

**Subject:** EM: Hyphen-On Life In Between: Dinner with Dr. Pardis Mahdavi 11/4  
**Date:** Monday, November 3, 2025 at 5:04:26 PM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Inform  
**Attachments:** image.png

---

**From:** Laspa Center for Leadership

---

Join us for an evening with **Dr. Pardis Mahdavi**, author of *Hyphen*, as she explores how the simple mark of a hyphen reflects complex stories of identity, belonging, and influence. Drawing on her own experience as a hyphenated Iranian-American and the lives of others who navigate multiple worlds, Dr. Mahdavi invites us to consider how embracing our layered identities can strengthen our capacity to lead with empathy, authenticity, and purpose. The evening will feature a short talk by Dr. Mahdavi, with audience Q&A and dinner. Together, we'll explore how language and lived experience shape the leaders we become.

**Date:** Tuesday, 11/4/25

**Time:** 6:00-8:00 pm

**Location:** [SCORE](#) Scripps College

**RSVP:** [Here](#)

Dinner from Ashirwar The Blessings

*Part of the "Voices in Leadership & Inclusion" series from SCORE and the Laspa Center for Leadership*



*Dr. Mahdavi is an expert on human rights and education policy. She is the author of the highly acclaimed Book of Queens, Riding, Hyphen, Crossing the Gulf: Love and Family in Migrant Lives, From Trafficking to Terror, Gridlock: Labor, Migration and Human Trafficking in Dubai, and Passionate Uprisings: Iran's Sexual Revolution*

Questions? Email [Laspa@ScrippsCollege.edu](mailto:Laspa@ScrippsCollege.edu)