



Visiting Creative Nonfiction Writer **Sejal Shah**

**Special CNF Workshop
Monday, April 19
11:00-11:50 AM**

Contact Maria Brandt at mbrandt@monroecc.edu for Zoom Link and/or further information.

Link to Pre-recorded Reading:

https://ensemble.itec.suny.edu/Watch/MCC_CreativeArts_SejalShah_ThisIsOneWayToDance

Sejal Shah is the author of the debut memoir in essays, *This Is One Way to Dance* (University of Georgia Press, June 2020). Her essay collection reflects on culture, family, language, and place. Her stories and essays have appeared widely in print and online—including *Brevity*, *Guernica*, *Conjunctions*, the *Kenyon Review Online*, and *Longreads*.

She is the recipient of a 2018 New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) Fellowship in Fiction and residencies or fellowships from Blue Mountain Center, the Kenyon Review Writers' Workshop, Kundiman, and The Millay Colony. She received her BA in English from Wellesley College and her MFA in fiction from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Sejal recently completed a story collection and is at work on a memoir about mental health and academia. She is on the faculty of the Rainier Writing Workshop, the low-residency MFA program at Pacific Lutheran University. She also teaches creative writing in community-based workshops and privately. The daughter of Gujarati parents who immigrated to the United States from India and Kenya, Sejal lives in her hometown of Rochester, New York.



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