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## **Finding aid for the Community Voices/Calvin College oral histories Collection 370**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
<b>Title:</b>	Community Voices/Calvin College oral histories
<b>ID:</b>	Collection 370
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	2001-2009
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Several of the interviews are in Spanish.
<b>Abstract:</b>	Community Voices is a project at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan that aims to teach students to listen and carefully record life stories from the Grand Rapids community. This is an oral history collection of numerous interviews and video productions from various Calvin College classes. Each series is composed of the particular output from a class that participated in the project. Each class produced oral histories or a video production of community residents in the city of Grand Rapids from 2001-2010.

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## Biographical / Historical

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The Community Voices project is a project at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with the aim of teaching students to listen and carefully record life stories from the Grand Rapids community.

The oral history interviews were conducted at various times and in various Calvin College classes or projects. Currently, this collection is made up of four Series. Each series is composed of the materials from each class or project. This collection will be added to as materials are received from Calvin College.

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## Scope and Contents

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This is an oral history collection of numerous interviews and video productions from various Calvin College classes. Each series is composed of the particular class output from Calvin College. Each class produced oral histories, or a video production of community residents in the city of Grand Rapids from 2001-2009.

No ancillary information, such as photographs, newspaper clippings or other ephemera, is present in the collection.

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## Administrative Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Immigrants -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History
- Community life -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- oral histories
- Calvin College

## Collection Inventory

### Series I

#### Scope and Contents

Composed of materials from the 2009 English 101 course with Professor Debra Rienstra. All interviews are on Compact Disc. Release forms are present for most of the materials. Interviews are arranged by order received from the class instructor.

#### #1 Jorge

##### Title/Description

Calvin student interviewers / Sarah Scheeres, Ben Verhulst.  
Transcription.

##### Instances

Box 1 Folder 1

#### General

No release form present

#### Student papers

##### Title/Description

From the City of Fasting Coyotes / Scheeres, Nov. 7, 2008.

##### Instances

Box 1 Folder 1

Reciprocal Community Identify and the Effect of the Media /  
Scheeres, Dec. 8, 2008 / Verhulst, Nov. 7, 2008 / Verhulst,  
Dec. 1, 2008.

Box 1 Folder 1

#### #2 Peter Manyongo Anyak

##### Title/Description

Calvin student interviewers / Luke DeJong, Kristen Vriesema.  
Release form on file. Transcription.

##### Instances

Box 1 Folder 2

#### Student papers

##### Title/Description

Identity in Struggle / DeJong, Dec. 8, 2008

##### Instances

Box 1 Folder 2

The Immigration of Sudan's "Lost Boys" / DeJong, Dec. 13,  
2008

Box 1 Folder 2

Hope in the Lives of the "Lost Boys" / Vriesema, Dec. 15,  
2008

Box 1 Folder 2

Identity through Memories / Vriesema, Feb. 9, 2009

Box 1 Folder 2

Peter Manyongo Anyak : the Journal that Changed  
Everything / author unknown. Date unknown.

Box 1 Folder 2

**#3 Marie Catrib**

Title/Description	Instances	
Calvin student interviewers / Yohan Ki, Betsy Zandstra. Transcription.	Box 1	Folder 3
<b>General</b>		
No release form present		

**Student papers**

Title/Description	Instances	
Lebanese Immigration to the United States / Kim, Nov. 7, 2008.	Box 1	Folder 3
Identity / Kim, Dec. 2, 2008	Box 1	Folder 3

**#4 Joseph Daniels**

Title/Description	Instances	
Calvin student interviewers / Jen TenBrink, Daniel Reinisch. Release form on file. Transcription.	Box 1	Folder 4

**Student papers**

Title/Description	Instances	
New Jersey to Michigan: a migration within America's Borders / Tenbrink. Nov. 19, 2009	Box 1	Folder 4
Final Integration Paper / TenBrink, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 4

**#5 Diane Esquivel**

Title/Description	Instances	
Calvin student interviewers / Reed Johnson, Kristin Miller. Two release forms on file, one each from Diana and also Carlos Esquivel. Transcription + Audio CD	Box 1	Folder 5

**#6 Esther Ferdinands**

Title/Description	Instances	
Calvin student interviewers / Alexandra van Milligen, Bekah Williamson. Release form on file. Transcription + Audio Cd.	Box 1	Folder 6

**Student Papers**

Title/Description	Instances	
Sri Lanka / van Milligan, Nov. 7, 2008	Box 1	Folder 6
Free as Trees / van Milligan, Dec. 8, 2008		

Box 1 Folder 6

**#7 Joseph Ibrahim**

Title/Description	Instances	
Calvin student interviewers / Michael Valk, Kelise Vriesema. Release form on file. Transcription + Audio CD.	Box 1	Folder 7

**Student Papers**

Title/Description	Instances	
White Paper / Valk, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 7
Integration Paper / Valk, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 7
Far Away from Home / Vriesema, Nov. 16, 2008	Box 1	Folder 7
Vulnerability and Its Impact on Identity / Vriesema, Jan. 16, 2008	Box 1	Folder 7

**#8 Daniel Maung**

Title/Description	Instances	
Calvin student interviewers / Kyle Lim, Kate Looman. Transcription + Audio CD.	Box 1	Folder 8

**General**

No release form present

**Student Papers**

Title/Description	Instances	
Myanmar / Kim, Jan. 15, 2009	Box 1	Folder 8
Where I Come From: a tale of identity and place / Kim, Jan. 15, 2009	Box 1	Folder 8

**#9 Capitlene Nduwimana**

Title/Description	Instances	
Calvin student interviewer / Niki Walmer. Release form present. Transcription + Audio CD.	Box 1	Folder 9

**Student Papers**

Title/Description	Instances	
Rwandan Genocide, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 9
Integration Paper, Dec. 8, 2008	Box 1	Folder 9

**#10 Jose Rodriquez**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Calvin student interviewers / Marie Vogel, Danny Zoeteway. Release form present. Transcription + Audio CD.	Box 1	Folder 10

## Student Papers

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Vogel 1, Nov. 19, 2008	Box 1	Folder 10
Vogel 1, Final Integration Paper, Final Draft, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 10
Zoeteway 1, Nov. 7, 2008	Box 1	Folder 10
Zoeteway 1, Dec. 2, 2008	Box 1	Folder 10
Chrysanthi Sinniah. No material available 5/4/2009, possible pending.	Box 1	Folder 11

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## Series II

### Scope and Contents

Composed of materials from 2001 Spanish 310 course. All interviews are arranged alphabetically by interviewees first name. This was done since many of the interviewees only gave their first names in the interviews. All interviews are in Spanish. There are no release forms for these materials.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Ana Maria Tape 1 / Julie Niewick, Jen Rodgers. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 1
<b>General</b>		
No release form present		
Ana Maria Tape 2 / Julie Niewick, Jen Rodgers. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 2
<b>General</b>		
No release form present		
Ana Maria Tape 3 / Julie Niewick, Jen Rodgers. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 3
<b>General</b>		
No release form present		
Andrea Gabriela 9/28/2001 / Laura Patten, Wendy Lencemeyer. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 4



**General**

No release form present

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Carlos 2/21, 2/28, 3/7 2001 / Dustin Brewer, Adam DeLock. MP3.	Box 2	Folder 5
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**General**

No Release form present

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Catalino Rodriguez Tape 1 Fall 2001 / Phil Visser, Mike Gruennert. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 6
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**General**

No release form present

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Catalino Rodriguez Tape 2 Fall 2001 / Phil Visser, Mike Gruennert. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 7
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**General**

No release form present

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Elva Quesada Tape 1 2/13/2001 . Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 8
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**General**

No release form present

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Elva Quesada Tape 2 2/27/2001. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 9
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**General**

No release form present

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Elva Quesada Tape 3 3/27/2001. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 10
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**General**

No release form present

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Margarita Martinez Tape 1, 11/21/2001 / Erica VanPelt, Christina Welsh. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 11
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**General**

No release form present

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Margarita Martinez Tape 2, 11/21/2001 / Erica VanPelt, Christina Welsh. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 12
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**General**

No release form present

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Margarita Martinez / Christina Welsh. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 13
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**General**

No release form present

Margarita Medina 11/14/2001 / Katie VanBronkhorst. Audio tape. Box 2 Folder 14

**General**

No release form present

Mari Miguel / Jennifer Schuller. Audio tape. Box 2 Folder 15

**General**

No release form present

Mario Cepero Tape 1, 2/23/2001 . Audio tape. Box 2 Folder 16

**General**

No release form present

Mario Cepero Tape 2, 2/28/2001. Audio tape. Box 2 Folder 17

**General**

No release form present

Mario Cepero Tape 3, 3/28/2001. Audio tape. Box 2 Folder 18

**General**

No release form present

Miguel Tape 1, 2/15/2001 / Jenny Bergman, Rachel Sneller. Micro cassette. Box 2 Folder 19

**General**

No release form present

Miguel Tape 2, 3/1/2001 / Jenny Bergman, Rachel Sneller. Micro Cassette. Box 2 Folder 20

**General**

No release form present

Miguel Tape 3, 4/14/2001 / Jenny Bergman, Rachel Sneller. Micro Cassette. Box 2 Folder 21

**General**

No release form present

Natalie Tape 1 / Amy Bush, Sara Kooima. Audio tape. Box 2 Folder 22

**General**

No release form present

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Ophelia Gonzalez Tape 1 / Carly Jones, Misty Callanan. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 23
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**General**

No release form present

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Ophelia Gonzalez Tape 2 / Carly Jones, Misty Callanan. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 24
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**General**

No release form present

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Ofelia Gonzalez Tape 1, 10/7/2001 / Mary Girard, Stephanie Smolenski. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 25
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**General**

No release form present

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Ofelia Gonzalez Tape 2, 11/10/2001 / Mary Girard, Stephanie Smolenski. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 26
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**General**

No release form present

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Pastor Miguel 11/7/2001 / Julie Ippel, Anne Bosscher. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 27
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**General**

No release form present

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Rudy Tape 1 / Melissa Rozeboom, Jennifer Stenhouwer. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 28
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**General**

No release form present

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Rudy Tape 2 / Melissa Rozeboom, Jennifer Stenhouwer. Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 29
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**General**

No release form present

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Spike . Audio tape.	Box 2	Folder 30
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## General

No release form present

Tony Valencia 10/15/2001 / Brian Paff, Lydia Boonstra. Audio Tape.	Box 2	Folder 31
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## General

No release form present

Index of interview with Opheia Gonzalez / Misty Callanan, Carly Jones	Box 1
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Index of interviews with Ofelia Gonzalez / Stephanie Smolenski, Mary Girard.	Box 1
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Index of interview with Catalino Rodriguez / Phil Visser, Mike Gruennert.	Box 1
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Index of interview with Mari Miguel / Anna Rodriguez, Jennifer Schuller.	Box 1
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## Series III

### Scope and Contents

Composed of two DVD's produced for the South East Community Association. This project was produced by Daniel Garcia for Calvin College CAS-222 class in 2007.

Title/Description	Instances
2 DVD's of "The South East Community Association." Video Documentation Project 2007. Calvin College CAS-222 Class. Produced by Daniel Garcia	Box 1

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## Series IV

### Scope and Contents

Composed of materials from the January 2010 Race, Gender, and Migration in the United States class. The course was taught by Gaul Gunst Heffner, Ph.D. and Lissa Schwander, MSW. The interviews are arranged alphabetically by country of origin. The interviewee's names are not given for the majority of the interviews. Compact discs are included in the folder with the transcripts.

Title/Description	Instances
Interview with Bosnian Immigrant, Alija Molametivich. Transcript, Compact disc (MP3). Transcribed by Hannah Selles.	Box 3 Folder 1

**General**

No release form present

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Interview with Brazilian Immigrant. Transcript, Compact disc (MP3). Transcribed by Emma Slager.	Box 3	Folder 2
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**General**

No release form present

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Interview with Chinese Immigrant. Transcript, Compact disc (MP3). Transcribed by Hannah Selles.	Box 3	Folder 3
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**General**

No release form present

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Interview with Cuban Immigrant (1 of 2). Transcript, Compact disc (MP3). Transcribed by Hannah Selles.	Box 3	Folder 4
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**General**

No release form present

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Interview with Cuban Immigrant (2 of 2). Transcript, Compact disc (MP3). Transcribed by Hannah Selles, Emma Slager.	Box 3	Folder 5
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**General**

No release form present

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Interview with Ethiopian Immigrant (1 of 2). Transcript, Compact disc (MP3). Transcribed by Emma Slager.	Box 3	Folder 6
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**General**

No release form present

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Interview with Ethiopian Immigrant (2 of 2). Transcript, Compact disc (MP3). Transcribed by Emma Slager.	Box 3	Folder 7
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**General**

No release form present

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Interview with Mexican Immigrant. Transcript, Compact disc (MP3). Transcribed by Hannah Selles.	Box 3	Folder 8
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**General**

No release form present

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Interview with Palestinian Immigrants. Transcript, Compact disc (MP3). Transcribed by Hannah Selles.	Box 3	Folder 9
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**General**

No release form present

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Interview with Thai Immigrant. Transcript, Compact disc (MP3). Transcribed by Emma Slager.	Box 3	Folder 10
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**General**

No release form present

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Interview with Vietnamese Immigrant, Cynthia Truong Lai. Transcript, Compact disc (MP3). Transcribed by Hannah Selles.	Box 3	Folder 11
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**General**

No release form present

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