EXPLORING OUR WORLD THROUGH DOCUMENTARIES

Winter Term, 2020

Mondays, 1:00 – 3:30 pm*

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During this course, we will view and discuss the eight critically-acclaimed documentary films listed below. Each film considers and explores an aspect of the amazing and complicated world in which we live. Readings and/or web links to enhance your understanding of the film’s subject matter will be provided in advance of each class.

1. January 13 – Racing Extinction – Scientists, activists and journalists document what many believe is the sixth major extinction event in earth’s history.

(January 20 – No class – Martin Luther King Day)


3. February 3 – Three Identical Strangers - Identical triplets reunite many years after separation at birth, unearthing a secret that has significant repercussions.

4. February 10 – Where to Invade Next – A somewhat irreverent but insightful take on what the USA might learn from the best practices of other countries.

5. February 17 – The Biggest Little Farm – A couple faces a myriad of challenges as they work to develop a sustainable farm on 200 desolate acres outside of Los Angeles.

6. February 24 – Score – Showcases many of our best film score composers and tracks the technical challenges of modern-day film score development.

7. March 2 – Imber’s Left Hand – Facing ALS and his mortality, Jon Imber remained determined to continue his work as an artist despite his condition.

8. March 9 – Particle Fever - Scientists re-create conditions from the big-bang theory to investigate the origin of all matter and unravel the mysteries of the universe.

Come join us for thought-provoking films and lively discussion!

VERY IMPORTANT: Please note that because of Martin Luther King Day there will be no classes on January 20 and the term will be extended to Monday, March 9. If you are unable to attend the first session of the class or if you have decided to drop the class, please notify the facilitators by e-mail as soon as possible.

*NOTE: All classes will be conducted at the Boulder Jewish Community Center, 6007 Oreg Avenue, Boulder, CO 80303. Each class is scheduled for 2.5 hours to allow sufficient time for discussion and group interaction. There will be a 10-15 minute break during each class.