Voices on a digital stage: Storytelling in graduate education

The ubiquity of technology and the demassification of information from physical to digital states have revolutionized the way we live and work. But has it changed the way we teach and learn? Traditional pedagogies continue to replicate a Western hegemony consequently silencing voices. The impact of this type of undemocratic activity is clear for K-12 students, but it is also affecting graduate students. There are a number of ways to break this cycle. Most prominent in this challenge are individual instructors who value student voice and create opportunities that honors input from the learners themselves. The use of video and digital storytelling provides a vibrant example of a pedagogy innovation that has empowered and liberated students’ work.

Self-As-Leader: Four Domains

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<th>Historical contributions to the development of the self:</th>
<th>Biological contributions to the self:</th>
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<td>Historical event(s) that have impacted your life, both macro and micro. What caused it and what were the future ramifications?</td>
<td>Pictures of yourself as a youth and in the present – How have you changed? Describe your physical makeup and genetic composition and elaborate on where it comes from.</td>
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<th>Cultural contributions to the development of the self (culture is defined as the unwritten rules that guide the way we live life):</th>
<th>Political contributions to the development of the self (politics in the educational literature is simply defined as who gets what when and how):</th>
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<td>What are the values, beliefs and practices that you hold dear and that guide your daily life?</td>
<td>Explore and describe the construction of your values and beliefs.</td>
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Links to Digital Story Telling Stories

**Self as Leader**
Tonya [http://vimeo.com/31655887](http://vimeo.com/31655887)
Karyn [http://vimeo.com/52936192](http://vimeo.com/52936192)

**Transition to Grad School**
Jen [https://vimeo.com/86731158](https://vimeo.com/86731158)
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