In Six Words...

Can you tell your story in six words?

The story of six words is said to have started with a challenge to Ernest Hemingway to write a story in only six words. He accepted by writing, “For sale: baby shoes, never worn.” The mantle of the six-word story was then taken up by Larry Smith, founder of SMITH Magazine, in 2006, when he gave the six-word novel a personal twist by asking his community to describe their lives in exactly six words. Since then, the Six-Word Memoir project has become a global phenomenon.

In support of LMU’s Anti-Racism Project, “In Six Words” will get to the heart of our community’s struggles and fight against the unjust and unequal experiences that plague our society, in hopes of sparking conversation, understanding, and empathy, as well as further igniting our desire to become better angels.

Examples of six-word stories:

Prompts for six word stories are updated each month, aiming to highlight the unique cultures, heritages, and experiences of all members of our community.

What will your six-word story be? Submit it here.