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Political Film Series: Entertainment & Education

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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.

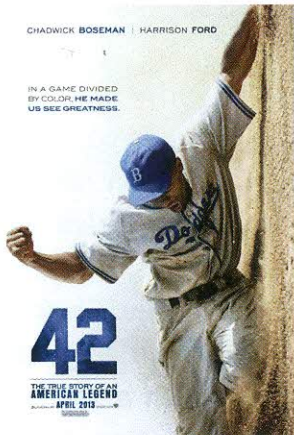
Here are the upcoming Political Film Series screenings for the Spring 2015:



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(2014, R) Introduction: Dr. Ben Severance

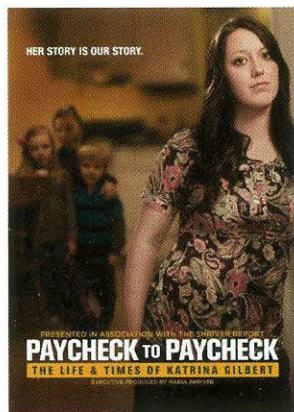
January 26
Goodwyn Hall 109, 7 p.m.



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

February 25
Goodwyn Hall 109, 7 p.m.

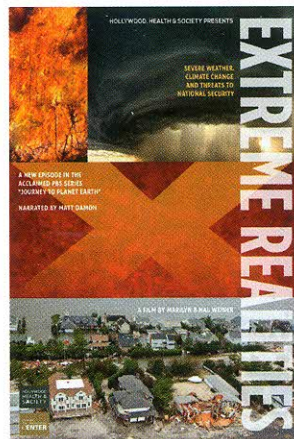


Paycheck to Paycheck:

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.

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“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

