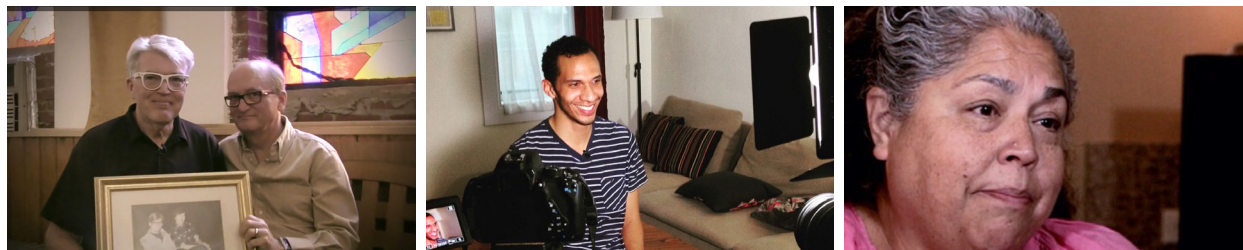




# I'm From Driftwood

The LGBTQ Story Archive

## BRING LGBTQ STORYTELLING TO YOUR SCHOOL



I'm From Driftwood is a nonprofit organization dedicated to recording and sharing the stories of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people of all backgrounds. We have created a free, online historical archive of more than 1,000 video and written oral histories with LGBTQ people from all 50 states. These narratives educate people about the joys, challenges and complexities of LGBTQ lives, promote intergenerational dialogue, and increase empathy in our participants and viewers.

Like students at your school, I'm From Driftwood's Video Stories represent many points of view and experiences. Much more than coming out stories, topics range from struggles with family to coming to terms with spirituality, from discrimination on the job to falling in love. Storytellers are young and old, from diverse geographies, racial and ethnic backgrounds, and represent the rainbow of sexual and gender identities. Our stories are great conversation starters, for small and large groups.

Storytelling is the oldest form of communication with a host of benefits for both the storyteller and audience. When someone shares their life experiences, the telling of their story inspires compassion in the listener and viewer. I'm From Driftwood stories spark dialogue, and move people to action in their own lives and communities including coming out, advocating for LGBTQ people, changing discriminatory policies and supporting LGBTQ elders and youth.

### Bring I'm From Driftwood to Your School

I'm From Driftwood Founder Nathan Manske has spoken to audiences at more than 50 colleges and universities, high schools and middle schools, including Yale University, Columbia University, Oberlin College, Rice University, Pace University and Poly Prep Country Day School.

Each presentation includes:

- Founder Nathan Manske's story of how and why he created I'm From Driftwood;
- Tales and photos from our 50-state Story Tour, highlighting connections we made and lessons we learned about being authentic;
- Community and individual benefits of storytelling;
- Screening of 3-5 Video Stories tailored to the audience; and
- A lively interactive question and answer session.

Presentations are 30-60 minutes, tailored for audiences of 20-1,000, and are a wonderful way to teach and learn about diversity. Our fee starts at \$2,000 and is negotiable based on location, duration and your resources. If you are interested in booking a presentation, please contact Executive Director Nathan Manske at [Nathan@imfromdriftwood.com](mailto:Nathan@imfromdriftwood.com) or 347.423.4444.

### About Nathan Manske, Executive Director



Nathan Manske is from Driftwood, Texas and has a degree in advertising from the University of Texas. In 2009, he founded the online LGBTQ story archive I'm From Driftwood to create meaningful connections between people from small towns and big cities everywhere. Nathan was named one of The Advocate's "Forty Under 40" for his service to the LGBTQ community. He has spoken to thousands of students and led discussions at colleges and community groups across the United States.

