



Summer Awad

Writer

Contact

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Languages

English (native)

Arabic (proficient)

Swahili (proficient)

Publications

- *Heaven Looks Like Us:*
Palestinian Poetry
(Haymarket Books)
- *Fikra Magazine*
- *The Rising Phoenix Review*
- *Adi Magazine*
- *J Journal*
- *Chapter 16*
- *About Place Journal*
- *Pine Mountain Sand & Gravel*
- *Writers Resist*
- *Exposition Review*

Forthcoming:

- Mizna
- Beloit Poetry Journal

Productions

FringeNYC 2016

Education

2024

MFA, Creative Writing & Environment

Iowa State University

2016

BA, College Scholars: Literary Activism

University of Tennessee

Experience

2024 - 2025

Fulbright English Teaching Assistant

Chouaib Doukkali
University

- Instructor of Record
 - Paragraph Writing
 - Public Speaking
 - Drama and Poetry
 - Reading Comprehension

2021 - 2024

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Iowa State University

- Instructor of Record
 - SPCM 212: Fundamentals of Public Speaking
 - Honors 322A: US Refugee Resettlement
- Workshop Instructor
 - English 207, Intro to Creative Writing

2017-2021

Case Manager

Bridge Refugee
Services

- Preferred Communities, 2020-2021
 - Refugee Support Services, 2017-2020
- Provided acculturation and support services to newly-arrived refugees and asylees from DRC and other countries

Awards

2025

- Plentitudes Prize (Nonfiction) Finalist

2024

- *Write Bloody Publishing* Jack McCarthy Book Prize Finalist
- ISU Research Excellence Award
- ISU Teaching Excellence Award
- Pearl Hogrefe Grant in Creative Writing
- ISU English Outstanding Service by a Graduate Student
- *Adroit Journal* Djakinian Scholars in Poetry Semifinalist

2023

- Pearl Hogrefe Grant in Creative Writing
- de Groot Foundation LANDO Grant

2022

- East TN Writers' Hall of Fame Emerging Writer Award
- Playwriting Certificate of Merit, Kennedy Center ACTF
- Critical Language Scholarship, Swahili

2018

- OREPA Peacemaker Award

2016

- Community Shares TN Artist of Change

2013

- Critical Language Scholarship, Arabic