

**ULLR Matters follow up to “New Americans Matter”  
with Jane Graupman and Laura Cooper**

Melinda received this email from Laura Cooper who asked to pass it along to our members:

“Thanks Melinda for giving Jane and I the opportunity to talk to ULLR about immigration and volunteer opportunities in immigration services. They were a great audience with excellent questions. If the audience is interested in learning more, I have some suggestions. These are two memoirs of two totally different immigrant experiences. One presents the story of a Hmong family who spends five years hiding from soldiers trying to kill them in the Laotian jungle, and then come to St. Paul after years of horrid experiences in a refugee camp in Thailand. *Where Rivers Part, A Story of My Mother’s Life* by Kao Kalia Yang. In *Solito: A Memoir* by Javier Zamora, the author tells a story where he, as a nine year old traveled without any friends or family, led by a paid smuggler, to try and reach his undocumented parents who had lived and worked in the US for several years. Also, there is a fine history of immigration in the US by Erika Lee, who was a U of MN professor and now at Harvard. *America for Americans: A History of Xenophobia in the US*.

I hope you have splended holidays! Laura Cooper