Florida International University

Visit of Firoozeh Dumas—Author of *Funny in Farsi*
Monday-Tuesday, October 19-20, 2009

**Monday, October 19, 2009: Modesto A. Maidique (MAM) Campus**

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  Ms. Dumas will meet with Student Government Association (SGA) leaders, peer advisors, and peer mentors. This is a Q&A session, no prepared remarks. Location: GC243

12:00 PM  Ms. Dumas will deliver a 60-minute talk to first-year students, followed by 20-30 minutes of audience questions. Location: GC Ballrooms.

1:30 PM  Book signing in the foyer outside the GC Ballrooms. Bookstore will have copies of *Funny in Farsi* and *Laughing without an Accent* for sale.

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM  Ms. Dumas will participate in an informal lunch with Common Reading Program Committee members (this will be purely social; no formal remarks expected). Location: Academy for the Art of Teaching, GL 154.

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM  Ms. Dumas will participate in a round-table open discussion with graduate students and faculty in the Middle Eastern Studies Center and other members of FIU’s Iranian-American community. Location: GL 220

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM  Reception in the Frost Art Museum. Invited guests include Iranian-American community members, FIU student leaders, and faculty, administrators, and staff members. The University Bookstore will have copies of *Funny in Farsi* and *Laughing without an Accent* for sale. Ms. Dumas will not deliver formal remarks; however, she will sign books.

**Tuesday, October 20, 2009: Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC)**

9:00 AM  Ms. Dumas will lead a 30-minute morning meeting (Q&A) with BBC SGA leaders, peer mentors, and campus administrators.

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM  Ms. Dumas will lead a Q&A with student writers and faculty from the Creative Writing Program, English Department, and School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Location:

10:25 AM – 10:55 AM  Book signing in foyer outside Wolfe Center Auditorium. The University Bookstore will have copies of *Funny in Farsi* and *Laughing without an Accent* for sale.
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM  Ms. Dumas will deliver a 45-minute talk to first-year students and BBC community members, followed by 15 minutes of audience questions.

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