

# BE *the* BRIDGE

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## ● Book Club Leader Resources: (Ottawa County, MI Launch)

For those interested in learning more about race, Reconciliation etc these individuals have offered to lead a facilitated book study, using in person and technology to meet up with you. Please email them and let them know your interest. They will coordinate the dates, location and times once the participants have signed up. Book choice and/or materials will be by the leader unless otherwise noted here.



**Jackie Frens: [jaclynfre@gmail.com](mailto:jaclynfre@gmail.com)**

**Jackie** was born in Busan, South Korea and was adopted by Dutch American parents when she was 9 months old. She has lived in South Korea, Japan, Indonesia and the USA over the course of her life. Currently, she is a tech integration specialist for elementary and middle school students in Grand Rapids



**Lucia Rios: [Lucia.rios.80@gmail.com](mailto:Lucia.rios.80@gmail.com)**

Lucia has a book coming out this spring dealing with deals with disability and minority dynamics. Lucia, a National Disability Institute's 25@25 feature and Third Annual "My American Dream: Voices of Americans with Disabilities" video contest winner, has never seen her disability as limiting rather, she uses her voice and experience to inform leaders and communities across the State of Michigan on how to change the attitudes and structures that create a disabling environment. Born with Spina Bifada, Lucia has used crutches and a wheelchair since childhood. Lucia continues to be sought after by many businesses and organizations, most recently being invited to speak and train the Michigan Department of Civil Rights along with national leaders from the Department of Justice. Lucia currently resides in West Michigan and works with Disability Network across the Lakeshore while teaching work readiness programs for youth with disabilities.



**Katie Bozek: [ktbozek@yahoo.com](mailto:ktbozek@yahoo.com)**

After her adoption from Korea, Katie Bozek has lived in the Grand Rapids area for most of her life. She is currently a licensed marriage and family therapist serving the greater Grand Rapids area. She works with individuals, couples, families, teens and kids through life's transitions and mental health issues. She also serves as an adjunct professor at Western Michigan University and teaches courses in the Counseling Education & Counseling Psychology Program at the downtown Grand Rapids campus. Katie has spoken on several panels regarding race and ethnicity at the Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network (KAAN) annual conference in 2013 and in 2016. Within the local community, she is on the West Michigan Asian American Association planning committee for the annual gala, as well as, the planning committee for the first annual Grand Rapids Asian-Pacific Festival. Personally, she is the mother to three amazing children, and works so that they can have a better future.



**Vanessa Green: [greene@hope.edu](mailto:greene@hope.edu)**

Vanessa is the Director of Multicultural Education at Hope College. Vanessa's primary objective is to develop collaborative partnerships with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the greater Holland community to embrace and infuse diversity into the core fabric of the institution. In order to prepare students to live and work in a global society, cross-cultural understanding is essential. The Office of Multicultural Education uses a variety of approaches, including workshops, lectures, interactive programs, films, retreats, and dialogues to engender understanding that promotes social justice, equity, and mutual respect.