

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Sobia Khan

Sobia Khan is Professor of English, Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Grant Project Director, and coordinator of English Dual Credit program at Richland College in Dallas. She also serves as vice president of Faculty Association at Richland College.



She was co-chair of her institution's Achieving the Dream team which led to a new pedagogical model for teaching students under the guidelines of Achieving the Dream focused on under-resourced students. In her previous position as an associate dean she worked with faculty to develop and deliver online freshman composition courses, supervised an English tutoring center, and partnered with developmental course faculty to help students bridge to college level courses. Working towards helping students enter and succeed in college level courses began with Khan's work with guided pathways which involved revising the first-year study skills course to include career guidance and selection of program of study for students at the beginning of their academic career. Recently, she, along with her team, started a leadership program, a personalized advising model to guide students on the pathway to success, and a faculty mentoring program for students. She chairs a community advisory committee which includes community partners and chambers of commerce. In all her work, Khan keeps students the focus of her team's efforts.

Sobia Khan earned her Ph.D. from University of Texas at Dallas. Her dissertation is titled, *Transnational Identity in Crisis: Self-Writings of Edward Said, Jacques Derrida and Theresa Hak Kyung Cha*. Her academic work has led her to put theory into practice and be an advocate for under-resourced and minority students. She is the chair of South Asian feminist caucus at the National Women's Studies Association. She is also on the board of directors of Richardson Public Library's *Richardson Reads One Book*. In addition, she is alumni of American Association of Community College's John E. Roueche Future Leaders Institute.

Dr. Khan has published fiction and scholarly essays in literary journals and books. She has chaired panels and presented at national conferences including Achieving the Dream conference, Modern Literature Association, American Comparative Literature Association among others. She was a 2015 VONA/Voices fellow in fiction with Junot Diaz. She has received two writing fellowships at the Banff Center for Arts and Creativity in Canada.

Dr. Khan has lived in Texas with her family for 25 years.