

StirFry Seminars & Consulting

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DO NOT GO GENTLE INTO THE NIGHT

It has been a struggle to stay present emotionally and physically during this time after my friend Marc Thompson's murder. Marc was one of the students featured in our latest documentary film, *If These Halls Could Talk*. His murder brings up so much sorrow from my mom's tragic murder many years ago when I was literally traumatized for several years. That's why each day, since I learned of Marc's disappearance, I have struggled to simply get up and just complete one or two tasks. I am so thankful to some very dear friends that I could talk to. I think that without them I would have been totally lost inside of myself as I was so many years ago. To me, it is amazing that I have been able to go on the road delivering workshops across the country feeling the way I do after hearing about Marc's passing. Being able to talk about it and crying out loud with my audiences has helped a lot. Everyone from the campuses where I have conducted workshops lately has been extremely supportive with their tears and caring.

I will miss Marc so very much. He was such a sweet and caring young man. So full of life and possibility. I never imagined he wouldn't be around with the rest of the cast as they grew older, stepping into their dreams and destinies. It is so hard to see him on film now. He was such a presence. To me, he was like so many other young black men and minorities in this country enraged at constantly being blamed for 'choosing to stay poor' and 'causing' the police to be abusive and violent.

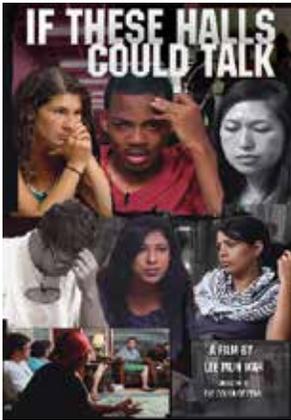
I keep wondering—when will we, as a nation, ever look at how our preconceived stereotypes and fears of people of color, in particular black men, play themselves out on a daily basis in our workplaces, churches, classrooms and in our communities all over this country? We live in a time when we are polarized with our fears of the 'other.' So sure that someone else is to 'blame' for our unwillingness to take responsibility for our actions and blindness. If we ever hope to change this world – we will need to look at ourselves and to explore the roots of our fears and why we lack a sense of community and connection with those who are different from ourselves. Marc was willing to do that. His life and his words are forever etched on film and in my heart. He did not go gentle into the night and he will be remembered by those he touched and by those he inspired to make this a better world.



Lee Mun Wah

StirFry Seminars & Consulting mourns the loss of our friend and colleague, Marc Thompson. Please visit www.stirfryseminars.com/JusticeForMarc for more information about this case and to learn how to get involved. We need answers about Marc Thompson's murder and to find the truth, we need your help.

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October 23, 2014 Portland, OR	If These Halls Could Talk Film Showing & Diversity Dialogue Society for Intercultural Education, Training & Research (SIETAR) Conference
November 5, 2014 Lewisburg, PA	Facilitating Difficult Diversity Conversations in the Classroom; If These Halls Could Talk Film Showing & Diversity Dialogue • Some Events Open to the Public
November 12, 2014 San Diego, CA	If These Halls Could Talk Film Showing & Diversity Dialogue Open to the Public
November 18, 2014 Berkeley, CA	Cross-Cultural Facilitation Techniques/Mindfully Resolving Conflicts Not Open to the Public
November 20, 2014 Minneapolis, MI	Creating Community in a Diverse School Environment Not Open to the Public

** Held at the Quan Yin Training Center, 2311 8th Street, Berkeley, CA

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