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GREEN CARD STORIES

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The Book

The immigration debate is boiling over. Americans are losing the ability to understand and talk to one another about immigration. The new Arizona immigration law makes it clear that we must find a way to connect on a human level.

Green Card Stories does just that. The book depicts 50 recent immigrants with permanent residence or citizenship in dramatic narratives of about 1,000 words each, accompanied by artistic photos. Rather than couching immigration in terms of economics or politics, these stories appeal to the heart.

Green Card Stories reminds Americans of who we are: a nation of immigrants, from all walks of life and all corners of the earth, who have fueled America's success. It tells the true story of our nation: E pluribus unum, out of many, one.

Green Card Stories is, on its face, a simple undertaking. But it also has far-reaching aims. *Green Card Stories* dispels the myth that today's immigrants are not as hard-working, energetic, and eager to integrate into U.S. culture as past generations of new arrivals. If our subjects share a common trait, it's a mixture of talent and steely determination. Each of them overcame great challenges to come and stay in America.

The Team

The team behind *Green Card Stories* includes photographer Ariana Lindquist (photographs in *The Atlantic Monthly*, *New York Times*, *Saveur*, and *Time*; a first place winner in 2007 World Press Photo competition), writer Sandra Amrhein (nationally recognized journalist who covered immigration topics for the *St. Petersburg Times* for ten years), and two of the leading immigration attorneys in the U.S.: Stephen Yale-Loehr (immigration law professor at Cornell Law School) and Laura Danielson (chair of the immigration law department at Fredrikson & Byron in Minneapolis).

The Marketing

Green Card Stories is part of a multifaceted public dialogue project being carried out in partnership with a broad network of partner organizations around the country. We will network via web sites, blogs, photography exhibits and policy debates. *Green Card Stories* is sure to be a hit in the current heated immigration debate.