SUMMER 2014: Center on Disability Studies, University of Hawaii at Mānoa

REPRESENTATIONS OF DISABILITY IN FILM

An online Graduate Seminar (3 Credits)
Open to Students at any University

Summer 2014 Extension - July 21st - August 16th, 2014
CRN: 97310 Section: 701

Course Description:
DIS 699 Representations of Disability in Film
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Cinema has long carried on a love affair with disability. This love affair has been a deeply ambivalent one, with people with disabilities portrayed alternately as saints or monsters, asexual or hyper-sexual, as both objects of fear and attraction. It is the intent of this course to interrogate these contradictions. Students in this online course will view and respond to a series of films that portray disability with the following aims: (1) to interrogate their own assumptions about disability; (2) to deepen their historical understanding of the ways in which the "grammar" of film has shaped depictions of disability; and (3) to consider the ways in which these images may dialog with the ways we think about disability. Films viewed include: Freaks, Coming Home, The Elephant Man, Crash, There's Something About Mary and The Station Agent.

This course is intended for students across disciplines, including social work, psychology, public health, law, nursing, political science, and especially education. It is presented in an online, asynchronous format designed to accommodate the schedules of working professionals.

This 3-credit graduate seminar is available completely online as part of the Center on Disability Studies’ 15-credit Certificate in Disability and Diversity Studies.
(http://www.cds.hawaii.edu/certificates/)

Registration Information:
Registration now open: students from any university are welcome to attend.
(1) Current UH students:
Course is listed on “Summer Extension” course schedule https://www.sis.hawaii.edu/uhdad/avail.classes?i=MAN&t=201440&s=DIS Current UH Mānoa students: may register now at http://myuh.hawaii.edu.

(2) Students from all other universities:
To register, non-UH students first complete:
Outreach College application form: http://www.outreach.hawaii.edu/summer/myuh/apply.asp
Application processing takes 5 working days. Once application has been processed, students will be notified & can register via MyUH.

Questions about this course may be directed to: rraphael@hawaii.edu