7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.
“This Is America: Truths through My Body”

Hosted by Dr. Ada Cheng (professor-turned-storyteller, solo performer, and storytelling show producer) and featuring storytellers Jason Craig Harris, Jasminum McMullen, Diana Rodriguez, Sina Sam, and KJ Whitehead. She creates platforms for people to tell difficult and vulnerable stories as well as spaces for people and communities who may not have opportunities otherwise. She currently works as the Education and Outreach Specialist with Women’s Leadership and Resource Center at UIC, providing training on issues related to gender-based violence. Her interests span multiple fields, including academia, storytelling/performance art, and advocacy. Her motto: Make your life the best story you tell.

Ada Cheng, Ph.D.

Most Recent News:
- This Is America: Truths through My Body is part of programming for 2020 Cook County Racial Equity Week
- Recipient for Asian Giving Circle Grant with National Cambodian Heritage Museum (2019-21)

Speaking Engagements:
- Road Scholars Speakers Bureau, Illinois Humanities (2019-2022)
  https://www.ilhumanities.org/program/road-scholars-speakers-bureau/

Storytelling Show Producing/Hosting:
- Am I Man Enough?
- Pour One Out: A Monthly Storytelling Series
- Speaking Truths Series
- Talk Stories: An Asian American/Asian Diaspora Storytelling Show
- This Is America: Truths through My Body