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Documentary Film Screening Examines Roles of Race and Gender in Politics

In a timely prelude to the 2008 election, two documentary films dealing with issues of race and gender in relation to politics will be featured and discussed on Tuesday, October 21, and Wednesday, October 22, at 7:30 p.m. The film screening, presented by the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race & Ethnicity at The Ohio State University, will be held in the Ohio State University EA Building, 209 W. 18th Street, Columbus, OH, 43210.

The films include: “Chisholm ’72 Unbought & Unbossed” by Shola Lynch, which takes a perceptive look into race and gender politics of the 70s and Chisholm’s run to be a democratic presidential candidate in the context of the time; and “Street Fight” by Marshall Curry, which tracks the current Mayor of Newark, Cory Booker, a 32-year-old Rhodes Scholar/Yale Law School grad, in his initial run for Mayor in 2004 against the city’s favorite, and four-year incumbent, Sharpe James.

Each screening session will be followed by a discussion panel led by Moritz College of Law faculty, Vincene Verdun, associate professor of law, whose research focuses on critical race theory; Daniel Tokaji, associate professor of law, whose present area of focus is civil rights and democracy; and Hasan Kwame Jeffries, assistant professor of History, who specializes in twentieth century African American history and has an expertise in the Civil Rights-Black Power Movement.

The screening will be free and open to the public.

The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity was established in 2003 as a center for interdisciplinary research at The Ohio State University. The Kirwan Institute partners with people, communities, and institutions worldwide to think about, talk about, and act on race in ways that create and expand opportunity for all.

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