

Please Join Us In Welcoming

Sikeena Karmali

September 29th, 2003 at 12:00 Noon

Harry Crowe Room, Atkinson College

A House by the Sea

East meets West, and tradition clashes with modernity in an absorbing family drama reaching back through time and generations, across Arabia, India, East Africa, England, and Canada.

Told with wit and charm, Sikeena Karmali's debut novel *A House by the Sea* is about a young woman's quest to reconcile her nomadic spirit with an inner longing for a home. Zahra Khan crosses four continents, untangling family secrets and the fateful lives of her grandmothers. She encounters love when least expected and discovers she is not who she imagined herself to be.

Sikeena Karmali was born in Nairobi, Kenya to Gujarati Indian parents. She was educated in Canada, the US, Italy and Egypt. Since 1994 she has worked in international development and human rights. She is currently the director of a human rights agency in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Refreshments will be served.

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