 5-23
8. “In the Back Alleys of Exile,” in *Nimeye-Digar, Experience of Revolution*, ed. Afsaneh Najmabadi Volume 11 Spring 1990 pp. 63-68
9. “Mahshid Amirshahy As I Know Her,” in *Forough* Magazine, Issue # 4, Fall 1990

**- LECTURES (Selected)**

* “Iranians in Exile: An overview,” Iranian Society, Paris, France September 2003
* “History of Iranian Media from the Constitutional Revolution to the Islamic Revolution,” the Academy of Iranian Physician, Glendale, California, November 2000
* “Get: The Jewish Injustice,” Eretz Cultural Center, Tarzana, CA, September 2000
* “Esther or Vashti: That is the Question,” the Second International Medusa Conference, Köln, Germany June 2000
* “Iranian Students: The Islamic Regime’s Achille’s Heel,” Anti-Islamic Republic Demonstration and Hunger strike, at the Federal Building, Los Angeles, California 2000

1. “Parvaneh & Dariush Forouhar: We Killed Them, Too,” lecture presented at their memorial in Los Angeles, California, November 1998
2. “Another Birth in Another World,” the Association of Iranian Professionals, San Francisco, CA June 1998
3. “Iranian Women and Music: Fourteen Centuries of Silence,” the Iranian Women’s Studies Foundation, fifth annual UCLA, California 1994
4. “Women and Democracy in Iran Today,” the University of Toronto, Canada 1994
5. “Homa Darabi: Why an Iranian Woman Would Set Herself on Fire,” H. Darabi memorial service, Los Angeles, California 1994
6. “New World Order,” Rancho Park Rotary Los Angeles, California 1993
7. “Fereydoon Farrokhzad: Neither the First Victim nor the Last,” F. Farrokhzad memorial service, Los Angeles, California 1992
8. “Historical Profile of Women from Iran,” Status of Middle Eastern & Asian/Pacific Islander Women, first Annual Conference, University of California in Los Angeles, 1991
9. “Iranian Immigrants Ten Years After the Revolution: An Essay,” Nessah Cultural Center, Beverly Hills, California, 1989
10. “Iranian Women in the Work Force,” field research conducted for Kayhan Institute - Tehran, Iran, 1975
11. “Birth Control in Low-Income Families: A National Campaign,” field research conducted for Iranian Women's Organization and *Zan-e-Ruz* - Tehran, Iran, 1969

**PRODUCTIONS**

* Book on tape: *In the Back Alleys of Exile* - 1993
* Series of video documentaries on exiled Iranian writers, poets, artists and dissidents:
* Nader Naderpour: Poet (20 minutes)
* Mahshid Amirshahy: Writer (20 minutes)
* Nasser Ovissi: Painter (20 minutes)
* Samineh Baghchehban: Teacher (20 minutes)
* Simin Behbahani: Poet (20 minutes)
* Iran Daroudi: Painter (20 minutes)
* Moniroo Ravanipour: Novelist (20 minutes)
* Jalali Sussan-Abadi: Miniaturist (20 minutes)
* Faranguis Yeganegi: Activist (20 minutes)
* Malak Nafisi: Philanthropist (20 minutes)
* Bersabeh Hovsepian: Educator (20 minutes)
* Morteza Khan Neydavood: Master Musician (20 minutes)
* Soleiman Haim: Lexicographer (20 minutes)
* Moshfegh Hamedani: Translator & Journalist (20 minutes)
* Youna Dardashti: Vocalist (15 minutes)
* Rabbi Yedidia Shofet: Iran’s Chief Rabbi (50 minutes)
* Habib Levi: Historian (20 minutes)
* Moshe Katsav: The President (18 minutes)
* Jamshid Kashfi: The Majles Representative (30 minutes)
* Shaban Jafari: The Wrestler (20 minutes)
* Sadredin Elahi: The Journalist (20 minutes)
* Mahin Amid: The poetess

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

1. “13th Bita Prize for Persian Arts - Stanford University, Iranian Studies, Stanford, CA 2023
2. “Certificate of Appreciation” City of Los Angeles, CA 2018
3. “Leadership Award” Iranian American Women’s Foundation, Los Angeles, CA 2018
4. “American Heritage Award” American Immigration Council, Washington, D.C. 2016
5. “Gratitude Award” Persian American Women's Conference, Beverly Hills, CA 2014
6. “Ellis Island Medal of Honor”, New York, NY 2013
7. “Humanitarian Award", Iranian American Parents Association, Beverly Hills, CA 2007
8. “Lifetime Achievement Award,” B’Nai Brith, Los Angeles, CA 2005
9. “Journalism Award,” Encyclopaedia Iranica Foundation, Miami, Florida 2003
10. “Certificate of Recognition,” *World Contemporary Art*, Los Angeles, California 2002
11. “Outstanding Contribution & Services to Entertainment, Arts and News Media,” Network of Iranian-American Professionals (NIPOC), Orange County, California 1999
12. “Outstanding Journalistic Contributions Award,” Magbit Foundation, Los Angeles, California 1996
13. “Commendation for Community Affairs Services” County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA 1996
14. “The 14th America-Israel Friendship Media Award” B’Nai Zion Western Region, Beverly Hills, CA 1996
15. Honoree, “Women and the United Nations: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow,” Women in Conversation about the UN, San Francisco, California, 1995
16. “SEPAS Award - Lifetime Achievement in Journalism,’ Los Angeles, California, 1994
17. “Woman of the Year,” Iranian Jewish Women's Organization Los Angeles, California 1991
18. “Medal in Recognition & Appreciation for Contribution to the Games of the XXIII rd Olympiad” Los Angeles, California, 1984
19. “Research Assistance,” University of Southern California, 1981
20. “Grant and Scholarship,” University of Tehran, 1972-1973
21. “Award for the Best Coverage of the 25th Centennial of the Iranian Kingdom,” *Zan-e-Ruz* Magazine - Tehran, Iran, 1971
22. “Medal for Special Achievement in Women's Rights,” Iranian Women's Organization - Tehran, Iran, 1969

**AFFILIATIONS:**

1. Founder and Director, Honar Foundation, LA, CA since 2006
2. Founder and Director Center for Iranian Jewish Oral History, LA, CA since 1996
3. Board Member, Iranian Women Studies Foundation, Boston MA since1989
4. Friends of Encyclopaedia Iranica Foundation, Columbia University, NY since 1985

**LANGUAGES**

Persian (native), French (near native), English (near native)