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In his book, *Limbo*, Lubrano identifies a cultural phenomenon: the conflict within individuals raised in blue-collar homes, now living white-collar lives. These individuals, whom Lubrano dubs “Straddlers,” often find that the values of the working class – such as the importance of hard work, loyalty to family and community, and a healthy respect for religion – are not sufficient guidance to navigate the white-collar world, where unspoken rules reflect primarily upper-class values.

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“Klan-Destine Relationships”

He is not White. He’s not even light-skinned. Make no mistake about it; he is Black. Yet, *Klan-Destine Relationships* author, Daryl Davis, has come in closer contact with members of the Ku Klux Klan than most White non-members and certainly most Blacks -- short of being on the wrong end of a rope. Davis gives a powerful account of a Black man’s encounters with members of the Ku Klux Klan. His story is filled with danger, intrigue, excitement and surprises that will leave you riveted and questioning your own prejudices.

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“Empowering Women”

Samhita Mukhopadhyay is the executive editor of *Feministing.com*, one of the largest feminist/social justice blogs. Mukhopadhyay states, “At *Feministing*, I’ve focused a lot on race, class, gender and sexuality from the perspective of activism, but not as much from the perspective of pop culture”. Mukhopadhyay became interested in mainstream media depictions of women and how those depictions impact the lives of and women’s feelings about themselves creating a dialogue that promotes feminism and empowers women.

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As a teenager, Hayan Charara was thrilled to see his first published poem a few pages away from a piece by influential beat scribe Allen Ginsberg. The experience energized and inspired the poet, who ultimately would author two books and emerge as a dynamic literary voice. Charara is the author of two poetry books, *The Alchemist’s Diary* (Hanging Loose Press, 2001), and *The Sadness of Others* (Carnegie Mellon University Press, 2006). He is also the editor of *Inclined to Speak: An Anthology of Contemporary Arab American Poetry* (University of Arkansas Press, 2008).

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Eboo Patel, Founder of the Inter-Faith Youth Corp believes religion can act as a bridge of cooperation rather than a barrier of division. He’s inspired to build this bridge by his faith as a Muslim, his Indian heritage, and his American citizenship. He has spoken about this vision at places like the TED conference, the Clinton Global Initiative, and the Nobel Peace Prize Forum, as well as colleges and universities across the country.

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Many of us do not understand the impact of bias and hate on a college community. We are neither prepared to handle an incident, nor empowered to actively do anything to prevent one. Fighting hate begins with awareness. Most victims are so frightened and shocked, they don’t know where to turn on campus for help. For more than a decade as founder of the national Stop the Hate Train the Trainer Program (www.stophate.org), Windmeyer has trained more than 1,200 people to actively prevent and respond to hate crimes.

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