Immigrant Women Workers and Social Change: The Community Transformational Organizing Strategy of Asian Immigrant Women Advocates (AIWA)

This project revolved around staging public conversation uniting scholars, immigrant women workers, and community activists to formulate new approaches to class exploitation, language domination, sexual racism and xenophobia.

Efforts were aimed at fashioning new ways of working together in scholarship and civic life that deepen popular capacities for democratic deliberation and decision making, that establish new relationships between scholars and the communities they study, and which develop new concepts and theories about social movements informed by the broadest possible range of social experiences.

The final product of the project was the twenty-one minute DVD “Becoming Ourselves” which has become a key educational tool for AIWA, a basis for conversations with comparable social movement groups and public audiences, and the subject of a high school and college curriculum designed by a Scholars Support Committee that came into being because of the grant activities.

You can view the trailer of “Becoming Ourselves” at https://youtu.be/bYWz18-BY9Y.

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