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PRAGDA group sponsors free, Spanish film series at Willamette next fall

Five new Spanish-language films will be showcased at Willamette University next fall, due to a grant from the <u>PRAGDA</u> organization.

The mission of the group, based in Brooklyn, N.Y., is to share Spanish-language films with diverse audiences. With the grant, assistant professor Anna Cox of the Spanish and film studies departments will debut a film series over a five-week period in Ford Hall.

The movies will be free and open to the public. The dates and times of the showings have yet to be announced.

"My goal is to draw large, diverse audiences from our students, faculty and staff on campus, as well as the Salem community," she says. "I want to engage in challenging yet meaningful discussions about the different Spanish and Latin American cultures portrayed on the screen and, at the same time, to reflect on our own cultures."

The Spanish films address topics ranging from race and gender to immigration and sustainability. Cox says she's looking forward to the opportunity to think critically with others outside of the classroom.

"I am thrilled to collaborate with PRAGDA to spread recent Spanishlanguage films, especially since they address social issues that have affected us all in different ways around the world," she says.

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Anna Cox

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