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# ANNOUNCING : 21 NEW RACEBRIDGES VIDEOS LAUNCHED

Over 250 free online videos now available in online RaceBridges Collection

October 4, 2019. Techny, IL. **Bridges is pleased to announce the release of 21 new videos in the RaceBridges Collection.** These videos are original short stories that prompt thought and action about race relations and dealing with difference. The videos come with transcripts and short discussion guides. This makes them ideal discussion starters for classroom and group use. Audience : High school through adult. The videos are also good for personal reflection.

Executive Producer Derek Simons SVD worked with creative partner Susan O'Halloran and [bullermedia.com](http://bullermedia.com) of Chicago shooting original stories in Silicon Valley CA. These video stories are by professional storytellers from around the USA and overseas. Online production was carried out by a team at [CaptureHits.com](http://CaptureHits.com).

Derek Simons said : "One of the common themes emerging from these stories are the dividing lines and separations that seem to haunt the human family in so many ways. These true stories are set in Australia, England, and many parts of the USA. There are Puerto Rican, Muslim, Jewish and Asian voices. They are often stories that tell of the human habit of mind and heart that is prone to divide and separate --- into "Us vs Them". Our stories also suggest ways to build bridges and to evoke unity and hope."

During the first nine months of 2019 there were 240,000 downloads of content from [RaceBridgesStudio.com](http://RaceBridgesStudio.com).

Brief themes of the new videos are listed on the next page as well as photos of the professional storytellers. The new slate of videos as well as the *Difference & Belonging* guide featuring the 254 stories can be found on the homepage of: [RaceBridgesStudio.com](http://RaceBridgesStudio.com).

**May our stories continue to evoke Insight and Blessing for many!**

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## THEMES OF THE NEW 21 RACEBRIDGES VIDEO RELEASES : FALL 2019

- Asian American wait person (with humor) tells of racial stereotypes that are a part of serving restaurant meals.
- The culture shock and delights of a Turkish Muslim in Iowa.
- 1970 Kent State student killings and protest. Equity demands for Blacks slain in Mississippi.
- Cartoon humor and resilience amid the forced incarceration of Japanese Americans in the USA in the 1940s.
- The dividing lines of class in England. Bittersweet childhood memories still remembered.
- The two sides of Christmas giving across racial and poverty lines.
- The discovery of racial difference by a young child at a downtown bus stop.
- Memories of vivid racist language of her mother and friends and the hands that spoke a different story.
- Barber shop memories : a dark skinned immigrant living in small town America becomes Santa Claus.
- Australian stories of racial damage and success as white society encounters aboriginal life and history.
- A profile of an Australian aboriginal hero for tribal rights, past and present, in Melbourne, Australia.
- A Puerto Rican American's search for identity and roots ... with a Grandmother's advice.
- A story of mixed marriage : Jewish and Puerto Rican. Apprehension and family joy.
- A Puerto Rican Brooklyn woman in Paris sees Americans and America in a different way.
- Questioning religion and faith. Different perspectives and lessons learned.
- A successful bank's efforts and non-efforts to increase diversity in the business workforce.
- Interracial dating. Struggle and family conflict.
- A white man reflects on the varieties of white privilege.
- A Jew, Muslim and Baptist Minister use stories to bridge differences.
- Reflections on Storytelling : From classrooms to prisons.
- Environmental protest and justice : then and now.

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Our wonderful ensemble of 2019 storytellers who videotaped their stories from around the world to add to the RaceBridges Online Video Collection . . .



**Elaine Muray**  
Albuquerque, NM



**Archy Jamjun**  
Chicago, IL



**Sarah Beth Nelson**  
Chapel Hill, NC



**John Wylder**  
Portland, OR



**Loren Niemi**  
St. Paul, MN



**Jim Brule**  
Fayetteville, NY



**Jennifer Munro**  
Madison, CT



**Michele Carlo**  
New York, NY



**Grace Megumi  
Fleming**  
San Francisco, CA



**Inanc Karacaylak**  
San Francisco, CA



**Dorthy Cleveland**  
Minneapolis, MN



**Heather Forest**  
Huntington, NY



**Beth Ohlsson**  
Salisbury, MD



**Anne Stewart**  
Melbourne, Australia



**Susan O'Halloran**  
Evanston, IL



**Nora Dooley**  
Boston, MA



**Michael D. McCarty**  
Los Angeles, CA

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