NEW COURSE  
SPRING 2015

Dr. Laurie Frederik Meer  
TDPS 458I (one credit course)  
Five Fridays, dates TBA  
10:00 am – 1:30 pm

Interested in storytelling? Interested in how Latin American and Latina/o-ness is expressed in stories about your everyday life?

This class will explore the power of personal narrative – the true stories of our lives – in relation to public performances of cultural identity, ethnicity, race, and nationality. How does one perform Latinidad or Caribbeanness? How does one perform East African, South Asian, or Middle Eastern? How are mixedness, hybridity, multi-ethnicity, or “trans/post-racial” identities expressed? Through reading, discussion, writing stories, and storytelling performance, this class examines how we experience the cultural categories our society forcibly places upon us and how we often protest against them. Included are workshops by professional storytellers from SpeakeasyDC. Small class, interactive format.

All interested students should contact Professor Laurie Frederik Meer at Lfred@umd.edu with a short written paragraph about why you want to take the class and which cultural identity(ies) you would like to explore through storytelling.