

# Sexism|Cinema Film Series: Spring 2019

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 movies begin at 7:30pm and are followed by a 20 minute discussion.

February 6, 2019: *Selena* (1997)

March 6, 2019: *Sixteen Candles* (1984)

April 3, 2019: *Set it Off* (1996)

May 1, 2019: *Adam’s Rib* (1949)

**Film Fact:** John Hughes wrote *Sixteen Candles* over the course of one Fourth of July weekend, reportedly inspired by Molly Ringwald’s headshot, though he had not yet met her. She was fifteen at the time of filming. Michael Schoeffling, who played Jake Ryan, was twenty-three.

## Our Featured Speaker for Tonight:

**Dr. Dana Weiser** is an assistant professor in Human Development & Family Studies, and a faculty affiliate in Women’s and Gender Studies at Texas Tech. Her research explores how parents communicate directly and indirectly about relationships and sexuality. Her work primarily focuses on sexual violence and infidelity.

## Potential Questions for Discussion

1. What happens when we watch *Sixteen Candles*, a film from 1984, from the perspective of a 2019 audience? How does it compare with “teen films” produced today?
2. Considering the many racial/ethnic stereotypes and jokes in the film, what are the underlying messages about race/ethnicity, including whiteness?
3. How does this film treat consent, and what kinds of expectations does it present for male and female sexualities?
4. Think about the role of photography, video, and other visual technologies in the film. How does this compare to the ways cameras are used in contemporary culture?
5. How does *Sixteen Candles* define a “good relationship”?

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