

# JUSTICE & HUMAN DIGNITY FILM SERIES



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A part of the NASCUMC Justice and Dignity Initiative

Throughout the 2015-2016 academic year, Reinhardt University will show a series of films that are intended to spark conversation surrounding justice and human dignity. Following each screening, an open town hall forum will be held, and students, professors, staff, administrators, and some outside speakers will address the topics elicited by the films.

Film start times are at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

## September 3, 2015: *The Hunting Ground* - Falany Performing Arts Center

Written and directed by Kirby Dick, *The Hunting Ground* is an expose of sexual assault on U.S. campuses and the terrible toll it takes on its victims. In conjunction with Reinhardt's Title IX training and awareness, the discussion will explore the surrounding issues of sexual assault, rape culture, and advocacy work that must take place on our campus.

*Panelists: Aliyah Bryant, Reinhardt student leader in sexual assault advocacy. Dr. Cheryl L. Brown, Professor of Sociology, Advisor to Gay-Straight Alliance. Dr. Roger R. Lee, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students.*

## October 15, 2015: *Selma* - Falany Performing Arts Center

*Selma* is an Oscar®-winning film that chronicles Dr. Martin Luther King's march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., to secure voting rights for all of American citizens. The discussion will explore the history of race relations in the South, as well as the modern day race relations that our country and students face.

*Panelists: Dr. Kenneth H. Wheeler, Professor of History. Adrian Hayes, student/DREAMS president. Dr. Graham P. Johnson, Assistant Professor of English. Dr. Walter P. May, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Student Activities.*

## November 19, 2015: *Saved* - Hasty Student Life Center, Bannister Glasshouse

*Saved* is a satirical look at a Christian high school that explores various aspects of the modern day "culture wars" such as LGBTQ understanding, teen pregnancy, sexual education, and views of Christianity in the media. Being a United Methodist-affiliated institution, we will explore what that means and where we get things right, and where we get things wrong in our interpretation of our faith. We will particularly explore the relationship of American Evangelical Christianity within the modern context of politics and culture.

*Panelists: The Rev. Jordan S. Thrasher, University Chaplain. Dr. Cheryl L. Brown, Professor of Sociology, Advisor to Gay-Straight Alliance. Dr. Curtis G. Lindquist, Professor of Religion and Philosophy.*

## **February 11, 2016: *Thank You for Smoking* - Hasty Student Life Center, Bannister Glasshouse**

Having very little to do with smoking and everything to do with the unholy marriage of money, politics, and power, *Thank You for Smoking* highlights what happens in our daily world in terrifying detail. Students will see and wonder how much of our lives we control and how much is manipulated by in consumer culture.

*Panelists: Dr. Dana L. Hall, Assistant Professor of Business. Dr. Donald G. Gregory, Associate Professor of Sociology. Dr. Simon-Peter Gomez, Assistant Professor of Political Science. Dr. Pamela S. Wilson, Associate Professor of Communication.*

## **March 3, 2016: *American Sniper* - Falany Performing Arts Center**

A film which has sparked much controversy, *American Sniper* follows the story of U.S. military sniper Chris Kyle. This film brings up issues of the ethics of war, and the issue of xenophobia used to perpetuate a just war theory in American military practice.

*Panelists: Larry H. Webb, Assistant Professor of Communication. Dr. Curtis G. Lindquist, Professor of Religion and Philosophy. Dr. Mark A. Roberts, Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs. Lester W. Drawdy III, Interim Dean of the School of Professional Studies and Instructor of Criminal Justice.*

## **April 14, 2016: *Life Is Beautiful* - Hasty Student Life Center, Bannister Glasshouse**

When an open-minded Jewish librarian and his son become victims of the Holocaust, he uses a perfect mixture of will, humor, and imagination to protect his son from the dangers around their camp (IMDB). Using *Life Is Beautiful* as a platform, the participants will assess our world and how imagination can become a powerful tool in our work.

*Panelists: Dr. Kina S. Mallard, University President. Elizabeth A. Smith, Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Dr. Donna Coffey, Professor of English.*

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