

Exploring Iranian Identity: A Writing Workshop

Two Sundays: June 7 and June 14, 2015
9:30 AM - 5 PM, Persian Center, Berkeley, California

Whether you are part of an older generation that immigrated from Iran during the revolution, a younger generation born or raised in the United States (perhaps with only one Iranian parent), an immigrant in pursuit of greater freedoms, a student on a short-term visa, or are married to an Iranian, **you are part of a new wave** of Iranians and Iranian-American experience, and **you have stories to share!** Your stories, poems, and memories are part of larger narrative that deserves to be written and shared with others.

The Workshop:

In this two-day, multi-generational writing workshop, you will explore your identity in an intimate setting with two experienced, well-published writers: Anita Amirrezvani and Persis Karim. Through a series of writing exercises you will be guided and assisted in getting your story on the page, either as fiction, non-fiction, or poetry. The workshop includes writing techniques and feedback on your work as well as goal-setting for your project. You will also be provided with concrete suggestions on how to further polish your work, and a list of publications to which you can submit your story or poem.

Details:

Workshop limited to 16 people.

\$350 for general; \$250 students. Fee includes printed materials, snacks/tea; \$50 non-refundable deposit.

Pay via PayPal at: workshops@anitaamirrezvani.com
NO LATER THAN May 20, 2015.

Please register by filling out this form:

<http://goo.gl/forms/OmyHThq14N>

Returning alumni will receive a discount to take the workshop a second time.

Previous Participants' Reviews:

"It was well worth flying all the way from Shanghai for it."

—Azita Naeber

"You gave us a space where we all felt safe to open up and trust each other."

—Katherine Whitney

"It was totally everything I wanted it to be—and then some."

—Nasimeh Babrayni

About the Workshop Leaders:

Anita Amirrezvani and Persis Karim are the editors of *Tremors: New Fiction by Iranian American Writers* (University of Arkansas Press, 2013). The book has been featured at readings around the country and the authors have conducted previous workshops in Berkeley. In addition, Anita is the author of the novels *The Blood of Flowers* and *Equal of the Sun*; Persis has edited *A World Between: Poems, Short Stories and Essays by Iranian Americans* (1999) and *Let Me Tell You Where I've Been: New Writing by Women of the Iranian Diaspora* (2006).