Resist: A Series of Films and Conversations on Social Activism

The Gender Studies and Africana Studies programs present the third installment in our collaborative documentary film series highlighting the power of collective activism and organized resistance. The series spotlights the strategic efforts of citizens to resist oppression and social injustice and create change across a variety of issues and time periods.

On Wednesday March 15 and Thursday March 16, we will be discussing How to Survive a Plague (2012). The documentary is a riveting, powerful telling of the story of the grassroots activists who formed ACT-UP [AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power]. Ignored by public officials, religious leaders, and the nation at large, and confronted with shame and hatred, this small group of men and women chose to fight for their right to live by educating themselves and demanding to become full partners in the race for effective treatments. Through interviews and never-before-seen archival footage from the 1980s and ’90s, filmmaker David France puts the viewer right in the middle of the controversial actions, the heated meetings, the heartbreaking failures, and the jubilant breakthroughs of heroes in the making. (http://surviveaplague.com/)

Please join us for a viewing and discussion of How to Survive a Plague

Wednesday March 15th from 4:30 to 6:45 PM in A321

AND

Thursday March 16th from 1:00 to 3:20 PM in H229