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# MIDSTORY RELEASES “ASIAN IN OHIO,” A SNAPSHOT OF THE NUANCES OF THE AAPI EXPERIENCE IN THE MIDWEST

Toledo, Ohio ○ Jul 1, 2023 – Midstory is pleased to release an interactive project “asian in ohio,” made possible, in part, by Ohio Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Equity & Access Initiative Fund of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation.

The project is an interactive gallery of Asian and Asian American individuals who have made Ohio their home, and serves as an open archive depicting another side of the Midwest story — one often whitewashed and rendered invisible. These in-depth storytelling features involve extensive ethnographic and data work, and feature interactive multimedia that allow readers to explore our region in thought-provoking and inspiring ways. The individual narratives reveal a complex range of Asian and Asian American identities and sense of belonging that often differ from the mainstream Asian narrative, typically set within East or West Coast contexts. By challenging perceptions of the Midwest as being flat and homogeneous, “asian in ohio” uncovers the rich stories that represent the incredible (and growing) richness and diversity of the local communities — the heterogeneous and diverse facets of which go largely untold. Additionally, the project seeks to dispel the view of a monolithic Asian identity by exploring thematic findings from our interviews.

Explore the landscape of Ohio region by region, engage with data visualizations and maps and watch compelling video narratives at [www.midstory.org/asian-in-ohio/](http://www.midstory.org/asian-in-ohio/).

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