

Gender, Race, Sexuality and the Cuban Revolution will be explored at *El Cine Cubano* on Sunday, April 6 & Speaker, Tuesday, April 22!

El Cine Cubano! will screen 2 films that explore gender, race and the politics of sexuality before and following the Triumph of the Cuban Revolution with the premiere of ***From Maids to Companeras*** and *Lucia (Part 3)* on Sunday, April 6, from 3 – 5 PM, in the Bozeman Public Library's large Community Room. ***From Maids to Companeras*** is the story of the transformation of the lives of three Afro-Cuban women who were domestic workers before the Cuban revolution, and after the revolution through education, health and community development, gained successful professional careers to become a judge, a poet and a cook. It was produced by Jean Weisman and directed by Belkis Vega. The interviews are especially enlightening about life for many women before and after the Cuban Revolution. Paired with ***Lucia***, award-winning Cuban filmmaker Humberto Sola's compelling narrative told by three Lucias illuminating Cuba's social and political transformations during the 20th Century. The third and most contemporary ***Lucia*** exemplifies the powerful changes undergoing Cuban society as she fights for the right to an education in this examination of gender and sexual politics during Cuba's 1961 Literacy Campaign. For those who loved the documentary ***Maestra/Teacher*** (premiered here two years ago), this is a must see!

Tuesday evening, April 22 at Montana State University will feature Dr. Norma Vasallo Baruetta, Director of the University of Havana's Department of Women's and Gender Studies, internationally-recognized feminist scholar and director, *Women in the 21st Century International Conferences*, as part of a national Speaking Tour. At this free event co-sponsored by numerous campus and community groups, Dr. Vasallo will be speaking about ***Cuba's Changing Economy: Impacts on Cuban Women and Families*** at 7PM in SUB Ballroom A, with a Reception to follow.



Dr. VASALLO'S US SPEAKING TOUR

El Cine Cubano! film events are free and open to the public, a part of an on-going series sponsored by the Gallatin Valley Friends of Cuba, a group of local travelers and persons interested in Cuba.

Contact Jan Strout at 206/251.0880 or Lissa Barber at 406/763.4423. Other co-sponsors include the MSU Department of Modern Languages and Literature and the US Women and Cuba Collaboration. Bozeman and U.S Speaking Tour details forthcoming on www.womenandcuba.org.