

"This Too Is Women's Studies"

Filmmaker Annabel Park

speaks on

Immigration, Activism and New Media

WHEN: 29TH OCTOBER 2008

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: 0200 SYMONS HALL



Filmmakers Annabel Park and Eric Byler's most acclaimed work is the interactive YouTube channel, 9500Liberty, documenting the anti-Hispanic "crackdown on illegal immigration" in Prince William County, Virginia. Soon to be a feature length documentary, this project began as the world's first "Interactive Documentary" on YouTube, and developed into a virtual town hall about the politicization of the immigration issue. The channel fostered a constructive dialogue based on real information among residents of Prince William County that led to residents meeting and organizing against the crackdown. The impact of 9500Liberty on the community has been featured on [CNN](#) and in other news sources.

Their work encourages us to think about how new media contribute to policy debates and enhance our understandings of activism and of our individual roles and responsibilities in creating change in our communities. For more information about 9500 Liberty, visit <http://www.youtube.com/9500Liberty>

Free and open to the public. For more information, call the Department of Women's Studies, 301-405-6877, or email womensstudies@umd.edu.