



## **Shared Stories**

Summer 2011 (7/10 – 8/21; SUN.)  
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### **Syllabus**

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>7/10</b>	<b>Introduction:</b> Welcome to Shared Stories!
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>7/17</b>	<b>Writing Workshop:</b> How to write an Op-Ed piece and How to start a dialogue
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>7/24</b>	<b>Queens Museum of Art Trip and Guided Tour By Corky Lee</b> Corky Lee's exhibit: "Asian Pacifically New York"
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>7/31</b>	<b>DREAM Act/Immigration Rights</b> Guest Speaker: Christina Baal, Civic Engagement/Field Advocacy Director at the NY Immigration Coalition
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>8/7</b>	<b>Trip to Museum Of Chinese in America (MoCA)</b> Walking Tour of Chinatown
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>8/14</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>8/21</b>	<b>Presentation/Final Project</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 comfortable bloggers and by sharing our unique stories. In this class, we will identify different kinds of writing styles and work to develop a knowledge-base of effective writing strategies, including persuasive writing such as Op-Eds. We will also learn how to ask the right questions and answer them ourselves, how to start a dialogue, and find a central theme around which to build your story.

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## **Blog/Website Information:**

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

## **Rules to blogging:**

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

**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 to your writing relaxing and not so "rigid" in format.

**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 who you are!

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## **Assignments:**

- All assignments must be submitted by **Thursday at 5pm.**

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