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MIDSTORY RECEIVES OHIO HUMANITIES MEDIA PRODUCTION GRANT

Midstory is pleased to announce the production of a virtual gallery—an immersive graphic and audio story series that profiles AAPI individuals’ and communities’ perspectives in the region.

Toledo, Ohio:

Midstory has received a grant from the Ohio Humanities to pursue a 2022 project that takes a deeper look at the roots of our country’s Asian American experience and tells the untold narratives of those who settled in Ohio. The project brings together the experiences of AAPI individuals whose stories contribute to the nuances of achieving the American Dream in such an uncertain time — from first generation AAPI immigrants to second-generation descendants. The oral histories collected will include commentary from humanities professionals through the following lenses: history, ethnic studies and American studies.

The interactive virtual exhibit features five distinct themes in five “chapters” on topics including: immigration and region, language learning and other challenges, and second generation identity dissonances. The project will focus on but is not limited to the experiences of AAPI individuals and communities from Toledo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus and surrounding areas. Guests include distinguished humanities professionals from all across Ohio and from a diverse range of fields, including experts from the University of Toledo, the Ohio State University and other universities.

The virtual gallery is currently in production and will be released in the spring of 2023.

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About Midstory: Midstory is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to informing, interpreting and inspiring in post-industrial communities across the Midwest through multimedia storytelling and solutions-oriented research. You can learn more at www.midstory.org.

About Ohio Humanities: Established in 1972, Ohio Humanities is a private nonprofit organization and the state-based partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Ohio Humanities increases Ohioans’ appreciation and understanding of the humanities through the organization’s grant-making capacity and programs. Operating statewide, Ohio Humanities provides assistance to grant applicants, oversees organization-developed programs, and promotes the humanities in Ohio through collaborations with cultural and educational institutions. Ohio Humanities is governed by a volunteer board which makes decisions on grant awards and sets policy.

