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ENGAGE IN LOCAL, INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WITH UM FILM SERIES

MISSOULA –

The 2008 Peace & Justice film series for fall semester will debut Thursday, Sept. 4 at the University of Montana. The film series will focus on human and worker rights issues as well as domestic, foreign and environmental policy debates.

Films will show on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Theater. All films are free and open to the public.

This year's series includes the 2008 Emmy Award-nominated documentary "Libby, Montana" and two films focusing on the political process before the Nov. 4 general election.

Discussions will be held after each film, and UM Students for Peace & Justice and the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center urge attendees to stay and share their views on the film's topic. Special guests also will be available after some films.

Following is the film series schedule:

- Sept. 4: "Maquilopolis," featuring several female workers in Tijuana's factories who record their lives and how the flow of capital impacts a city.
- Sept. 11: "Afghanistan Unveiled," exploring the effects of the Taliban's rule and a recent U.S.-sponsored bombing campaign on Afghan women. Afghan Fulbright Scholar Shakib Rajaieean will be the guest speaker.

- Sept. 18: "Not in Our Town," showing how Billings residents joined together when their neighbors were threatened by white supremacists.
- Sept. 25: "Libby, Montana," depicting the struggle of a small logging town nestled in the Northern Rockies where hundreds are sick or have already died from asbestos exposure. Doug Hawes-Davis, the film's director, will be in attendance.
- Oct. 16: "Can Mr. Smith Get to Washington Anymore?" offering an unvarnished look at the inside of what national pundits called one of 2004's most surprising campaigns. The film asks if it is still possible for American voters to get involved in the political process because they are inspired by a candidate's ideas and ability.
- Oct. 23: "American Blackout," examining the career of U.S. Rep. Cynthia McKinney of Georgia and the historical suppression of black voters in the U.S.
- Nov. 6: "SiCKO," exploring the problems within the U.S. health care system and comparing it to the systems of other countries. Guest speakers will be Dr. Ned Vasquez, former president of the Western Montana Clinic, and Lee Tickell, former state director of Medicaid and Medicare services.
- Nov. 13: "At the Death House Door," looking at the death penalty in Texas with the case of a wrongful execution and the life of retired prison chaplain Carroll Pickett.
- Nov. 20: "Well-Founded Fear," taking an in-depth look at the asylum process of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, known today as the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- Dec. 4: short films about the training of Latin American military forces in the U.S. with "SOA: Guns & Greed," the geohazards and impediments to social progress in Tajikistan with "Between Bulls and Mosquitoes," and climate change remedies with "Rosie

Revisited: A U.S.-Led Solution to Global Warming.” Filmmakers Holly Schroeder and Jane West and GlobalWarmingSolution.org’s David Merrill will be in attendance.

For more information about the film series, go to

<http://www.PeaceAndJusticeFilms.org> or e-mail **info@peaceandjusticefilms.org**.

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