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CNU @ the Movies: Faculty Film Favorites!

CFP: Call For Participants!

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing today about an exciting new initiative beginning this fall semester designed to enhance student life on campus and encourage interaction among faculty and students. **CNU @ the Movies: Faculty Film Festival** is a faculty-driven film series intended to appeal to students in all departments/disciplines. We're looking for faculty members to choose a film and host a campus screening followed by a discussion. Film picks can be classics or contemporary, Hollywood, indie, international films, mainstream narratives, documentaries, etc. It might be one of your favorite films, or an historically significant film, or it could be a film that you use in one of your classes, or maybe you know of a hidden gem that you would like to share. We are casting a very wide net to encourage broad faculty participation and student interest.

What can you do to get involved? Two ways:

- **First, you could answer this "CFP" with a proposal describing a film that you would like to present and why you believe it would enrich the series (we encourage faculty to pair up with colleagues from multiple departments to propose screenings). Your proposal should also have a brief description -- one or two paragraphs -- of the film you would like to present.**
- **You can also get involved by coming to the screenings and bringing along your students and departmental colleagues! We believe that the time is ripe to this type of substantive cultural activity for both faculty and students. Come join us!**

The film series committee will select one representative from each of the colleges for the 2011-2012 series. In addition, there may be sufficient funding to invite a guest speaker to come as

part of the series; if you would like to recommend someone for this please add this to your proposal. **Please submit your proposals to (steven.spalding@cnu.edu) or (john.nichols@cnu.edu) by MAY 31.**

Essential information:

- **What it is:** a faculty-driven series of informal film screenings and discussions open to faculty, students and the community. Its purpose is to foster discussion among faculty and students outside of the classroom in a context of 'serious fun': promoting meaningful exchange in a relaxed environment.
- **Time & Location:** Thursdays, 6-8PM; Venue TBA
- **Frequency:** 3 showings per semester, 6 per year. In the Fall, screenings in September, October and November (before Thanksgiving week). In the Spring, screenings will occur in February, March, and April.
- **How it works:** Each semester, faculty members from each of the three colleges will present films. At each event, that film's presenter makes brief remarks prior to the film screening (not to exceed 10 minutes), and then opens discussion with students and faculty after the screening's end. By having representatives from each of the colleges involved each semester, the series hopes to foster broad participation across the faculty and students of the three colleges.
- **What kinds of films to expect:** faculty are encouraged to present films that they believe will best achieve these two goals: 1) appeal broadly to students from different disciplines and 2) lead to as many people staying around for discussion as possible. There will be no series theme, but presenters are encouraged to favor films that students are less likely to be familiar with, including titles from cinemas other than our own.
- **Refreshments will be served!:** In addition to securing the rights to hold public screenings, generous support from the College Deans will provide for refreshments.

Sincerely Yours,

Dr. Steven Spalding
Dr. John Nichols
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