

Arab Diasporas/Comparative Diasporas Film Series

**Tuesday, October 4, 2005**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Social Science Building, Rm. 1165**

**University of Michigan, Dearborn**

## Navajo Talking Picture

Navajo film student Arlene Bowman travels to the Reservation to document the traditional ways of her grandmother. The filmmaking persists in spite of her grandmother's forceful objections to this invasion of her privacy. Ultimately, what emerges is a thought-provoking work that abruptly calls into question issues of "insider/outsider" status in a portrait of an assimilated Navajo struggling to use a "white man's" medium to capture the remnants of her cultural past.

### Post-Screening Roundtable Discussion with:

#### Veronica Pasfield

- PhD candidate, American Culture Program (University of Michigan – Ann Arbor)
- Ojibwe member, Michigan's Bay Mills Indian Community
- Feature Writer, *Detroit Monthly* & Founding Editor, *HOOR Detroit*

#### Juliette Roddy

- Professor of Economics, University of Michigan- Dearborn
- Board Member, American Indian Health and Family Services
- Advisor, Nation Institutes of Health's Minority Interest Group
- Member, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

#### Barry Bogin



- Professor of Anthropology, University of Michigan - Dearborn
- Former Chairperson, Department of Behavior Science
- Recipient, William E. Stirton Professorship

#### Amy Schultz



- Associate Director, Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture and Health
- Co-Director, Promoting Ethnic Diversity in Public Health (NIH)
- Co-Facilitator, CRECH NIH predoctoral seminar on ethnicity, culture and health

#### Poonam Arora



- Chair, Humanities Department
- Writer, South Asian cinema (Bollywood), ethnographic film, women filmmakers, and script writing
- Professor of Film Studies, Women and Gender Studies, MALS (MA in Liberal Arts), African/ African-American Studies

#### Lora Bex Lempert



- Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan - Dearborn
- Former Director, Women and Gender Studies, University of Michigan - Dearborn
- Faculty Member, Women and Gender Studies, African and African American Studies
- Fulbright Scholar, University of Western Cape, South Africa

Free and open to the public.

Space is limited. Please RSVP by Monday, October 3, 2005 at [caasumd@umd.umich.edu](mailto:caasumd@umd.umich.edu) or call CAAS at (313) 583-6334