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## Act III

# Confronting Cinematic Stereotypes: Struggle, Redemption, and Second Chances in Modern Film

In this three-evening community enrichment course, participants will watch and discuss three films that depict struggle, redemption, and second chances in different cultural settings. Each class session will include a pre-screening lecture followed by a showing of the film. Afterward, audience members will be able to engage in conversation about the events featured, the ways directors presented the subjects, and cinematic techniques used that may answer some questions while raising others.

### About the instructor



This course is taught by Dr. D.J. Higgins, assistant teaching professor of film/video and music at Penn State Schuylkill. Dr. Higgins earned the Doctor of Philosophy in Modern Languages

from Middlebury College and is an active filmmaker, having directed, written, and produced several award-winning short films.

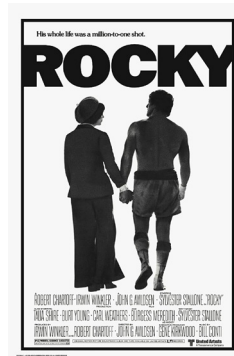
### Registration

Each class begins at 6:00 p.m. in Morgan Auditorium at Penn State Schuylkill's Student Community Center.

Cost: \$30 for the entire course for community members

Free for Penn State Schuylkill students, faculty and staff members (*see campus newsletter for details*).

### Register online:



**September 27, 2023**

**Rocky** (John Avild, 1970)

*Rocky* chronicles the plight of an amateur boxer from Philadelphia throughout his intense training leading up to a big match against Apollo Creed, the reigning heavyweight champ. Written by and starring Sylvester Stallone, *Rocky* launched his career as a respected actor.



**October 25, 2023**

**The Fighter** (David O. Russell, 2010)

*The Fighter* centers on professional boxer Micky Ward (Mark Wahlberg) and his complicated family dynamic with half-brother Dicky Eklund (Christian Bale). Dicky stopped boxing after battling with substance use disorder and is now training Micky for the welterweight championship.



**November 29, 2023**

**Crazy Rich Asians** (Jon M. Chu, 2018)

*Crazy Rich Asians* follows Chinese-American Rachel Chu (Constance Wu) and her boyfriend Nick (Henry Golding) on their travels to his best friend's wedding in his Singapore hometown where secrets are revealed. Based on a book by Kevin Kwan, the film reflects on the immigrant experience through a class-based lens.