

Fall 2013 Film Series

Women's Center
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 **September** 
"Morir de Die"

In Recognition of Hispanic Cultural Awareness Month

This is the inspiring story of Irina Layewska, a tireless fighter in the war for personal freedoms, who continues to work for progressive causes from her wheelchair despite a severe disability. But it's also the love story of Irina and her partner Nelida, whom she married as a man. Irina was born into a male body; she grew up idolizing Che Guevara and spent much of her young life fighting in the Cuban solidarity movement. When her condition suddenly threatened her eyesight she became aware of an internal, emotional imbalance, and a need to explore her feminine side and identify as a woman. Jacaranda Correa, the renowned Mexican journalist and anchorwoman, skillfully intercuts home movies and archival material with sensitive, intimate footage of Irina and Nelida's present-day lives. They bravely open a window on their most personal moments, as they live to the fullest a life that neither of them could have ever imagined. Winner: Best Mexican Documentary, Guadalajara Film Festival. (90 minutes)

Showtimes:

Monday, 9/23 at 11:30am; Tuesday, 9/24 at 10am; Wednesday, 9/25 at 3:30pm

Film Discussion: Wednesday, 9/25, 5pm

Facilitated by: Dr. Poggio, MLLI

Co-Sponsored By: The Mosaic Center, MLLI, & the Latino/Hispanic Faculty Assoc.

 **October** 

"Pink Ribbons, Inc."

The ubiquitous pink ribbons of breast cancer philanthropy - and the hand-in-hand marketing of brands and products associated with that philanthropy--permeates our culture, providing assurance that we are engaged in a successful battle against this insidious disease. But the campaign obscures the reality and facts of breast cancer - more and more women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year, and face the same treatment options they did 40 years ago. Yet women are also the most influential market group, buying 80 percent of consumer products and making most major household purchasing decisions. So then who really benefits from the pink ribbon campaigns -- the cause or the company? And what if the very companies and products that profit from their association have actually contributed to the problem? In showing the real story of breast cancer and the lives of those who fight it, Pink Ribbons, Inc. reveals the co-opting of what marketing experts have labeled a "dream cause." (98 minutes)

Showtimes:

Monday, 10/7 at 11:30am; Tuesday, 10/8 at 10am; Wednesday, 10/9 at 3:30pm

Film Discussions: Wed, 10/9, 5pm

Facilitated by:

Dr. Jodi Kelber-Kaye, Honors College

Co-Sponsored By: Women Involved in Learning and Leadership

 **November** 

"The Invisible War"

From Oscar® and Emmy®-nominated filmmaker Kirby Dick (This Film Is Not Yet Rated; Twist of Faith) comes THE INVISIBLE WAR, a groundbreaking investigative documentary about one of America's most shameful and best-kept secrets: the epidemic of rape within the U.S. military. The film paints a startling picture of the extent of the problem - today, a female soldier in combat zones is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire. Twenty percent of all active-duty female servicewomen are sexually assaulted. Profoundly moving, the film follows the stories of several idealistic young servicewomen who were raped and then betrayed by their own officers when they courageously came forward to report. Both a rallying cry for the hundreds of thousands of men and women who've been assaulted and a hopeful road map for change, THE INVISIBLE WAR is one of those rare films so powerful it has already helped change military policy. (98 minutes)

Showtimes:

Monday, 11/18 at 4pm; Tuesday, 11/19 at 1pm; Wednesday, 11/20 at 10:30am

Film Discussion: Wed, 11/20, 12noon

Facilitated by: TBA

Co-Sponsored By:
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Please consult with your professor and/or syllabus to see if any of our films can be or are currently being used for class assignment and/or extra credit.

Additional show times and discussions may be added, for the most up-to-date information, consult <http://my.umbc.edu/groups/womenscenter>

