

Sexism|Cinema Film Series: Spring 2021

Fifty+ years ago, the term “sexism” was coined. This film series considers ways in which sexism is embedded, endorsed, and/or challenged in the cinema. Together, these films featuring women as central protagonists offer an intriguing site for the analysis of representations of race/ethnicity, femininities, masculinities, and sexualities. All discussions begin at 7:30pm on Zoom; please register through the links on our website: <https://www.sexismcinema.com/>.

February 3, 2021: *Born in Flames* (1983)

March 3, 2021: *The Joy Luck Club* (1993)

April 7, 2020: *Enough* (2002)

May 5, 2020: *Gaslight* (1944)

Film Facts: Flo Kennedy has the role of “Zella” in this film. Kennedy is a noted intersectional feminist activist who helped found the National Women’s Political Caucus. She graduated from Columbia University School of Law in 1951 and was the only Black woman in her class.

The director of *Born in Flames* was originally named Linda Elizabeth Borden, but legally changed her name to Lizzie Borden in reference to the 19th century axe murderer.

Our Featured Speaker for Tonight

Dr. Fareed Ben-Youssef is an Assistant Professor in Film & Media Studies at Texas Tech University. His book, *No Jurisdiction: Legal, Political, and Aesthetic Disorder in Post-9/11 Genre Cinema*, is forthcoming from SUNY Press. It reveals and wrestles with genre's multivalent purpose as a tool to normalize state violence and as a potential mode of human rights critique. His work on global cinema has appeared in journals such as *The Journal of Popular Culture* and *Southwestern American Literature*. As part of his efforts to teach outside the classroom, Ben-Youssef has also organized myriad university film series and hosted master classes with award-winning directors such as Ari Folman and Ryūsuke Hamaguchi.

Potential Questions for Discussion

1. How does the film’s portrayal of racism, sexism, classism, and heterosexism parallel contemporary conflicts, as well as those during the Women’s Rights movement?
2. How do you feel about the Men’s Rights Activists in the film?
3. How does the street harassment of women depicted in the film relate to the women's struggle for power? Has street harassment changed since the 1980s?
4. How do the fictional news reports, surveillance footage, and radio broadcasts operate within the film? Why do the filmmakers put these different media forms in conflict with each other?

Further Resources

Collins, P. H. (1996). What's in a name? Womanism, Black feminism, and beyond. *The Black Scholar*, 26(1), 9-17.

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Additional Resources



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ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

OFFICE FOR STUDENT RIGHTS & RESOLUTION

SUB 232E | 806.742.7233 | titleix.ttu.edu
Reporting for sexual violence, interpersonal conflicts, harassment, and discrimination.
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STUDENT COUNSELING CENTER

SWC 201 | 806.742.3674 | counseling.ttu.edu
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