Stranger with a Camera
Film Screening

Questions to Consider

1. What is the difference between how people see their own place and how people represent it?
2. Who does get to tell the community story and what are the storyteller's responsibilities?
3. What are the responsibilities of any of us who take the images of other people and put them to our own uses?
4. Can filmmaking [storytelling] show poverty without shaming the people we portray?

More Information

Stranger with a Camera is an Appalshop production directed by Elizabeth Baret, 2000. The full-length film can be found online at vimeo.com.

The Appalachian Project, Ohio is a mixed-methods, interdisciplinary team of faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students dedicated to understanding the educational routes of young people in the Appalachian counties of Ohio. Visit go.osu.edu/appalachianproject.

Appalshop is a non-profit multi-disciplinary arts and education center in the heart of Appalachia producing original films, video, theater, music and spoken-word recordings, radio, photography, multimedia and books. More info at appalshop.org.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: The danger of a single story (TED Talk, 2009). Nigerian novelist, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice – and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding. Watch her talk at ted.com/talks.

Hollow is an interactive documentary and community participatory project that examines the future of rural America through the eyes and voices of those living in McDowell County, West Virginia. Watch online at hollowdocumentary.com.

Rocket Boys is the first memoir in a series of three, by Homer Hickman, Jr, of growing up in a small, coal mining town in McDowell County, West Virginia which is the same area Jeannette Walls discusses in The Glass Castle. In 1999, the book was was adapted to film titled October Sky. To read more about this book, visit homerhickman.com.
Appalachian Ohio Counties

Greater Appalachian Region