

Spring 2007

Peace & Justice Film Series

Sponsored by the University of Montana Students for Peace & Justice and the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center

Feb. 1: Sugihara: Conspiracy of Kindness

2000, 103 min.

Fall, 1939: Hitler's regime was sweeping through Eastern Europe. As Japanese consul to Lithuania, Chiune Sugihara saved thousands of lives of fleeing Jewish refugees. How? At great risk he wrote them transit visas. It's a story of what one can accomplish without weapons, even in the face of fascism.

Special Guest: Dr. Charles Exley, Assistant Professor of Japanese Studies

Feb. 8: Howard Zinn: You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train

2004, 78 min.

Howard Zinn, historian, activist and author of the classic *A People's History of the United States*. Featuring archival materials and interviews, this film is "an excellent introduction to a man whose thoughts on war, peace and dissent have become increasingly influential in ever more confusing times."



Feb. 15-21: Big Sky Documentary Film Festival (No Peace & Justice Film This Week.)

Feb. 22: Ancient Futures 1993, 60 min *and* **Paradise with Side Effects**

1999, 40 min.

Ladakh, a beautiful land high in the Western Himalayas, struggles to deal with "development." *Ancient Futures* looks at Ladakh and makes us reexamine what we mean by progress here and in the third world. *Paradise with Side Effects* follows two women from Ladakh as they visit England. We learn much from their reactions to what they see.

March 1: The Doctor, the Depleted Uranium and the Dying Children

2004, 70 min.

Since the mid-1990s the US Army has been using artillery shells tipped with Depleted Uranium. What are the human and environmental costs of such weapons? This award winning documentary looks at the long-lasting effects of these weapons.

March 8: Conviction

2006, 48 min.

A documentary about three Dominican nuns sentenced to Federal Prison for their non-violent protest at a missile site in Northern Colorado. This film evokes important conversations about the role of religion in politics, the role of nuclear weapons in national defense and the role of International Law in the Courts.

Discussion with special guest speaker Dominican Sister Doris Faber will follow each screening



March 15: Zero Degrees of Separation (Cosponsored with the UC Multicultural Alliance)

2005, 89 min.

A journey through the complex lives of Israeli & Palestinian gays and lesbians in inter-ethnic relationships. These couples defy the odds, existing in the midst of conflict with humanity and mutual respect. Interwoven into these stories is the director's own narrative of growing up with Zionist grandparents involved Israel's founding.

Presentation and discussion with director Elle Flanders after each screening

March 22: Liberty Bound

2004, 90 min.

An entertaining look at America's ongoing struggle to keep a comfortable balance between democracy, capitalism, and fascism. This is a film about historic events that shape history. It is a film about courage and fear; ignorance and knowledge; propaganda and rhetoric.



March 29: Spring Break! No Film This Week...

April 5: Life and Debt

2001, 80 min.

How have the IMF, the World Bank and the global economy affected Jamaica? *Life and Debt* is a documentary look at their effects on Jamaican industry, agriculture and society. A riveting and accessible description of the devastating effects globalization has had on Jamaica, as well as on the rest of the third world.

April 12: Sir! No Sir!

2005, 85 min.

The story of the rebellion of thousands of American soldiers during the Vietnam war has never before been told in film. *Sir, No Sir* is the story of one of the most vibrant and widespread upheavals of the 1960's—one that had profound impact on American society, yet has been virtually obliterated from the collective memory of that era.

Special Guest Speaker: Vietnam Veteran Barry Adams, will join us to discuss the GI Movement during the Vietnam War



April 19: Conference on Central Asia. Presentation Starts 7:00PM (Note Special Starting Time)

Central Asia, with its westward extension into Southwest Asia, is a vast region rich in history, natural resources, and geopolitical importance. The birthplace of many of the ancient world's religions and empires, it was the home to remarkable centers of learning, and the arena of devastating conflicts.

April 26: The Ground Truth: After the Killing Ends

2006, 85 min.

We follow the lives of men and women who heeded the call for military service in Iraq as they experience training, combat, homecoming, and reintegration with families & communities. As their stories unfold, each soldier becomes a new kind of hero, giving support to fellow veterans, and fearlessly learning to wield the most powerful weapon of all—the truth.

A discussion led by the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center's Committee for Peace Recruitment will take place after the 5:30 screening.

We extend a special invitation to high school students and anyone else considering military service to participate in this discussion.

There will be a discussion after each screening of each film

All of these movies are thought provoking, so please stay afterwards and share your thoughts with other members of the community. You are welcome and encouraged to regardless of where you find yourself on the political spectrum. Diversity of opinion leads to richer discussions and deeper understanding.



Thursdays at 5:30PM and 7:30PM

At the UC Theater in the University of Montana's University Center, 3rd Floor

Take Bus 1, 8, 12 or the UM Shuttle. Free Parking after 5PM.

All Films are Free and Open to the Public

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