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RISHI REDDI

WRITING

Fiction Awards & Publications:

Passage West

- Ecco/HarperCollins, New York, NY,
  Los Angeles Times "Best California Book of 2020"
  New England Book Award Finalist 2020

Karma and Other Stories

- Ecco/HarperCollins, New York, NY, 2007
  Winner of 2008 PEN New England Award
- HarperCollins-India, New Delhi, India, 2007
  Long-listed for national Vodafone/Crossword Award 2008
- Ullstein Buchverlage, Berlin, Germany, 2008

"Justice Shiva Ram Murthy" originally published in *Harvard Review*, Fall 2004

Broadcast on National Public Radio's *Selected Shorts*

Performed by actor Asif Mandvi at Symphony Space, October 2005

Selected for *Best American Short Stories 2005*

"Karma" Originally published in *Prairie Schooner*, Fall 2002

2013 Boston Book Festival's "One City One Story" All-City Read

Translated into Spanish, Mandarin, and Portuguese for city-wide distribution under the auspices of the Office of Mayor Tom Menino

Honorable Mention in *Pushcart Prize 2004*

"Lakshmi and the Librarian" originally published *Louisville Review*, Summer 2001

Essays:

"**Pecking Order"**
Air/Light, March 2022

"How Kamala Harris is America,"
New York Daily News, Nov 2020

"Living Through a Plague"
Literary Hub, April 2020

"Dispatch: Telangana, India"
The Drum Literary Magazine, September, 2015

"On Being South Asian Post 9/11"
Asian American Literary Review, September 11, 2011 Commemorative Issue

"Relative Distance"
New York Times Magazine, June 3, 2007

Translations: **"The Job"** in *Partisan Review,* Fall 2001
Story translation from East Indian Telugu author, Kutumba Rao

Book Reviews: ***Los Angeles Review of Books, Kirkus Reviews, Alta Journal, Salamander***

Journalism: ***India Post,*** California-based Indian-American bi-weekly newspaper,
Boston Correspondent and Opinion Columnist 1993-1994.

Grants & Fellowships:

National Book Critics Circle, Emerging Critics Fellow **–** 2021-2022

United States Department of State, U.S. Speaker & Specialist Grant – June 2013

MacDowell Colony, Fellow – October 2012

Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Shane Stevens Fellow – August 2007

Massachusetts Cultural Council, Individual Artist Grant – 2004

Vermont Studio Center, Fellowship Grant Recipient – September 2003

Other Honors:

National Book Critics Circle, Annual Awards Judge 2024
Fiction Prize Committee
Non-fiction Prize Committee

New Letters Alexander Cappon Fiction Award Competition, Final Judge, 2007
Sponsored by New Letters literary journal, Kansas City MO

Grub Street Fiction Award Competition, Reader, 2004
Sponsored by Grub Street, Inc, Boston, MA

Classes, Workshops & Teaching Fellowships:

Amherst College, Amherst, MA May 2021

Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, MA – October 2010

Watertown High School, Watertown, MA – March 2008

Bard College, Annandale-on Hudson, NY – March 2008

Brown University, Providence RI – February 2008

Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ – October 2007

City Honors School, Buffalo, NY – October 2007

Grub Street, Inc. Muse & Marketplace, Boston MA – May 2007

The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville CT – October 2006

Boston University, Creative Writing Teaching Fellow – Spring 2000

Northeastern University School Law, Prisoner Rights Teaching Fellow – 1990-1

Invited Readings
& Colloquia:

Boston Festival Orchestra, Cambridge Public Library, May 2024

Lab Central, Cambridge MA March 2022

MIT South Asian Club, Cambridge MA -Jan 2022

Harvard Club with Nobel-laureate Amartya Sen, Boston, Dec 2021

Belmont Public Library, November 2021

San Francisco Literary Festival "Litquake," San Francisco, October 2021

Clearly Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, October 2021

Goldman Sachs, October 2021

Spencertown Festival of Books, Spencertown, NY, October 2021

Earfull, Mosesian Center for the Arts, Watertown, MA, August 2021

Brown Girl Reads Book Club, Instagram Live, July 2021

Craft on Draft, Grub Street, October 2020

Concord Festival of Authors, Concord, MA October 2020

Boston Book Festival, Boston MA, October 2020

***LA Times* Festival of Books,** Los Angeles, CA (canceled) October 2020

Mercantile Library, Cincinnati, OH, Sept. 2020

Northeastern University School of Law, May 2020

Concord Public Library, Concord, MA, April 2020

Welcome Project, Somerville, MA, October 2015

Cape Code Writers' Center Conference, Hyannis MA, August 2014

One City One Story author, Boston Book Festival, Boston, MA October 2013

Cooler Lumpur Literary and Arts Festival, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, June 2013

Peabody Essex Museum, Tannery Series, Salem MA, April 2013

Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles CA, May 2011

Canisius College Writers Series, Buffalo NY – November 2008

Old Dominion University Literary Festival, Norfolk VA – September 2008

Swarthmore College Alumni Weekend, Swarthmore, PA – June 2008
Collection Keynote Speaker

Garrett Club, Buffalo NY – March 2008

Newton Library Spring Fling, Newton MA – March 2008

South Asian Literary & Theater Arts Festival, Washington DC, November 2007

Regis College Writers Series, Weston, MA – October 2007

South Asian Bar Association, Boston MA – September 2007

Telugu Association North America annual meeting, Washington DC – July 2007

Writer's World Conference, Marblehead MA – June 2007
Keynote Speaker

Kansas City Literary Festival, Kansas City MO-- May 2007

Harvard University South Asian Association, Cambridge MA – April 2007

Boston Athenaeum Bicentennial Celebration, Boston, MA – November 2006

CLIMATE POLICY EXPERIENCE

Ceres, Inc., Boston, MA
Senior Advisor, Northeast States Policy — April 2023 -- present

Climate, Sustainability, and Environmental Justice policy expert, working with influential law-makers, governmental officials, companies, community-based organizations and investors to advance smart public policy.

Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Boston MA
Director of Environmental Justice — Dec 2019 – Oct 2023

Lead development and implementation of EEA's policies and strategies to advance Environmental Justice throughout EEA and served as liaison for Environmental Justice with every Massachusetts executive branch secretariat. Created EEA's EJ Task Force, an interagency team that developed EEA's formal EJ strategy, devising tailored methods to enhance EJ across MA. Lead Secretariat's on-going relationship with EJ stakeholders and EJ neighborhoods.

Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Boston MA
Chair, Environmental Justice Council — July 2022 – July 2023

Chair of governor-appointed EJ Council, which advises the MA Secretary of Energy and Environment on advancing the principles of environmental justice in the Commonwealth

ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Boston, MA
Senior Counsel — Feb 2008 – Dec 2019

Provided legal counsel primarily in the areas of Environmental Justice and Climate Change; Counsel for the Low Emission Vehicle program, Inspection and Maintenance program, and implementation of the Volkswagen multi-million dollar penalty settlement for fraudulent emissions testing.

Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Boston, MA
Acting General Counsel — Nov 2002 – April 2003
Deputy General Counsel — July 2000 – Nov 2002

Advised Secretary of Environment Affairs and his staff on wide range of legal issues, policy and legislation, including the development of first Environmental Justice policy for the commonwealth.

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, Boston, MA
Enforcement Counsel — August 1998 – May 2000

Represented agency and developed judicial and administrative enforcement cases for civil prosecution under the federal Clean Air Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and Superfund.

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Boston, MA
Counsel — June 1993 – July 1998

- Represented the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in broad range of environmental issues. Co-chaired the agency's first Environmental Justice Committee, established the "Language Bank," a multi-lingual in-house translation resource to service the needs of non-English speaking residents of MA.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY WORK

National Book Critics Circle
Professional Association of American Book Review Editors and Critics

Member of Board of Directors — March 2024 – March 2027

Grub Street, Inc., Boston, MA
Boston's Literary Arts Center

Member of Literary Council — April 2013 – January 2018
Member of Board of Directors — February 2004 – October 2005

South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT), Washington, DC
National South Asian civil rights organization.

Member of Board of Directors — March 2005 – August 2009

Amnesty International, U.S.A., Washington, DC
International Human Rights Organization — July 2003 – July 2005

Massachusetts Legislative Coordinator

EDUCATION

Boston University, Boston, MA — **MA, Creative Writing, May 2002**

Teaching Fellowship – Spring Semester 2000

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA — **JD, May 1992**

Teaching Assistant, Prisoner's Rights Clinic
Represented inmates in parole and disciplinary proceedings; Supervised and instructed students.

Cooperative Legal Education Experience

United Nations, General Legal Division, New York, NY Spring 1992
Drafted legal analysis for women's micro-financing under UNIFEM & UN Development Program.

Honorable Shane Devine, United States District Court, Concord, NH Summer 1991
Researched and wrote judicial memos in a broad range of civil issues.

Lawyers Collective, Bombay, India Winter 1991
Assisted in legal research and representation of victims in Union Carbide Bhopal Gas leak disaster.

New York State Organized Crime Task Force, White Plains, NY Summer 1990
Performed legal analysis on 4th Amendment search & seizure issues regarding evolving technology.

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA **BA, English Literature, May 1988**

LANGUAGES

Conversant in South Asian language of Telugu. Classes in French and Hindi**.**