

Intersections of Identity & Storytelling

If you're looking for insights on how to promote DEI&B, intersectional understanding, intercultural competence, and creativity – all via telling our stories – Elizabeth Liang (aka Lisa) of HapaLis Prods can help. Below are some of the topics she addresses:

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- Intersectionality, the Intersections of Identity, and Telling Our Stories
- How Telling Their Stories Helps Young People to Develop into Well Adjusted Adults
- Investing in Sharing Our Stories to Promote Sustainable Work Relationships
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging through a creative lens
- How Hiring a Sensitivity Reader Can Improve Your Manuscript
- The Importance of Sharing Our Stories for Effective Intercultural Communication

Some of the associations and events featuring Lisa as a presenter/keynote:

- Society for Intercultural Education Training and Research (SIETAR) Europa; Valencia, Spain
- Women Playwrights International Conference; Cape Town, South Africa
- Tjarnarbíó; Reykjavík, Iceland
- Families in Global Transition (FIGT) conference (closing keynote); Washington, DC
- Peapod Digital Labs for International Women's Day (closing keynote); Chicago, IL online
- Critical Mixed Race Studies conference; Chicago, IL & College Park, MD
- National Race Amity Conference; Boston, MA online
- Teradata Allyship Summit; online
- World Bank Family Network; Washington, DC
- IMF Family Association; Germantown, MD
- United States of Asian America Festival, sponsored by the Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center, at the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts; San Francisco, CA
- Women at Work Festival; New York, NY

Some of the companies & campuses that have featured Lisa as a speaker:



PRINCETON
UNIVERSITY

THE UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO



Vassar College • Wesleyan University

MIT • Williams College • USC

Lewis & Clark College • DePaul University • Carleton College • Saint Mary's College (IN)

Santa Clara University • Smith College • San Diego State University • Cal State L.A.

Augustana College (SD) • Tennessee Tech • Citrus College • Hillsborough Community College

Balboa Academy (Panama) • International School of Panama • Singapore American School

Canadian International School (Singapore)

"She is an incredibly captivating speaker."

International Women's Day Event for Peapod Digital Labs

Elizabeth Liang

Elizabeth (aka Lisa) Liang, founder of HapaLis Prods, is a speaker and facilitator on autobiographical storytelling, intercultural upbringing, intersectionality, and the intersections of identity. In her role as founder of HapaLis, she works with corporations, nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions to improve engagement, understanding, and connection — with a dual focus on validating individual life experiences and facilitating broader organizational connection. An expert in intercultural identities such as “mixed race” and “Third Culture Kids” and their intersections of race, gender, language, culture, class, religion, and nationality; the transformative power of creativity and autobiographical storytelling; and building an empathetic culture, she speaks and keynotes at international conferences, leads workshops around the world, and provides on-site presentations and workshops. Lisa is also an award-winning actor, published author, podcast host, and producer of stage and screen. *Alien Citizen: An Earth Odyssey*, her autobiographical solo show, toured four continents in theatres, conferences, festivals, the US college circuit, international schools, and the US Embassy (Panama). It is now a film being used as a resource in universities and international schools around the world. Her essays have been published in an anthology and academic journals. She co-hosted the longest running podcast on the mixed-race experience: Hapa Happy Hour. Lisa was raised in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, Morocco, Egypt, and Connecticut as a Guatemalan-American business brat of Chinese-Spanish-Irish-French-German-English descent. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University in English Literature.



Here are some of the comments that people have shared after hearing Lisa speak:

“Funny, poignant, and sharp, with a sophisticated analysis of the intersections of identity.”

- Wendy L. Belcher, Ph.D.,
Professor of African Literature,
Departments of African
American Studies and
Comparative Literature,
Princeton University

“It was profound for all of us...brings laughter and tears to anyone who has lived this life or knows others who have.”

- Ruth Van Reken,
Families in Global Transition
(FIGT)

“I absolutely loved the talk - I think it really resonated with so many people...”

“There was humor, but a lot of truth and complex topics. It was very genuine.”

- Elizabeth V.O.,
Peapod Digital Labs