



WOMEN SOCIAL JUSTICE DOCUMENTARY

This two-day symposium brings together nationally and globally recognized change-makers: women practitioners of documentary whose aim is social justice. It offers students an unusual opportunity to participate in conversations with documentary filmmakers. This symposium is not just for filmmakers and film scholars, present and future, but for anyone interested in social justice.

Saturday, March 31

WELCOME

- * Marilyn Schuster, Provost and Dean of the Faculty
2 p.m., Stoddard Hall Auditorium

OPENING TALK

- * Cynthia Wade, Smith '92; documentary filmmaker, Oscar winner for *Freeheld* (2007)
2:30 p.m., Stoddard Hall Auditorium

PANEL 1

Experimental Documentary: What Does Social Justice Look Like?

- * Su Friedrich, film and video artist, Princeton University
- * Barbara Hammer, film and video artist
- * Rea Tajiri, video artist and filmmaker, Temple University
3:45 p.m., Stoddard Hall Auditorium

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

- * Lourdes Portillo, documentary filmmaker, *Las Madres: The Mothers of Plaza de Mayo, Señorita Extraviada*
6 p.m., Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall

Sunday, April 1

PANEL 2

Teaching (and) Documentary Practice

- * Joan Braderman, film and video artist, Hampshire College
- * Alex Juhasz, video artist, Pitzer College
- * Liz Miller, documentary filmmaker and co-founder of the Concordia Documentary Center
9 a.m., Weinstein Auditorium

PANEL 3

Some Futures of Documentary

- * Sonali Gulati, documentary filmmaker, Virginia Commonwealth University
- * Anayansi Prado, documentary filmmaker
- * Michelle Medina, Smith '05; documentary filmmaker
10:30 a.m., Weinstein Auditorium

CLOSING DISCUSSION

Social Justice, Documentary and "The Biz"

- * Debra Zimmerman, Executive Director, Women Make Movies
Noon, Weinstein Auditorium

Free, open to the public and wheelchair accessible. Organized by Alexandra Keller, director of the Smith College Film Studies Program, and Bernadine Mellis, Smith '96, Five College visiting artist in film and video production.

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