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## **“Movies of the Mind” series to discuss social issues depicted in cinema**

(Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – April. 3, 2008) Palm Beach Community College in Palm Beach Gardens renews the popular “Movies of the Mind” film and lecture series with two scheduled for April.

On Tuesday, April 15, the Academy-Award winning film “Driving Miss Daisy,” starring Morgan Freeman, Jessica Tandy and Dan Aykroyd will be shown at 4:00 p.m. in the BioScience Building lecture hall.

“Driving Miss Daisy” tells the story of a relationship between an upper middle-class Jewish widow and her African-American chauffeur over the course of a generation in the Deep South. History Professor Sean Smith will lead a discussion after the movie discussing the racial bigotry and anti-Semitism in 20<sup>th</sup> century America as depicted in the film.

Professor Ellesia Blaque will show clips and discuss the Martin Scorsese film “The Age of Innocence,” adapted from the 1920 Edith Wharton novel, at 4 p.m. on April 22 in Room SC 211 of the BioScience Building.

“The Age of Innocence,” starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder, depicts the social mores among the aristocratic families in 1870s New York City. The discussion of the film will center on the sexual circumspection of women in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and how those restrictions and coercions were similar to formerly enslaved women in the antebellum South.

Both events are free and open to the public. For more information contact Associate Dean Samuel Freas at (561) 207-5416.

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