FILM SCREENING AND SYMPOSIUM

60th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education

Unspoken Histories Unequal Education

All are invited to attend!

Monday, April 28, 2014

6:00 pm – Reception with light hors d'oeuvres 6:30 pm – Program and screening

Mason Hall, Room Doo3 - Fairfax Campus



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Sixty years ago, the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision ended the nation's "separate but equal" laws. Although the case was focused on the integration of African American students in the nation's schools, educational inequality was never simply a black/white issue and also did not simply go away with the change in law.

Join us on the George Mason University campus for a screening of *Stolen Education*, a film that depicts how an unequal education profoundly affected Mexican American students. A lively discussion then follows with the filmmaker and a panel of esteemed experts about the relevancy of *Brown* today.

About the film

As a 9-year-old, Lupe had already been in the first grade for three years. This was not because of her academic performance, but because she was Mexican American. School administrators and teachers argued that this practice was necessary because—as they stated in court—the "retardation of Latin children" would adversely impact the education of white children. In *Stolen Education*, the filmmaker—who is also Lupe's son—recaptures the remarkable story of the schoolchildren who changed education in Texas and re-claims this forgotten part of U.S. history.

Panelists

Enrique Alemán, Jr. | Filmmaker of *Stolen Education* and associate professor, University of Utah. **Gabriel "Asheru" Benn** | Hip Hop artist, educator, and performer of *The Boondocks* theme music. The first rapper (emcee) to win the prestigious Peabody Award for Journalism.

James Braxton Peterson | Media commentator and associate professor, Lehigh University. Congressman Bobby Scott (D-VA) | Currently serving his eleventh term in Congress.

Convened by George Mason University faculty: Rodney Hopson, professor; Sonya Horsford (moderator), associate professor; and Jenice L. View, associate professor.





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