

## Multicultural Affairs Center Booklist

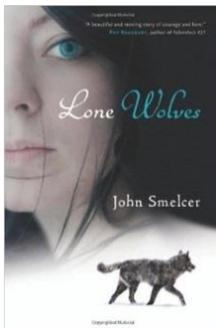
As part of our mission and vision, we offer educational resources for students, faculty, and staff to enhance their knowledge around topics of diversity, multiculturalism, and social justice. Our booklist comprises of HIS/HERstories of Native Alaskans, the experiences of African Americans in the US, and confronting White Privilege and Racism.

Students, faculty, and staff are able to check out these books for their educational pursuits with the expectation that they will return them when they are finished or if the book is needed by another individual after a certain period. In addition to educational books, we also offer films that offer similar opportunities for education and knowledge building.

If you are interested in checking out any of these texts, please email Jerad Green at [jegreen@truman.edu](mailto:jegreen@truman.edu).

### Books:

#### 1. Lone Wolves – John Smelcer



- Deneena Yazzie has a love for the woods and trails that came from her grandfather, who teaches her their Native Alaskan language and customs. Her peers lose hope, but Denny and her lead dog train for the great race- a 1,000 mile of endurance and courage through the Alaskan wilderness. Denny will learn the values of intergenerational friendships, maintaining connections to her heritage, and being true to herself.

- Fiction
- Story

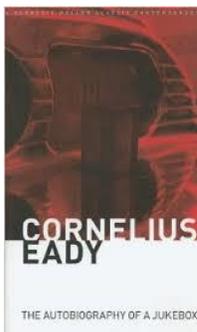
#### 2. You Don't Miss Your Water – Cornelius Eady



- In 21 poems Eady explains experiences triggered by his fathers passing. He depicts what he and his mother went through with a belittling and secretive father.

- Nonfiction
- Poetry

#### 3. The Autobiography of a Jukebox – Cornelius Eady

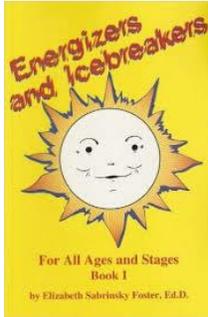


- This book consists of four parts, and in all parts there are different poems written in free verse that describe very different situations that really make the reader think. The poems offer to analysis or answers, it leaves the reader to reflect.

- Fiction

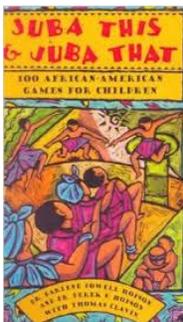
- Poetry

#### 4. Energizers and Icebreakers – Elizabeth Sabrinsky Foster



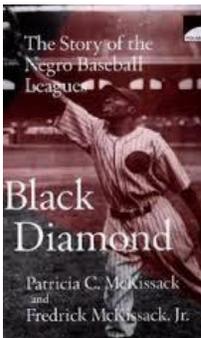
- This book helps with installing motivation and focus on activities using ice breakers. It is useful in the “getting to know you” activities and can be used for any age and stage.
- Nonfiction
- Textbook like

#### 5. Juba This & Juba That – Dr. Darlene Powell Hopson, Dr. Derek S. Hopson, and Thomas Clavin



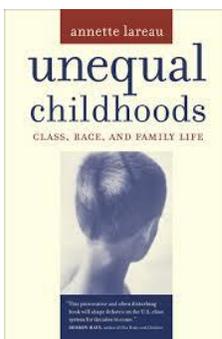
- This book is full of different games and activities that help celebrate the wealth and diversity of the African-American heritage. The games are passed down from generation to generation.
- Nonfiction
- Textbook like

#### 6. Black Diamond (2 of them) – Patricia C. McKissack and Fredrick McKissack, Jr.



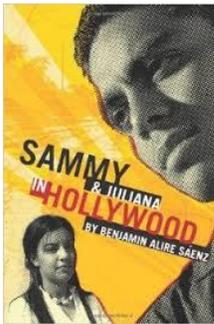
- This story is about the history of the Negro Leagues. It focuses on legendary heroes such as Cool Papa Bell and Satchel Paige.
- Nonfiction
- Story

#### 7. Unequal Childhoods – Annette Lareau



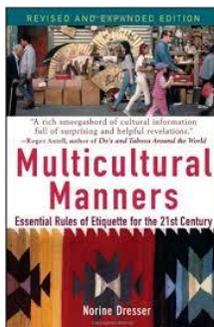
- Annette used observations from 88 different student parents, two elementary schools and a year or so of observing homes of twelve nine-and-ten-year old children. She explores how parenting and childhood vary by social class. What she finds is a better understanding of how different social classes have different childhoods.
- Nonfiction
- Story and textbook like

### 8. Sammy and Juliana in Hollywood – Benjamin Alire Sáenz



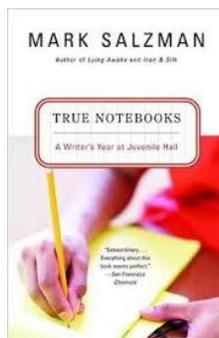
- Sammy Santos is a hard working Mexican-American teen. He lives with his father and kid sister in the Hollywood barrio of Las Cruces, New Mexico in the late 1960's. He faces violence and school racism from both students and administration. The summer before senior year he falls in love with Juliana who has had a very hard time at home.
- Fiction
- Story and poem like

### 9. Multicultural Manners – Norine Dresser



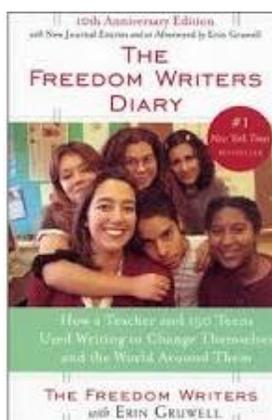
- This book helps you to reflect today's multicultural society. It gives you information on the perfect thing to say, understanding what you need to know, and the correct behavior for a wide range of cross-cultural situation.
- Nonfiction, reference
- Textbook like

### 10. True Notebooks – Mark Salzman



- Mark Salzman paid a visit to a writing class at L.A.'s Central Juvenile Hall, a place where violent teenage offenders are locked up, many of them charged with murder. He began to teach there because he found something so moving and astonishing. The boys write about what lead them to crime and their future behind bars. They come to terms with their past and begin searching for a reason to believe in their future selves.
- Nonfiction
- Memoir

### 11. The Freedom Writers Diary – The Freedom Writers with Erin Gruwell

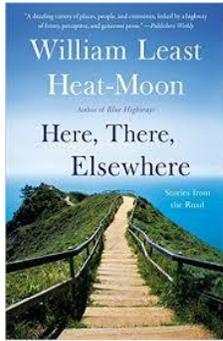


- A first year English teacher, Erin Gruwell, confronted a room of “unteachable, at-risk” students. One day she found a note with an ugly racial caricature and angrily declared that sort of thing caused the holocaust. She and her students used books like *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*, and *Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo* as guides to undertake a life-changing, eye opening, spirit raising odyssey against intolerance and misunderstanding.

As they saw parallels of their own lives in these books they wrote their feelings in their own diaries. They called themselves “Freedom Writers” in homage to the civil rights activists Freedom Riders.

- Nonfiction
- Education-Multicultural Education

### 12. Here, There, Elsewhere – William Least Heat-Moon



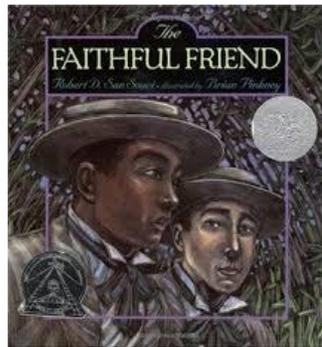
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- Fiction
- Children’s book

• This is a book that is a short-form travel writing of William Least Head-Moon’s travels. He writes about many different travel stories and you can picture him at many different places.

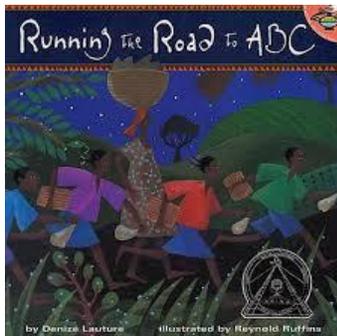
- Nonfiction
- Memoir

### 13. The Faithful Friend – Robert D. San Souci



• Clement and Hippolyte are two inseparable friends. When Clement falls in love Hippolyte agrees to join his best friend on a propose marriage. When Pauline accepts Clements uncle, Monsieur Zabocat becomes enraged. Zabocat is a wizard and to prevent the wedding he Hippolyte into a deadly trap, which forces him to between his own safety or his friends.

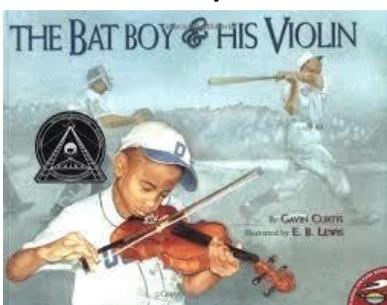
### 14. Running the Road to ABC – Denizé



• Six island children run to school at daybreak. Never before has the love of learning been such a joyous time. This book shows the happiness and youth of energetic children as they make their way to school.

- Fiction
- Children’s book

### 15. The Bat Boy & His Violin – Gavin Curtis

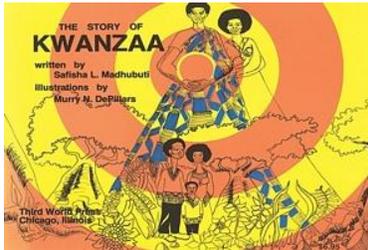


• Reginald loves to play his violin; but Papa, who is manager of the Dukes, needs a bat boy, not a “fiddler” and traveling with the Dukes doesn’t leave Reginald time to practice. Soon, the Duke’s dugout was filled with Mozart, Beethoven, and Bach, and the

bleachers were filled with the sound of the Duke's bats. Has Reginald's violin changed the Duke's luck?

- Fiction
- Children's book

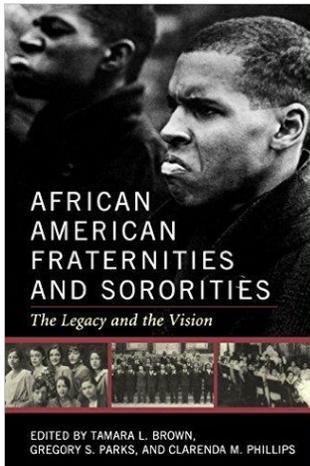
#### 16. The Story of Kwanzaa – Safisha L. Madhubuti



- This book is for the primary reading level, it offers an introduction to the tradition and origin of Kwanzaa. It's used to teach and reinforce academic skills, and introduce and reinforce cultural enrichment objectives.

- Fiction
- Children's book

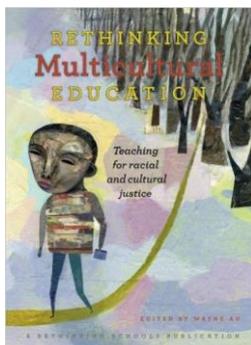
#### 17. African American Fraternities and Sororities: The legacy and the Vision – Tamara L. Brown, Gregory S. Parks, Clarendia M. Phillips



- This book explores the rich past and bright future of the nine black Greek-letter organizations that make up the National Pan-Hellenic Council. In the long tradition of African American benevolent and secret societies, intercollegiate African American sororities and fraternities have very strong traditions of fostering sisterhood and brotherhood among their members, exerting influence in the African American community, and being a forefront of community service, philanthropy, and civic action.

- Nonfiction
- Textbook and story like

#### 18. Rethinking Multicultural Education – Wayne Au

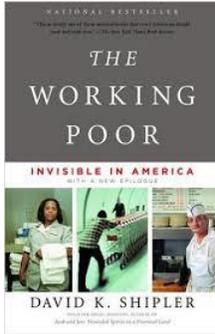


- Since the 1980's *Rethinking Schools* magazine has been renowned for its commitment to racial equality in education. Now, they have collected the best articles that deal with culture and race in the classroom in *Rethinking Multicultural Education*.

- Nonfiction
- Educational

#### 19. Doing Race – Hazel Rose Markus, Paula M.L. Moya

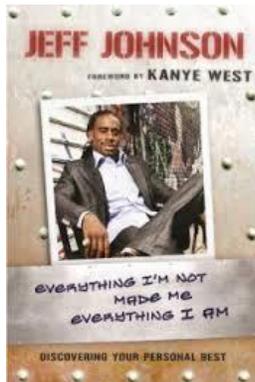




- In this book Shipler deeply journeys into the lives of individual store clerks, factory workers, farm laborers, seamstresses, illegal immigrants in menial jobs and Americans saddled with student loans and paltry wages, these workers are known as the working poor. They work jobs that are essential for America’s comfort. Shipler shows how hard it is to work a low paying job in this economy.

- Nonfiction
- Social Science

**24. Everything I’m Not Made Me Everything I Am: Discovering Your Personal Best – Jeff Johnson**

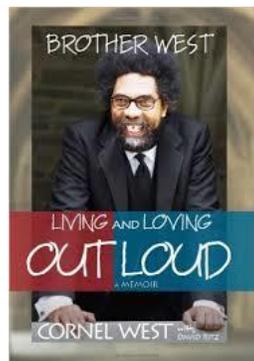


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- Jeff Johnson dares post-Civil Rights generations to stop making excuses, overcome personal challenges and create lives full of meaning and passion. This strategic guide for discovering and manifesting your personal best with Johnson’s unique blend of critical self-reflection and street-smart inspiration.

- Nonfiction
- Self-Help

**25. Brother West Living and Loving Outloud – Cornel West with David Ritz**

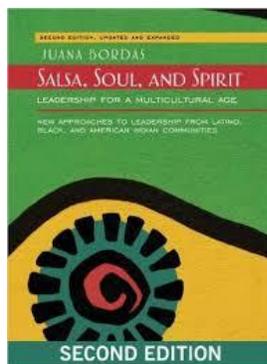


- This poignant memoir traces West’s transformation from schoolyard Robin Hood to a cultural icon. It includes everything from his youthful of “death shudder” and to why he embraced teaching preaching, and his three marriages and two children, to bout with prostate cancer.

progressive investigation over his near-fatal

- Nonfiction
- Memoir

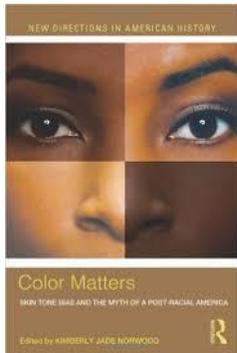
**26. Salsa, Soul, and Spirit: Leadership For a Multicultural Age – Juana Bordas**



- As the world becomes flatter it is important that leaders have the cultural flexibility and adaptability to inspire and guide people from very distinct backgrounds that represents the whole rainbow of humanity. This book describes a multicultural leadership model that integrates eight practices from African American, Indian and Latino communities.

- Nonfiction
- Multicultural Education

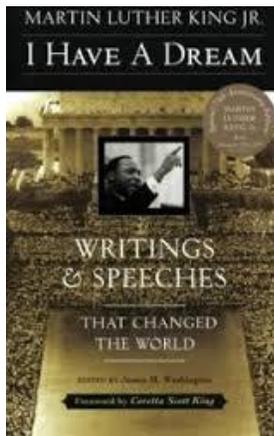
**27. Color Matters: Skin Tone Bias and the Myth of a Post-Racial America – Kimberly Jade Norwood**



- In the United States and many different parts of the world, people are discriminated against based on their skin tone. This type of skin tone bias or colorism is related and distinct from discrimination on bias of race. America has made progress in issues of race over the past decades but discrimination based on color continues to be constant and often unremarked part of life.

- Nonfiction
- African American Studies/Sociology

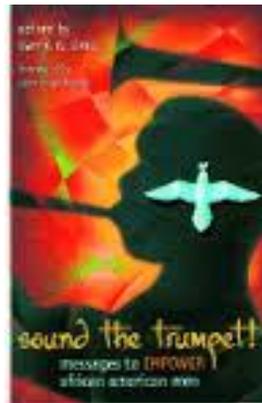
**28. I Have A Dream: Writings and Speeches That Changed the World – James M. Washington**



- This book honors Martin Luther King Jr.'s courageous dream and his immeasurable contribution by presenting his most memorable words in a concise edition.

- Nonfiction
- Personal Stories

**29. Sound The Trumpet: Messages to Empower African American Men – Darryl Simms and Judson Press**

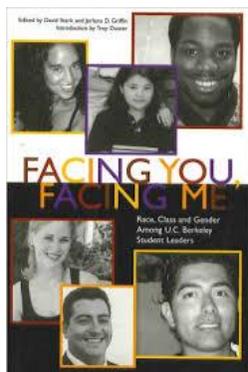


- Darryl Simms and some of the nation's most prominent and visible preachers explore the issues faced by African American men in our society. struggles they confront daily and often alone in messages hope to empower men who are succeed in their roles as fathers, husbands, friends,

Exposing the silence, these attempting to and employees.

- Nonfiction
- Personal Stories

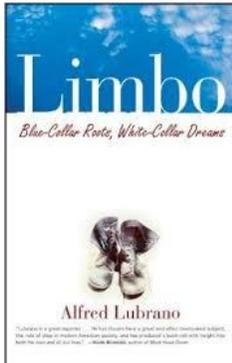
**30. Facing You, Facing Me. Race, Class, and Gender Among U.C. Berkeley Student Leaders – David Stark and Jerlena D Griffin**



- In this book it depicts the honesty of what students express the emotional feelings of learning that goes on in classrooms. This book gives hope that universities and colleges will train future leaders who can deal with the complexities of an increasingly diverse American Society.

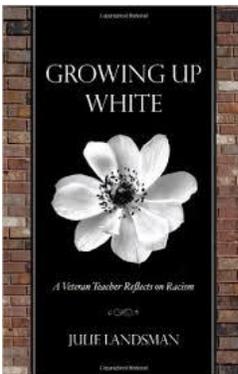
- Nonfiction
- Multicultural Education

### 31. Limbo: Blue-Collar Roots, White-Collar Dreams – Alfred Lubrano



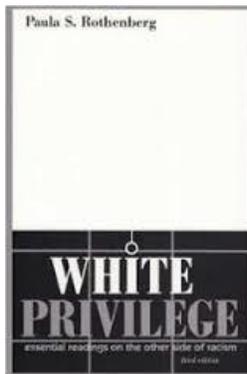
- This book uncovers a cultural phenomenon; the limbo experience of people who grew up in blue-collar families who are now living white-collar lives.
- Nonfiction
- Business/Personal Stories

### 32. Growing Up White – Julie Landsman



- This book takes the reader through Landsman's life, pulling from events and scenes and set of lessons learned. She honestly and unflinchingly discloses the privileges she experienced as a white person and connects those to her teaching in a city classroom where she taught for more than twenty-five years.
- Nonfiction
- Personal Stories

### 33. White Privilege – Paula S. Rothenberg



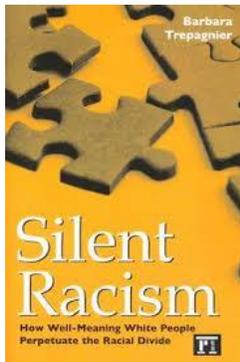
- This book challenges readers to explore ideas for using the power and concept of white privilege to help combat racism in their lives. It includes key essays and articles by Peggy McIntosh, Richard Dyer, Bell Hooks, Robert Jensen, Allan G. Johnson, and others.
- Nonfiction
- White privilege

### 34. White Like Me – Tim Wise



- This book is a personal examination of the way racial privilege shapes the lives of white Americans in every realm of life; employment, education, housing, criminal justice and elsewhere. Tim demonstrates the way racism not only burdens people of color but also people who are "white like him".
- Nonfiction
- Personal Stories, White privilege

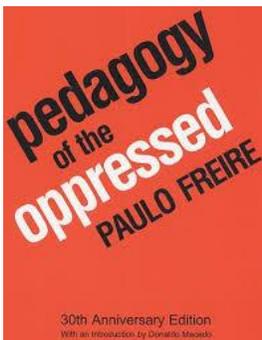
### 35. Silent Racism – Barbara Trepagnier



- This book persuasively demonstrates silent racism, racism by people who say they are not racist, is instrumental in the production of institutional racism. Trepagnier argues that heightened race awareness is more important in changing racial inequality than by judging whether individuals are racist or not.

- Nonfiction
- Sociology

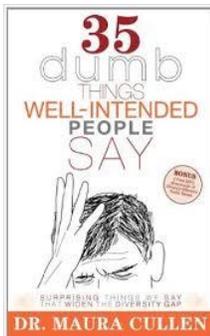
### 36. Pedagogy of the Oppressed – Paulo Freire



- This book has helped to empower countless impoverished and illiterate people throughout the world. Freire's work has taken on special urgency in the United States and Western Europe, where the creation of a permanent underclass among the underprivileged and minorities in cities and urban centers is accepted as the normal.

- Nonfiction
- Oppression

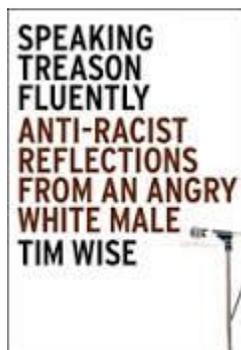
### 37. 35 Dumb Things Well-Intended People Say – Dr. Maura Cullen



- This book serves as a guide to be more effective in communication with others, and helps the reader become more inclusive and diversity-smart.

- Nonfiction
- Guide

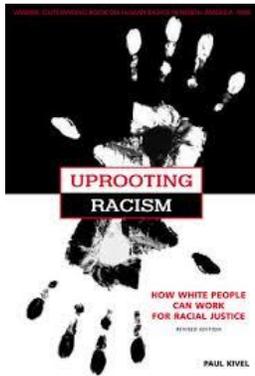
### 38. Speaking Treason Fluently – Tim Wise



- Tim Wise examines ways institutional racism continues to shape the contours of everyday life in the United States.

- Nonfiction
- Current Affairs & Politics

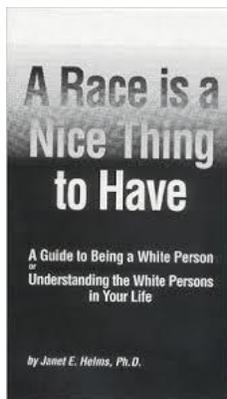
### 39. Uprooting Racism – Paul Kivel



- This book is a supportive how-to book designed to help white people act on the conviction that racism is wrong. Uprooting Racism talks about racism without rhetoric, guilt or blame. It helps us understand the dynamics of racism in our society.

- Nonfiction
- Politics, Current Affairs, Racism

### 40. A Race is a Nice Thing to Have – Janet Helms (2 of them)



- This book examines White racial identity and how its recognition may help to end racism. Designed specifically for white people, but useful for others, this book includes examples and activities that enhance the reader's understanding of the part race plays in the lives of each of us.

- Nonfiction
- Textbook like

#### Movies:

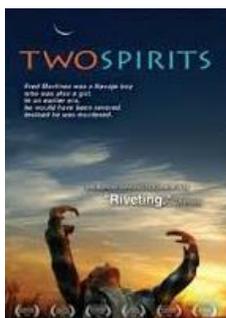
### 41. 10 Skills to Increase Your Community's Diversity Competence – Dr. Maura Cullen

- Diversity trainer and author Maura Cullen presents 10 core concepts to increase diversity skills and competence.

### 42. Multicultural Understanding – Educational Video Network

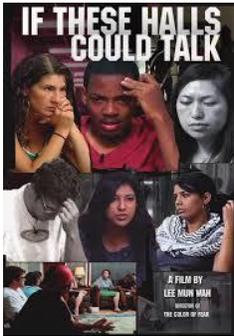
- This movie is about understanding different cultures

### 43. Two Spirits – Lydia Nibley



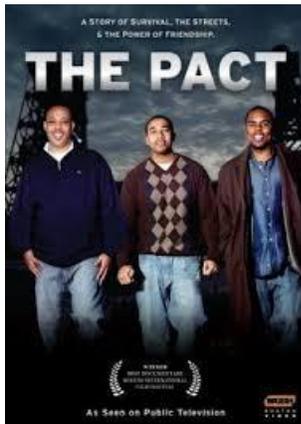
- This movie interweaves the tragic story of a mother's loss of her son with a look at the largely unknown history of time when the world wasn't divided into male and female and many Native American cultures help places of honor for people of integrated genders.

**44. If These Halls Could Talk – Lee Mun Wah**



- Eleven college students are brought together to discuss dynamic issues of institutional racism.

**45. The Pact – Andrea Kalin**



- This is a true story of how three friends from the tough streets of Newark made it out of the city to become doctors, then came home again to become men. Sampson Davis, Rameck Hunt, and George Jenkins pledged to each other to make it through college and even medical school.

**46. Papers – Stories of Undocumented Youth – Graham Street Productions**

- There are approximately 2 million undocumented children who were born outside of the United States but were raised in this country. They were educated in American schools, hold American values, but face deportation daily to countries they may not remember.