On November 30, 2016, the Media Action Grassroots Network (MAG-Net) hosted a Media Justice Salon, Telling Untold Stories: How Documentary Film Shapes New Racial Narratives. Our guest speakers, Tilane Jones of ARRAY, Betty Yu of Working Films, and Milena Velis of Media Mobilizing Project, discussed the power of documentary films as a tool to shape new narratives through a racial lens and support our movements for justice.

During the Salon, we explored film’s ability to expose untold truths and use new storytellers to shape our understanding of the world. Together, we learned about approaches and interventions to the creative process, distribution models, and organizing strategies that turn documentaries into powerful tools of change.

Here is a list of resources that came out of the conversation:
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STORYTELLING WITH FILM

Independent Lens Films
http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/films/

National Endowment for the Arts: How to Do Community-Based Artist Residencies

POV Films
http://www.pbs.org/pov/video/

ARRAY
http://www.arraynow.com/
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ORGANIZING WITH DOCUMENTARIES

Media Mobilizing Project: Movement Media
https://mediamobilizing.org/category/media/

The Culture Lab: Visual Storytelling for Social Change—New Resources from Race Forward and the Culture Lab
http://theculturelab.org/visual-storytelling-for-social-change/

The Fledgling Fund: Case Studies & Papers
http://www.thefledglingfund.org/impact-resources

Working Films: Case Studies
http://www.workingfilms.org/our-projects
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DOCUMENTARY FILM FUNDING & OTHER MAKER RESOURCES

Britdoc: Resources and Funding
https://britdoc.org/resources

No Film School
http://nofilmschool.com/topics/documentary

No Film School: A Massive List of Fall 2016 Grants All Filmmakers Should Know About
http://nofilmschool.com/2016/08/massive-list-fall-2016-grants-all-filmmakers-should-know-about

POV: Documentary Film Funding
http://www.pbs.org/pov/filmmakers/resources/documentary-funding.php

The International Documentary Association Magazine
http://www.documentary.org/magazine