

Belonging – Asian American Stories



Tobey Ishii Anderson

As a Peace Corps volunteer and International School teacher in South East Asia, Tobey has lived and trekked in numerous countries throughout Asia to Europe. She has had the fortunate means of gathering stories from diverse cultures and turning them into adventures for her audience.



Bonnie Gardner

A former journalist who changed careers to work in IT, Bonnie has performed in the 2021 Women's Storytelling Festival, Better Said Than Done, 101 Nights, Stories for Healing, and Artists Standing Strong Together (ASST). When not at her day job, she's helping run Big Big World Project (www.bigbigworld.org), a non-profit supporting children in two orphanages in Vietnam. She's based in Northern Virginia.



Emil Guillermo

A former host of NPR's "All Things Considered," Emil is an American Book Award winner, veteran journalist and commentator, who talks about being Asian American of Filipino descent. In solo performances and story shows, he tells humorous, truthful, and human stories from the heart. He hosts a daily show, "Emil Amok's Takeout" on FacebookLive on [@2pPacific](https://www.facebook.com/emilguillermo.media). www.amok.com.



M.J. Kang

A playwright, actor, director and storyteller, M.J. has won multiple story slams including The Moth (3 times), Story Collider, and NSN. Her stories have been featured on PBS, NPR and RISK! podcast and live shows. She is currently part of the playwrights group for Company of Angels and her play, *Asians Dating*, will be featured in Pan Asian Rep's NuWorks Festival June 2021.



Bowen Lee

A fifth generation Chinese-American whose family first came to California in 1848, Bowen was born and raised in Oakland, and now lives in the Monterey Bay Area, close to the location of the Chinese fishing village where her great-grandmother was born. She has been a teacher for over 35 years, a writer, illustrator, and recently, a storyteller. Many of her personal stories come from her family history.



Nancy Wang

Weaving movement, gesture, music and the spoken word, Nancy, with Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo, created their storytelling theater non-profit Eth-Noh-Tec in 1981. They have performed around the world, garnering numerous grants and awards including the "Circle of Excellence" and the "International StoryBridge" awards by the National Storytelling Network. www.ethnohtec.org



The Stories in Living Color Project (storysaac.org) is holding a special storytelling event featuring Asian American stories.

Providing this opportunity to hear these stories is timely, given the recent increase in hate crimes towards our Asian and Asian American brothers and sisters.

Unlike other Stories in Living Color events, these will not be paired stories. However, the stories themselves, and the conversations between the tellers and the emcee, have the same focus: to inform us, and move us all further towards the inclusion and respect of all peoples of America.



Emcee: Dr. Joel Ying

Physician-Educator-Storyteller in Naples, Florida. Through eclectic world folk tales and touching personal stories, Joel's storytelling, like his practice of medicine, bridges the traditional and the modern. Storytelling is a community art, family art, and a healing art. He teaches storytelling to undergraduates and serves as president of the Florida Storytelling Association. JoelYing.com

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