

# Shared Stories

Spring 2012 (March 4 – May 20; Sundays 10:30 am-1:30 pm)

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## Syllabus

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>Introduction</b> Welcome to Shared Stories!
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>3/11</b>	<b>Exploring Semester Themes</b> Opportunities for new immigrants
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>3/18</b>	<b>Workshop on Interviewing: Uncovering Stories</b> <i>Guest Speaker:</i> Sahar Muradi, Open the City Blog Fellow
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>3/25</b>	<b>Sharing Our Stories with Others</b> Hopes, dreams, and future opportunities
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>Gathering Stories from Others</b> First hand interviews with workers in Chinatown
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>4/15</b>	<b>Making Voices Heard</b> Unspoken stories and the power of video storytelling
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>4/22</b>	<b>Field Trip</b> Meeting Allies: Get to Know other Youth Organizations
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>4/29</b>	<b>Making Stories Have an Impact</b> Combining stories with data and evidence
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>5/6</b>	<b>Field Trip</b> A History of Social Activism: Visit Museum of the City New York
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>5/20</b>	<b>Presentations and Potluck</b>

## **Program Goals:**

1. Our program goals are two-fold. First, we will build community and discuss how social, political, and historical circumstances have shaped Asian American communities. Second, we will learn to be community advocates by collecting oral histories from immigrants and creating powerful stories that others will read.

2. We seek to achieve these goals by becoming bloggers who share both our community's and our own stories. In this class we will practice reflection writing to relate the issues of the Asian American community to our own identity and life. We will also develop our interview skills, learning to ask the right questions to highlight the stories and lives of others.

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## **Blog/Website Information:**

Blog: <http://sharedstories.weebly.com/index.html>

## **Rules to blogging:**

**No profanity what so ever!** Do not use any bad words. Our blog is a positive and encouraging space; we will not accept any posts that use profanity.

**Write how you speak.** However, try your best to keep it grammatically correct. We want the blog to sound like you are speaking to an audience. You can keep the tone of your writing relaxed and not so "rigid".

**We encourage opinions.** We want to know your opinions, so write whatever you feel is on your mind.

**Don't write anything hurtful or distasteful.** We encourage challenging opinions, but do it in a respectful way. If you are unsure, ask your mentors.

**Spell check!** Check your spelling.

**Personality counts.** This is your time to show the world who you are!

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## **Assignments:**

All assignments should be emailed to your mentors on time.

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