Green Film Series: Issues & Dialogue

One Thursday each month, January - May 2014

Location: G002 Hesterberg Hall, Michigan Tech Forestry Bldg

Time: 7:00-9:00 pm; enjoy coffee, dessert, and facilitated discussion

Cost: FREE; $3 suggested donation

**Jan. 23 - Fuel** A shrinking economy, failing auto industry, rampant unemployment, out-of-control national debt, and an insatiable demand for energy weigh heavily on all of us. “Fuel” points the way out of this mess by explaining how to replace every drop of oil we now use, while creating green jobs and keeping our money here at home. Not dwelling on the negative, the film shows solutions already within our reach. (112 min.)

**Feb. 20 - Tiny: A story about living small** The “tiny house” movement can be traced back as far as Thoreau’s book, *Walden*. Thoreau’s ideal of simplifying life, considering which comforts and possessions can be done without in order to live a life that is “more deliberate” rings true for many. Whatever their motivation, Tiny House owners have come up with some inspiring designs and innovations for living comfortably in small spaces. (62 min.)

**March 20 - Gasland** Focusing on US communities impacted by natural gas drilling (*fracking*), the producer spent time with citizens in their homes and on their land as they relayed stories of natural gas drilling including a variety of chronic health problems directly traceable to contamination of their air, of their water wells or of surface water. Throughout the documentary, Fox reached out to scientists, politicians, and gas industry executives. Find out why hydraulic fracturing was exempted from the Safe Drinking Water Act in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. (100 min.)

**April 17 - Thin Ice** Climate science has been coming under increasing attack. In this documentary, geologist Simon Lamb takes his camera to climate science colleagues around the world to find out what’s really going on and reveals the human face of climate science. The film provides an accessible introduction to the latest Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. (114 min.)

**May 15 - GMO OMG** Explores the systematic corporate takeover and potential loss of humanity’s most precious and ancient inheritance: seeds, investigating how loss of seed diversity and corresponding laboratory assisted genetic alteration of food affects young children, the health of our planet, and freedom of choice everywhere. Following one family’s struggle to live and eat without participating in an unhealthy, unjust, and destructive food system. Has the global food system been irrevocably hijacked, or can we take back our food, heal the planet, and live sustainably? (85 min.)

More info: http://www.wupcenter.mtu.edu/ and http://lakesuperiorstewardship.org

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