

Exciting "My So-Called Enemy" news & showings w/Rawan and Gal in Seattle Boulder & NYC



With faculty Ann Murphy and Dona Kercher at Assumption College.
Photo by Morgan McCallum



At a reception with faculty, honors and social justice students at Assumption College.
Photo by Meghan Guarnieri



Rezan, her niece Angelina and sister Joline in Long Island.
Photo by Rezan Makhoul

Dear Friends,

I hope this note finds you happy, healthy and at peace in these last days of winter. This edition of our newsletter includes some exciting news about a licensing agreement with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, March screenings, including two with Rawan and Gal - and information about how you can continue to support our outreach efforts.

I recently returned from a wonderful two-day visit to Assumption College in Worcester, MA. Thanks to an invitation from the Peace Studies and Women's Studies departments, our film screened in the Justice For and By Women: A Global Documentary Film Series - and I had the privilege of visiting three classrooms and enjoying meals with faculty and students. I encourage you to read Kathleen Wilbur's insightful article "[Film Illuminates Struggle for Peace](#)" in "Le Provocateur," the school newspaper. I am always struck by the thoughtfulness of articles written by students. Perhaps it is because in "[My So-Called Enemy](#)" they are finding their peers - and role models.

This is a special time for me personally, because while the young women in "My So-Called Enemy" are with me in spirit each and every day, I just had the joy of a visit with Rezan (Palestinian) and her sister Joline on Long Island. (Rezan has made such a name for herself as a photographer that she already has 9 weddings booked this summer!) I'm now looking forward to spending time with Rawan (Palestinian) and Gal (Israeli) in March. Rawan and Gal are doing a fundraising and outreach tour with [Building Bridges](#) staff in San Francisco, L.A., Denver and NYC. If you haven't seen our film yet, or want to see it again with Rawan and Gal doing Q&As, please read on about two Building Bridges-sponsored screenings in Boulder and NYC. If you live in Seattle, you can see our film this Saturday night courtesy of [Hands for a Bridge](#), a like-minded program at Roosevelt High School.



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"My So-Called Enemy" and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Global education leader Houghton Mifflin Harcourt is going to include "My So-Called Enemy," and a link to our four-minute work sample, in the first lesson of their next 10th Grade Literature Student Edition, in a section called "Ourselves and Others," with an Israeli short story by Edgar Keret. We couldn't be more delighted! HMH is one of the largest providers of K-12 education solutions, delivering interactive content and innovative resources to learners around the world. HMH plans to have the new Literature program available for at least the next 10 years for students and educators in their classrooms. This came to be thanks to the magic of the internet: someone at the company saw our four-minute work sample on YouTube.

March Screenings

Please join us, and tell your friends, about these special screenings! We have many screenings in the works this April and May and will share them in upcoming editions of our newsletter.

Roosevelt High School (Seattle, WA)

Hands for a Bridge-sponsored Screening

Saturday, March 2nd at 7:00pm

Roosevelt High School Auditorium

Followed by a discussion moderated by the University of Washington's award-winning senior lecturer, [Dr. Anu Taranath](#), on using dialogue to build bridges of understanding across chasms of race, culture, class and privilege.

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

The Nomad Theatre (Boulder, CO)

Building Bridges-sponsored screening

Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00pm

1410 Quince Avenue

Rawan, the Building Bridges Middle East Program Director - and a main character in the movie - will do a Q&A after the screening.

[Building Bridges](#) staff will also be in attendance. Space is limited.

Please rsvp to info@BuildingBridgesShift.org

Tribeca Film Center (New York, NY)

Building Bridges-sponsored screening

Tuesday, March 19th from 7:00 - 9:00pm

375 Greenwich Street - Second Floor Screening Room

Rawan and Gal, two of the main characters in the movie, will do a Q&A after the screening. Building Bridges staff and I will also be in attendance. Space is limited.

Please rsvp to info@BuildingBridgesShift.org

How you can support our outreach efforts:

Spread the word:

- Tell educators, clergy, friends and colleagues about "My So-Called Enemy" and recommend it for screenings and conferences. Suggest they "[like](#)" our film on Facebook and [join](#) our mailing list.

Share the love:

- Rate and/or write a review of "My So-Called Enemy" on [IMDB.com](#).
- Add "My So-Called Enemy" to your [Netflix](#) queue. If the demand is great enough, our movie is more likely to be available on Netflix in the future.
- Make a tax-deductible contribution to support our continuing outreach efforts.

Bring "My So-Called Enemy" to your community

Do you have ideas about how our film can have the greatest impact in your community? Not only for dialogue around Middle East peace, but as a conflict resolution tool celebrating diversity, building bridges of understanding, and empowering girls/women/our youth to be agents for social change?

My greatest joy is teaching and being "in community" with "My So-Called Enemy." Please drop me a line if you are interested in hosting a screening and/or inviting me to present "My So-Called Enemy" at your academic or religious institution, peace/multi-faith organization or youth/after-school program. Because our model is coalition building, we encourage screenings to be co-hosted by diverse groups when possible.

As always, I want to thank you for your support and generosity of spirit on our journey with "My So-Called Enemy!" It's, in large part, thanks to you that our film continues to open hearts and minds and be used as a tool for dialogue and mutual understanding in classrooms and secular and religious institutions throughout the country.

With heartfelt gratitude and love,

Lisa

For the latest news on "My So-Called Enemy"

Join our mailing list: www.mysocalledenemy.com

"Like" our film on Facebook: www.facebook.com/mysocalledenemy

Watch our trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kKOLi4t2XE>

"MY SO-CALLED ENEMY" a good egg production
director/producer **Lisa Gossels** producer **Eden Wurmfeld**
director of photography **Justin Schein** edited by **Lisa Gossels**
David Mehlman Toby Shimin music by **Nathan Larson**

2010 Hamptons International Film Festival
Winner, Jury Prize for Best Conflict & Resolution Film

2010 Starz Denver Film Festival
Winner, Special Jury Prize in Filmmaking

2010 Boston Jewish Film Festival
Winner, Audience Award, Best Feature Documentary Film

2011 Newport Beach Film Festival
Winner, Jury Award, Best Feature Documentary Film
Winner, MacGillivray Freeman Films Award for Excellence in Documentary Filmmaking (feature)

2011 CINE Golden Eagle
Winner, CINE Golden Eagle, Documentary Feature

