

Greetings from the SAJA Board:

Last week, our executive board gathered for our quarterly meeting in NYC, planning out a roadmap of events for the months ahead and preparing for announcements, including our scholarship winners (stay tuned!)

Uniting our board members in person is always an exciting affair – see the 2024-2026 board pictured below! [See more photos](#).

- See SAJA's [statement on student journalists](#) covering campus protests. This is how it starts:
- “SAJA would like to express its support and admiration for the tireless efforts of student journalists covering the recent and ongoing protests on campuses around the U.S.”
- Please see the rest and share the versions on [IG](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#).

SAVE THE DATE: SAJA'S 30TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY GALA!

- This fall, join us to commemorate 30 years of SAJA! We're celebrating by throwing a weekend you won't forget: on Friday, October 11, we're hosting our opening reception at Aicon Gallery from 6-9pm ET, followed by a full-day conference on Saturday, October 12 at CUNY Newmark School of Journalism. The conference will close out with an evening reception and awards gala.
- Mark your calendars! Lots of details coming. If you'd like to propose a program or be a sponsor: president@saja.org.



UPCOMING SAJA EVENTS

- **Ali Velshi's** book tour:
 - In May, SAJA is proud to support Ali Velshi's tour of the US in support of his book "Small Acts of Courage." He's hitting these

cities: Philly, DC, Baltimore, NYC, SFO, LA, Chicago. See [schedule and get your tickets!](#)

- Join us **Friday, May 10, 6pm** at NYC's Barnes & Noble UWS bookstore to meet Ali! No registration, just show up. Hope to see lots of New York members there!
- And check out [his book on the SAJA bookshop on Bookshop.org](#).
- **Meet Shahzia Sikander**: One of the most celebrated artists of our time is going to do a walkthrough for SAJA members only (you don't have to be South Asian or a journalist [to sign up!](#))
 - - Wednesday, May 15 from 1-3pm ET
 - Pace Prints, [536 W 22nd St](#) in NYC
 - YOU MUST RSVP [here](#).
- SAJA VIRTUAL: **Foreign Reporting Panel**
 - Friday, May 17, 1-2 pm ET (NEW TIME, A DAY LATER)
 - **Prof. Azmat Khan**, Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter | Birch Professor & Li Center Director for Global Journalism, Columbia Journalism School
 - **Anup Kaphle**, Editor in Chief, Rest of World
 - **Morgan Till**, foreign editor, PBS NewsHour
 - Moderator: Jennifer Chowdhury, SAJA board member
 - [RSVP here](#), Zoom link will be sent in advance. Don't forget to hit "add to calendar"

RECAPPING PAST EVENTS:

- Lahore Literary Festival: SAJA co-sponsored with Asia Society, an entire day of terrific programming of the NY edition of the [Lahore Lit Fest](#). Many thanks to **Rachel Cooper**, our Asia Society partner.
- Screening of "Last Ecstatic Days": For filmmakers and film fans amongst us, we hosted a virtual screening of former president **Prerana Thakurdesai's** new film, with **Dr. Aditi Sethi**, one this moving film's protagonists. [Learn more](#).
- **Pico Iyer** and **Helen Tworikov**: [See video](#) of a wonderful evening at Asia Society as they talked about Buddhism and so much more.

Follow us on LinkedIn! We have revived SAJA's [LinkedIn page](#) and actively use it to share timely updates, and have launched a LinkedIn newsletter where we republish this very newsletter to our LinkedIn audience. Please [follow us](#) on the platform and subscribe to the [LinkedIn newsletter here!](#)

SAJA OFFICE HOURS: Sree is hosting virtual office hours twice a week to connect with members. Have a career question? Want to chat about how SAJA can help you? Something else? [Sign up here](#).

SAJAer UPDATES: Over on our Twitter feed, [we are amplifying career milestones by members in an epic thread](#). We have 30 and counting. Send us your updates: president@saja.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS + MORE

- **Ali Sethi & Joyce Carol Oates** in Conversation
 - Join SongWriter for an exclusive live episode of the SongWriter podcast where stories turn into songs! We welcome two iconic artists to the stage: the legendary author [Joyce Carol Oates](#) and the innovative musician and novelist [Ali Sethi](#), recognized in TIME's 100 Next list. Hosted by the podcast's creator and producer, [Ben Arthur](#), this live event promises captivating stories, mesmerizing music, and thought-provoking conversations.
 - [Register here](#). Tix are just \$10 each.
 - SAJA is giving away a pair of tickets to this event. Follow us on [IG](#) and DM us about why you want to meet Ali Sethi. Maximum 15 words. Best answer wins.
- *Send us your announcements of interest to SAJAers:* president@saja.org

Finally, we are always looking to expand our membership, to seasoned and budding journalists alike. Encourage your networks to join the SAJA community by [signing up for a membership here](#) (you don't need to be a journalist or South Asian). And [donate to support us if you can](#). Ideas, suggestions, career updates? Email us: president@saja.org.

Be sure to follow SAJA on [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [X](#).

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