Let's talk about sex work

THE FILM A Kiss for Gabriela

Gabriela Leite (pictured) is the first sex worker to run for Brazilian Congress. "A Kiss for Gabriela" is an intimate portrait of her 2010 campaign when she faced 822 opponents and challenged a male dominated political system. Combining an observational style with unrestricted access, "A Kiss for Gabriela” explores what it means to run for office as a woman, a wife, and most importantly, as a someone who represents one of the most stigmatized populations in the world. Gabriela's charisma and remarkable personal history encourage audiences to think about the human rights of sex workers and reflect critically on laws and policies that restrict possibilities for women like her globally. Ultimately, she was not elected, yet in "A Kiss for Gabriela," we see that it is not whether you win or lose, or even how you play in politics. For women like Gabriela who are making history and challenging stereotypes with their campaigns, it's that you're in the game at all.

Come see the film and participate in a discussion with the director Laura Murray and the Sex Work Outreach Project Chicago on April 21st at 4pm SC239

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