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We invite the LMU community to be a part of our [third annual Human Library](#).

On Thursday April 16, 2015, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., students, faculty, staff, and community guests will have the opportunity to engage in honest, one-on-one conversations with any of the following Books:

African Male Feminist (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

This LMU Professor is a bona fide and self-proclaimed African male feminist. If he can't defend peoples' basic rights, he can at least try to sing for them. Growing up in a family of all male children, this Book cooked and did numerous other things that were supposed to be in the 'women's domain.' This experience gave him strong feet to stand and directed the trajectories of his life. He attended the 1994 Cairo women's reproductive health conference and it changed his life. The following year he went to the Beijing conference, and never looked back from the drive to promote women's rights as human rights. Teaching is just about the only thing he can do without the slightest hint of wonderment about its value.

“My Own Worst Enemy” (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

One's own mind is one of the most challenging opponents. The mind is so powerful that many lives are lost to suicide each year. A person's mind and body is the smallest battle ground, but can make the biggest impact. Learn about how this Book – a current LMU student – almost lost her life to major depression and how she overcame her mental illness and its stigma.

Jesuit Priest / Living LMU History (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

This Jesuit priest was not present for all 100+ years of LMU's history, but enjoys talking about interesting people and events that are part of our story here on The Bluff, including: nearly losing it all during the Depression, Howard Hughes' objection to the Chapel Tower, the merger, the reason some "undercover" FBI agents came to campus, and the conveyer-belt for delivering dirt to Playa Vista. "If you have met one Jesuit, you have met one Jesuit." This one not only has spent a number of years at LMU, but some in Sacramento and Honolulu as well. OK to ask about that powered hang-glider ride out of Hana, or about a favorite topic referred to by Pope Francis: "discernment." Or, whatever you have always wanted to ask a Jesuit.

Eating Disorder Survivor / Professional Athlete (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

While this book has scored major victories in elite professional cycling and at the Olympic Games, perhaps her greatest victory came from resurrecting her own life from the depths of severe eating disorders, which threatened to take her life over a decade ago after a promising modeling career in New York City. It was during her recovery that she discovered her passion for cycling. This Book's inspiring personal story has been chronicled in the media and she is passionate about supporting women and men around the world in their battle to return to healthy eating and living habits.

“The Way I See It” : A Blind Musician (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

This Book can share an open, very honest look at what life is like as a totally blind person who has worked as a musician for over 20 years in the Hawaiian music industry. He can share the good, bad, and ugly of various aspects of being in that scene, some possibly inspiring stories, some very heartbreaking moments, and a great restart in Los Angeles. He enjoys exploring many interests, which include following pro wrestling, teaching assistive technology, swimming, and being a caregiver.

A Dreamer / An “Alien” (11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

At the age of one, this Book – a current LMU student – was brought to this country in pursuit on the "American Dream." For years, she lived in this country believing I was just like her friends. This was the case until she found out I was undocumented and did not have legal permission to be live here. Throughout the last twenty years, she navigated a broken system in order to pursue her dreams. Although she has encountered various obstacles, my desire to succeed in the "Land of Opportunities" has allowed her to overcome every single one of them.

Undocumented and Unafraid (3 - 4 p.m.)

This LMU senior migrated with her mother from Oaxaca when she was just 4 years old. During her senior year of high school, she faced barriers in accessing higher education, but was granted the opportunity to attend LMU through a generous scholarship. Since then she has been actively involved in engaging other LMU students in the immigration discourse through a human rights perspective. She hopes to spend the next year of her life in a post-graduate service program on the U.S./Mexico Border and then pursue her MPH with an emphasis on healthcare policy.

Crossdresser and His Wife (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

A unique two-volume book, seen on The Ricki Lake Show and in the LA Weekly, these two individuals are living proof that any couple can share a loving, caring relationship – even when the husband has more dresses than the wife!

Zen Punk-rock Writer (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

This Book believes that you don't need to be an atheist just because you don't believe in God and you don't have to be religious just because you do. This Book was initially interested in Zen Buddhism because he wanted to find God, but Buddhism is usually thought of as godless. In the three decades since he began studying Zen, This Book has grappled with paradoxical questions about God and managed to come up with some answers.

Guilty Until Proven Innocent (11 a.m. -1 p.m.)

At the age of 16, this Book – a current LMU student – was taken away from society, accused of murder and sentenced to live out the remainder of this life in a dark prison cell. By all accounts he was never supposed to be seen again, but the story isn't that simple. This young man had actually been wrongfully accused and wrongfully convicted for a crime he did not commit. He persevered and after 20 grueling years in prison he was finally able to prove his innocence.