

Amnesty International Club/ Political Science Club
Humanities and Menifee Valley Campus History Departments
Fall 2015 Film Series & Events
Mt. San Jacinto College, Menifee Valley Campus

Monday, September 28 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Room 927 (MVC)

Bassem Tamimi's Speaking Tour in the U.S. (September 7- October 7): Bassem Tamimi is a Palestinian human rights activist from the West Bank village of Nabi Selah. He organizes weekly demonstrations against the Israeli occupation and human rights abuses. He has been arrested by the Israeli authorities over a dozen times, at one point spending more than three years in administrative detention without trial. Bassem, who works closely with Iyad Burnat, of the village of Bil'in, from the film, *Five Broken Cameras*, advocates grassroots, nonviolent resistance. Bassem's 2011 arrest drew international attention, with the European Union describing him as a "human rights defender" and Amnesty International designating him a prisoner of conscience. Bassem will speak about his village's work for freedom and justice and the struggles endured by his family and others who have been injured and/or imprisoned. Tamimi's U.S. tour is nationally sponsored by Amnesty International, Jewish Voice for Peace, Palestinian American Congress Southern California, Catholic Peace Building Network, Veterans for Peace, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Episcopal Peace Fellowship-Ithaca, NY

Wednesday, October 14 4:30pm – 6:30pm, Room 927 (MVC)

Utopia: In 1985, Australian journalist John Pilger made *The Secret Country*, a film about his homeland's mistreatment of its indigenous people in which he suggested Australia was effectively running an apartheid regime. Nearly 30 years later, Pilger has made *Utopia*, a film that covers much the same ground, though with understandably less subtlety and rather more anger, as nothing much has changed. Indeed, as white Australia has emerged as one of the richest nations on the planet, thanks to its mineral resources, the indigenous people are worse off than many of those living in developing countries. The incidence of trachoma among Indigenous Australians is among the highest in the world.

Thursday, October 15 12:30pm – 1:45pm, Room 408 (MVC)

Democrat vs Republican Debate: Despite still being a relatively young country, the United States of America has a long and colorful political history. Each of the surviving major political parties continues to brag about numerous larger-than-life political figures that have defined and shaped today's Democratic and Republican parties. Vastly differing Americans, with vastly differing backgrounds, living in vastly differing regions of the nation collectively appear to be divided almost equally – at least judging by the results of recent major elections during which the electorate split near evenly between liberal Democratic principles and more conservative Republican ideology. A review of the major issues of the day clearly demonstrates this divide; a nation split almost evenly and debating the key issues of the day in a fashion that likely would please our Founding Fathers.

Thursday, October 29 12:30pm - 2:30pm, Room 927 (MVC)

Fruitvale Station: In the early hours of January 1, 2009, 22-year old Oscar Grant III, unarmed and lying face down on a subway platform in Oakland, California, was shot in the back by a white Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer. The incident, captured on video by onlookers, incited protest, unrest and arguments similar to those that would swirl around the killing of Trayvon Martin in Florida a few years later. The deaths of these and other African-American young men touch some of the rawest nerves in the body politic and raise thorny and apparently intractable issues of law and order, violence and race.

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Tuesday, November 3rd 12:30pm – 1:45pm, Room 408 (MVC)

Reclaiming the Plan for Higher Education Presentation Featuring Amy Hines: Our Mission is to reclaim the Donahoe Act of 1960, otherwise known as California's Master Plan for Higher Education. We advocate for a return to the original vision of affordability, accessibility, and quality for all Californians. In our advocacy we include all stakeholders such as students, parents, workers, unions, community groups, faith leaders, educational organizations, elected representatives, and the faculty, staff, and administrators from all the Higher Education systems: the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California.

Wednesday, November 18 4:30pm - 6:30pm, Room 927 (MVC)

Roadmap to Apartheid: Ana Nogueira, a white South African, and Eron Davidson, a Jewish Israeli, draw on their first-hand knowledge of the issues to investigate the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Narrated by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Alice Walker, this award winning documentary is as much a historical document of the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa, as it is a film about why many Palestinians feel they are living in an apartheid system today, and why an increasing number of people around the world agree with them. The film compares the many similar laws and tools used by both Israel and apartheid-era South Africa. The audience will see what life is like for Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and inside Israel while gaining a deeper understanding of the conflict with the help of respected analysts on the subject. Combined with archival material and anecdotes from South Africans, the film forms a complete picture as to why the analogy is being used with increasing frequency and potency.

Thursday, November 19th 12:30pm – 1:45pm, Room 408 (MVC)

Speakers on Islam: Nearly half of Americans have a generally unfavorable view of Islam, according to a 2006 Washington Post-ABC News poll, a number has risen since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. That climate makes it easy to lose sight of the fact that the majority of mainstream Muslims hate terrorism and violence as much as we do -- and makes it hard for non-Muslims to know where to begin to try to understand a great world faith.

Tuesday, December 1st 12:30pm – 1:45pm, Room 408 (MVC)

The Rise of ISIS: The Rise of ISIS is a major, in-depth investigation of the brutal terrorist group's ascent, from veteran journalist Martin Smith. It investigates the miscalculations and mistakes behind the rise of the ruthless jihadist group. "This documentary lays out, in chilling detail, the buildup of unheeded warnings, failures, and missed opportunities that allowed al-Qaeda in Iraq to become ISIS."

Tuesday, December 8 12:30pm - 2:30pm, Room 927 (MVC)

Dakota 38: The largest mass execution in U.S. history occurred 148 years ago, when 38 Dakota Indian warriors were hanged from a single scaffold in Mankato. The shock waves of that mass execution still reverberate today among the Dakota people. This documentary film remembers the 38, and also a group of Dakota who ride on horseback each year at this time to Mankato to commemorate the executions of Dec. 26, 1862. Dakota 38 documents the ride to Mankato in 2008. It was a memorable trek, filled with blizzards but also warm greetings from small-town residents along the way. In the movie, Indian spiritual leader Jim Miller describes his painful dream and its hold on him.

Movies Are Free and Open to the Public

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