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FALL 1997
LECTURE SERIES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26   4:00 - 6:00 PM
PATRICIA WILLIAMS
Author and legal scholar
Columbia University Law School
"Trial By Mediat"
My Walk On the Wild Side with The Daily Mail"
King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center
53 Washington Square South
The Screening Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23   4:00 - 6:00 PM
ARJUN APPADURAI
Anthropologist and cultural theorist
University of Chicago
"Circulation and Mediation: Problematics for an Anthropology of Reception"
Tisch School of the Arts
721 Broadway. Room 606

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5   3:00 - 6:00 PM
NATALIE ZEMON DAVIS
Historian, University of Toronto
Laurie Kahn/Leavitt
Producer/writer. A Midwife's Tale
"Writing History, Filming History: A Midwife's Tale"
King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center
53 Washington Square South
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SCREENINGS & SEMINARS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7   10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
"Tuning In: Media North and South," a seminar in conjunction with the Marguerite Mead Film and Video Festival
10:00 - 12:30 "Community Antennas: The Early Years of Grassroots Media"
2:00 - 5:00 "Samba, Sertão and Sexuality: New Voices in Brazilian Documentary"
American Museum of Natural History
Central Park West at 77th Street
Kaufman Auditorium

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15   10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
"Out At Work. The Documentary PBS Refused to Air," a symposium on sexuality and labor
Sponsored by the American Studies Program
10:00 - 12:30 Screening: Out At Work, a film by Kelly Anderson and Tam Gold
2:00 - 5:00 Panels and discussion
Center Film Center
36 East 8th Street

VISUALIZING MEGACITIES
A screening and discussion mini-series with Christine Choy, Chair, Graduate Film and Television, urbanist Akhtar Badshah and filmmaker Angel Shaw

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18   6:00 - 8:30 PM
Last Wish, a film by Tinky Aguhuz (Philippines)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2   6:00 - 8:30 PM
In the Name of the Emperor, a film by Christine Choy and Nancy Tang
King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center
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COMING EVENTS
SPRING 1998

FEBRUARY
Screenings and conversations with film maker
CHANTAL AKERMAN, cultural critic B. RUBY RICH,
and others

MARCH
Screening and workshop with ethnographer and
film maker JEAN PAUL COLLEYN (Ecole des Hautes
Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris), "L'Ecole D'Asie"

APRIL
Lecture by sociologist HERMAN GRAY
(UC/Santa Cruz), "Representation, Politics,
and Cultural Formations."

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