

Religious Studies Film Series

Queering and Querying Religion

Monday October 24th, 5-7pm, RSS 235



Jihad for Love (2007) is the world's first documentary film on the coexistence of Islam and homosexuality. The title refers to the Islamic concept of jihad, as a religious struggle. The film seeks to reclaim this concept of personal struggle for gay Muslims, rather than how it is used in the media almost exclusively to mean "holy war" and to refer to violent acts

perpetrated by extremist Muslims.

Wednesday October 26, 7-9 pm in ECTR 113

Banned in India, *Fire* is the first film to confront lesbianism in a Hindu culture adamantly denying such a love could ever exist. In a barren, arranged marriage to an amateur swami who seeks enlightenment through celibacy, Radha Kapur 's life takes an irresistible turn when her beautiful young sister-in-law seeks to free herself from the confines of her own loveless marriage. A tender and passionate love story develops that signals the slow and painful dissolution of the old order in this contemporary story of women breaking the bonds of obedience, fidelity and silence; and of men struggling to maintain their traditional advantages while exploring the freedoms of westernized life.



Thursday October 27th, 7-9pm, ECTR 219

For the Bible Tells Me So is an American documentary film about homosexuality and its perceived conflict with religion, as well as various interpretations of what the Bible says about same-sex sexuality. It also includes lengthy interview segments with several sets of religious parents (including former House Majority Leader Dick Gephardt) regarding their personal experiences raising homosexual children, and also interviews with those (adult) children.

