

South Africa: Contested Transitions (H48Q)

South Africa Film Series

Winter Quarter, 2008/2009

- Monday, January 12 **We Jive Like This**
Records the dance, poetry, theatre and music of South Africa's streets and backyards which provide a street education, an outlet for self-expression, and a celebration of everyday.
- Monday, January 19 **Martin Luther King Day**
- Monday, January 26 **Generations of Resistance**
Uses archival photographs, newsreel footage, and interviews to chronicle the quest by black South Africans for economic viability and individual freedom.
- Monday, February 2 **Maids and Madams**
In South Africa female black domestic workers are called maids and the white women who employ them are called madams. In this film both maids and madams talk openly about their daily lives, their responsibilities, their attitudes toward racism and their interrelationships. The film also discusses efforts to improve living and working standards for the maids and some of the organizations involved in this work, such as the Black Sash Society, the South African Domestic Workers Association (S.A.D.W.A.) and the Centres of Concern. Pitted against a repressive social system, women are portrayed as the prime movers for change.
- Monday, February 9 **In a Time of Violence, Part 1**
*A story concerning changing values, violent cultural and political clashes and conflict among black families in Johannesburg, South Africa.
Episode 1. The line.*
- Monday, February 16 **Presidents' Day**
- Monday, February 23 **In a Time of Violence, Part 2**
Episode 2. All on edge.
- Monday, March 2 **In a Time of Violence, Part 3**
Episode 3. Fire with fire.
- Monday, March 9 **Testing Hope: Grade 12 in the new South Africa**
Chronicles the lives of four young people in 12th grade in Nyanga, Cape Town, as they work toward their crucial Matric exams. Even in the new South Africa, many vestiges of apartheid persist, and the students believe the Matric examination, which all students are required to take, will determine their future. It explores what hangs in the balance if the students pass Matric and what awaits those who do not.

Mondays, 12-1 pm, 202 Encina Hall West

All are welcome!