SPECIAL FILM SERIES

For the 2015-2016 Academic Year
with a thematic focus surrounding
“The 7 Major Fields of American Studies”

**SEPT 03**

**DEAR WHITE PEOPLE (2014)**
“Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies”
*Thursday, September 03, 2015 – 5:00 p.m. – HEAV G004*
A satirical comedy-drama focusing on black students attending a private college in the United States. About the film, *Rotten Tomatoes* website states: “*Dear White People* adds a welcome new voice to cinema’s oft-neglected discussion of race, tackling its timely themes with intelligence, honesty, and gratifyingly sharp wit.”

**OCT 01**

**CATFISH (2010)**
“New Media and Popular Culture Studies”
*Thursday, October 01, 2015 – 5:00 p.m. – HEAV G004*
A documentary film involving a young man as he builds a romantic relationship with a young woman on the social networking website Facebook. This film broaches a variety of topics in the area of American Studies with a particular focus on authenticity, identity, and performance.

**NOV 05**

**HELVETICA (2007)**
“Design and Material Culture Studies”
*Thursday, November 05, 2015 – 5:00 p.m. – HEAV G004*
This film is an independent feature-length documentary about typography and graphic design, centered on the typeface of the same name. With its straight lines and sans serif body, the font has taken over in the design world – including the poster you’re currently reading!

**DEC 03**

**PROMISED LAND (2012)**
“Science, Technology, and Environment Studies”
*Thursday, December 03, 2015 – 5:00 p.m. – HEAV G004*
Following two corporate salespeople who visit a rural town in an attempt to buy drilling rights from the local residents, this film highlights the resource extraction process known as “fracking” – which has in recent years grown into a topic of debate in the areas of Science, Technology, and Environment Studies.

Each event will include **light refreshments and stimulating conversations!**

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