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### Email

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## Languages

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English (native)

Arabic (proficient)

Swahili (proficient)

## Publications

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*Adi Magazine*

*J Journal*

*About Place Journal*

*Pine Mountain Sand & Gravel*

*Writers Resist*

*Exposition Review*

## Productions

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FringeNYC 2016

# Summer Awad

Writer

## Education

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2024 **MFA, Creative Writing & Environment**  
Iowa State University

2016 **BA, College Scholars: Literary Activism**  
University of Tennessee

## Experience

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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

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2024

- Fulbright ETA, Morocco
- ISU Research Excellence Award
- ISU Teaching Excellence Award
- Pearl Hogrefe Grant in Creative Writing
- ISU English Outstanding Service by a Graduate Student

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