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Political Film Series: Entertainment & Education

Nicky Disbrow

Who doesn't love free food, refreshments and entertainment? You can find all of these things at the film screenings of the Political Film Series, and you may also gain a wealth of knowledge.

The Political Film Series was started in the Fall of 2012 by Dr. Pia Knigge, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration. Knigge felt there was a need for a forum outside of the classroom and theatre where students could discuss a diverse range of films. "I noticed that students respond strongly to audio and visual cues, like films, and you can only show so many in class and see so many in the theatre," she said.

At the film screenings, an AUM faculty member that is knowledgeable about a topic related to the film provides a brief introduction. Those in attendance are then encouraged to participate in a discussion following the film screening. "A lot of times, viewers don't realize whether or not films are accurate, and the discussion afterwards helps to clarify what's fact and what's fiction," Knigge said.

For those of you not particularly fond of politics or political films, the movies of the series might pleasantly surprise you. The series provides screenings of a variety of film genres: classic, historical, sports, comedies, global initiative films, contemporary films and many more. Knigge is being helped by her daughter to seek out movies that coincide with a theme or anniversary each month, but she also asks faculty for suggestions.

You might ask yourself: "Why should I attend the Political Film Series?" And the answer is simple. "The film series offers students entertainment along with education," Knigge said. Plus, you get free food and drinks! So a better question is, why not attend the Political Film Series?

The Department of Political Science and Public Administration and the College of Public Policy and Justice sponsor the Political Film Series, and it is now fully funded by the Ida Belle Special Projects Fund.

All films are open to the public and free of charge. For more information, contact Dr. Pia Knigge at pknigge@aum.edu.

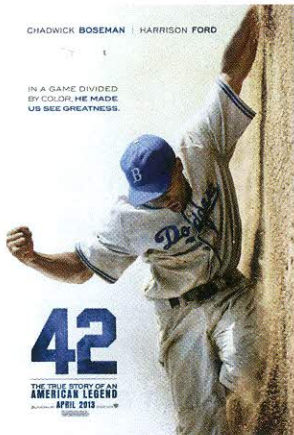
Here are the upcoming Political Film Series screenings for the Spring 2015:



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(2014, R) Introduction: Dr. Ben Severance

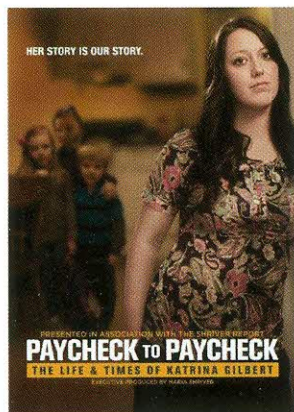
January 26
Goodwyn Hall 109, 7 p.m.



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(2013, PG-13) Introduction: Dr. Eric Sterling

February 25
Goodwyn Hall 109, 7 p.m.

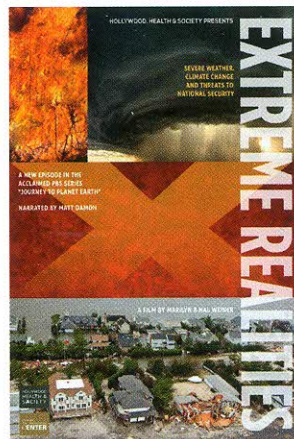


Paycheck to Paycheck:

The Life & Times of Katarina Gilbert (2014, PG)

Introduction: Dr. Annice Yarber

March 18
Goodwyn Hall 109, 7 p.m.



Extreme Realities:

Severe Weather, Climate Change, and Our National Security

(2014, R) Introduction: Dr. Ben Severance

April 22
Goodwyn Hall 109, 7 p.m.

Club/Organization Highlight: P.A.S.S.P.O.R.T.

Darya Farsinejad

“Peer Assisting Student Success by Promoting Opportunities to Really Thrive,” better known as P.A.S.S.P.O.R.T., is a club on campus that aims to bring AUM together as a community. P.A.S.S.P.O.R.T.’s mission is to challenge, engage and provide support to peers in becoming successful students by providing endless opportunities to promote social, personal, academic and leadership development through campus connections.

“The whole base is just bridging students and faculty/staff alike,” President Nicole Garrison says. On the tenth floor of the Library Tower, P.A.S.S.P.O.R.T. meets and has open discussions. The club is about to begin its series of culture starting with “What is Southern Hospitality?” The question may mean different things to various students.

The group hopes to engage the whole community with a common ground. “Our long term [goal] is to go out for example middle schools, and set up P.A.S.S.P.O.R.T. pals so they can have an organization in that school that is affiliated with P.A.S.S.P.O.R.T., and they work together with high school students.” Garrison adds. This, in turn, would help prospective students learn more about AUM.

“We wanted to start something that didn’t really have much self-gain,” Treasurer Charles Morris says. “We wanted to be able to give back. We wanted to be not only an organization that has a name wears t-shirts but we wanted to be somebody that made a difference that really focuses on community.” This past November P.A.S.S.P.O.R.T. hosted its first event: World Kindness Day, where the organization raised over



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

College of Business announces New Integrated Curriculum

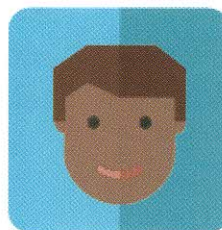
Innovation is happening in every corner of the College of Business. Across the board, the College has revamped their undergraduate curriculum to offer a more integrated approach to business, making students better equipped and more marketable after graduation. Business faculty and student continue to gain national recognition through awards and competitions.

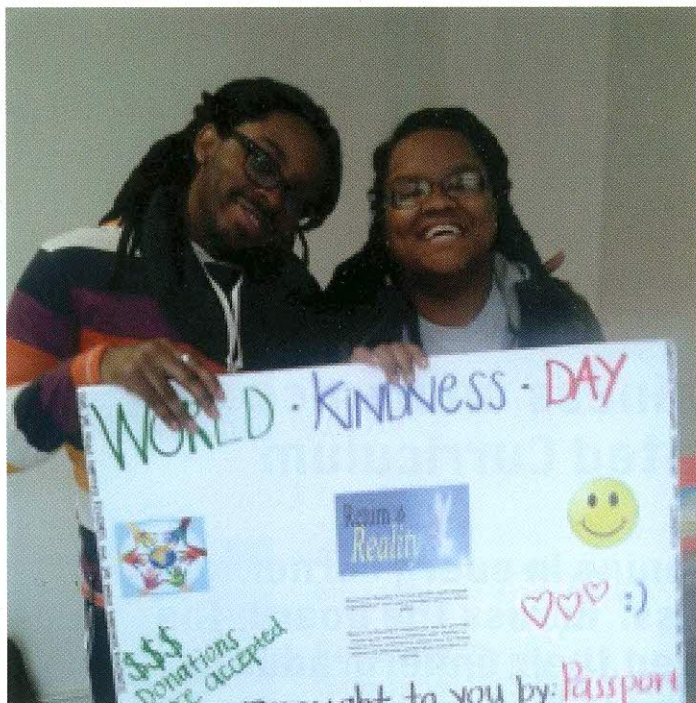
Have you completed the lower core?
Not yet begun on the upper core?

By fading into the new curriculum,
you will have fewer required hours to
graduate!

129 hours > 121 hours

Be sure to see your advisor and ask about
switching to the new curriculum!





Two members of P.A.S.S.P.O.R.T. participating in World Kindness Day.

Photo courtesy of Nicole Garrison

\$100 for Return to Reality for Women that gives a home to women overcoming substance abuse. The group is reaching out past AUM.

P.A.S.S.P.O.R.T.

Series of Culture

All events are held on 10th floor of the Library Tower at 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 10— "What is 50 Shades of Black?"

March 3— "International Waters"

April 14— "The Generation Gap"

AUM Alumni: Where Are They Now?

Kimberly McGuinty

It seems there has been a resurgence of the popular view of an education in the Liberal Arts as fruitless idealism or, at best, an overly optimistic endeavor. There are news stories every day questioning the "value" of a LA education. They claim that the skills learned in LA programs are of little use in the world in which we now live. While the arts have certainly evolved as a facet of



Photo courtesy of Cody Eason

culture in many ways, they are still a worthwhile venture for the skilled and the dedicated. Surely, there are some who have not yet abandoned that time-honored advice touted by elementary school teachers and parents worldwide which tells us to "follow our dreams." To gain some insight on how to best follow a path in the Liberal Arts, I sat down with AUM alum and Graphic Design grad Cody Eason.

Eason earned his Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design here at AUM in 2011, where he minored in Marketing. The concentration, he says, has been quite useful in his professional endeavors, which include work as a multimedia specialist for Russell Lands Incorporated. "It's tough to get into the field," he says. "It's who you know." Networking is a major focus of our discussion, and he recalls his time building professional networks as some of the best spent. He says even fellow classmates can be helpful contacts. "Take the program seriously," Eason says. "When you're starting out, that networking comes in handy".

Eason learned the value of making meaningful professional connections his first year out of college when he landed his first design job. At the time, he was working as a help desk technician

for Advanced Computer Technologies. He has since moved onward and upward into a graphic design position with Alabama's Department of Tourism, where he seems to feel at home. When asked how students can best prepare for work after college, he replies, "Oh boy." Then taking a serious stance, Eason adds, "Dive into your degree field and research the heck out of it." Getting to know the specifics in your field, he says, goes a long way in career preparation.

While networking and marketing will continue to develop as key elements of success for those who prosper in the Liberal Arts, where it seems talent and passion were once sufficient, there are still many dreams to be realized for those who love their craft. We just have to follow them.

Fork In The Road

LaTara Holloway

You may have noticed the bright, orange truck parked alongside the gym since last semester, delivering hot fries, burgers and more from its windows to hungry customers. The food truck, called Fork in the Road, is one of the latest food options available to students this school year and has been filling student's bellies since opening this past fall. Owners Suellen and Jeff Alker are both excited about this new direction in their career. We talked with the owners about their new business venture and the reception on campus so far.

What made you start Fork in the Road?

Jeff: We were both in corporate America. I was a software consultant for twenty years and Suellen was a national sales manager for a company, and we just got tired of working for somebody else.

Suellen: Hence the name Fork in the Road.



A closer look at the Skirt Burger, one of the menu items.
Photo courtesy of LaTara Holloway

What made you two decide on coming to AUM?

Jeff: I graduated from AUM in 1986. We live at the lake near Auburn and tried to get in at the Auburn campus, but they were full. Then I heard that they needed some trucks here. So I contacted Darryl Morris and he had us contact the company that manages this, which is Chartwell.

How has the response on campus been so far?

Suellen: It has been fabulous. We have had students stretched out all the way until we close trying to order stuff. But AUM students have been fabulous. Couldn't ask for any better.

Why do you think AUM students have been receptive of the Food Truck?

Suellen: I think that they've been receptive because of the Food Network. Y'all have been watching the Food Network since y'all were born basically. It's something new and exciting that's come. You've got the cafeteria which gives you lots of options and you've got us, so we've got people eating at both.



The Fork in the Road truck is parked beside the gym on Monday through Thursday.

Photo courtesy of LaTara Holloway

How do you see your future here at AUM?

Suellen: Only getting better. Everyday our orders increase. The students have been talking about it. The grape vine has been great for it.

Fork in the Road is located near the gym's main entrance. Stop by Wednesdays and Thursdays during lunch hours for hot menu items such as Cheese Fritters, Conecuh Sausage Po Boys, Asian Steak Burger, dessert and more. Warhawk Cards may also be used to purchase food items.



Owners Jeff and Suellen Alker stand in front of the food truck, which is open Monday through Thursday and located beside the gym.

Photo courtesy of LaTara Holloway

Warhawk Squawk

Nikki Headley

Question: How are you adjusting to the new semester?



Justin Gilbert

Freshmen

East Asian Studies

"A bit awkward getting to know new people and sad seeing some old professors go. It's running smoothly."

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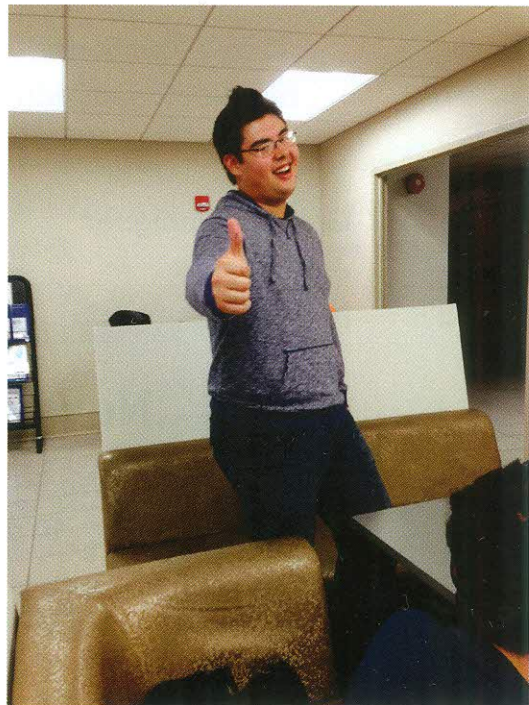
Jasmine Pou
Freshmen
Communication
"Praying and sleeping."



Marlee Damrel
Junior
Communication
"I'm just coping."

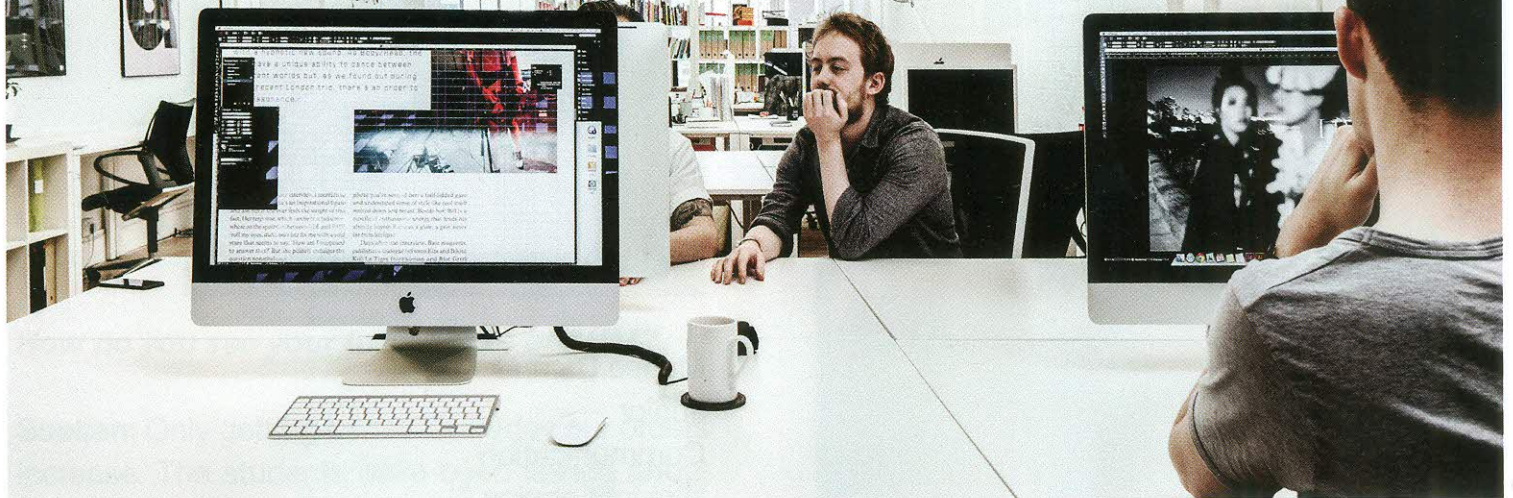


Alex Kassian
Junior
Pre-Engineering
"I'm doing well and getting more sleep."



Samual Hoffmaster
Junior
Biology/Pre-Med
"Nothing has really changed. No new adjustments."

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