

**Final Report: UD Diversity Research Grant**  
Mapping the Margins: Documentary Film and Speaker Series  
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The Mapping the Margins: Documentary Film and Speaker Series was for three documentary films, guest speakers, and discussions for the Spring 2013 Semester. The aim of the program was to interrogate and discuss systems of social oppression. These documentary shorts provided space to discuss the intersections of class, race, and gender through themes such as human rights, women's rights, and education. All of these themes were explored, unpacked, and discussed through the presence of a relevant guest speaker and guided discussion. This proposal added to the activities and goals of the Center for Study of Diversity through student and community activities and also provided a basis for the study of research pertaining to the impact that documentary film on pedagogy and discourse.

The program was open to the public and there were no entry fee charged. Average attendance was roughly forty people each session, with a good mix of undergraduate and graduate students, Newark community members, and UD professors.

Two of the three speakers were able to join us on campus. Dr. Sahar Sattarzadeh from the University of Maryland came to speak about human rights and access to education, particularly with a focus on women and girls, this was accompanied by a short film about the young Pakistani girl Malala Yousefzai. Dr. Michael Penn from Franklin and Marshall University came and spoke about how to reframe human rights discourse in terms of human capacity. He showed videos having to do with WWII and the Nuremberg trials. The third speaker, a Lakota Sioux artist and journalist Joye Braun had to be cancelled due to an unanticipated illness. We worked with her and attempted to get her back on campus but we were unable to do so. In lieu of this event, we showed a documentary entitled Give to Live, a documentary film that I directed and deals with charitable giving and human compassion. After which, we had a lively discussion with the audience.

The grant facilitated multiple events on campus that brought together a diverse group of people within the UD community. There was healthy conversation and dialogue between community members and the speakers. I am truly grateful for the UD Diversity Research Grant and would like to see its continued success.

Please see follow-survey on of participants below.



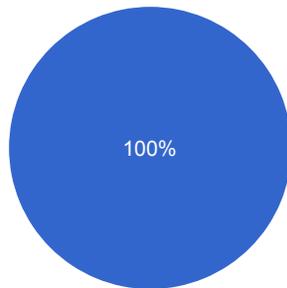
## Summary

**After attending the series, do you feel that you were exposed to a new perspective?**



Yes	<b>5</b>	100%
No	<b>0</b>	0%

**Would you like to see a series like this continue in the following semesters?**



Yes	<b>5</b>	100%
No	<b>0</b>	0%

### Memorable topics discussed by speaker(s)?

Human rights and the current lack thereof, in the world.

history of human rights and how to connect it to love

Concept of identity, Concept of education

I only attended the first lecture and I was fascinated by the discussion of love in relation to human rights. Unfortunately, most social scientists avoid discussions of love.

The rationality of happiness and love - it was just awesome.

**How did the video portion add to the exploration of the theme? Usefulness of the film in exploring topic?**

It covered a basic understanding of what we needed to know before he lectured. I didn't learn anything new though.

Being a lifelong Baha'i, many of the ideas presented were familiar but the video clips brought a lot to life for me.

Second video is illuminating of story that captures the difficulties of the condition and can be expanded upon in discussions.

Frankly, I thought the use of film was a weak point in this particular lecture.

Film gives opportunity to connect with a stranger's story by exposing the viewer to personal details, emotional expressions, and the subject's voice. Taking in information through this medium helps solidify the overarching message of the film.

### Overall impressions of the evening(s)?

Love it! love you...

I thought the speaker was outstanding.

I had a wonderful time, I hope you do more in the future!

Good format for discussion among all types of people

Great to hear not only the presenter but the views of everyone attending. Please continue the series if possible. They are very beneficial.

### Number of daily responses

