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University Park, December 2, 2004 – Governors State University has launched a film series workshop that is free and open to GSU students, faculty, staff, and the public. The workshop is titled “Transformations.” In it Governors State University faculty guest lecture on provocative academic themes and then explore those themes as they appear in various films, selected by the guest lecturers.

The Transformations Film Series is a non-credit workshop.

The first workshop will be presented by Dr. Todd Rohman on Thursday, December 9, at 4:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall, on the university’s main campus, 1 University Parkway, University Park. Rohman is a professor of English and Composition at Governors State. His workshop presentation will focus on memory, identity, and nonlinear narrative.

“Faulkner once wrote that ‘Memory knows before knowing remembers,’” Rohman said. “That suggests to us that key aspects of our identity form long before our conscious ability to analyze them.”

Rohman will show a film *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* in conjunction with his presentation. Rohman said, “Michel Gondry illuminates this relationship between memory and identity through nonlinear cinematic narrative. Our discussion will focus on the ways storytelling not only entertains, but can form the very basis of our self-perception.”

The “Transformations” Film Series workshops are held periodically at the university. They are single workshops and do not require advance registration.