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Bad Movies: A Graduate Colloquium Presented by University of Toronto's Cinema Studies Institute.

Toronto, March 26 and March 27, 2009 –Cinema Studies students enrolled in U of T's graduate program will host a colloquium on "Bad Movies" bringing together graduate film students from U of T and, Carleton, Ryerson, and York Universities.

Bad Movies are films that lack aesthetic polish, ostensible seriousness, any real distinction, or have become famous by being despised by critics and usually audiences alike. Bad Movies, however, have an alarming knack of bouncing back from consignment in the pit of badness. Tastes change. Nostalgia eventually casts a softer light on their badness. Cultural capital shifts its weight and spills surprise credit their way. A once-subversive theme comes to light and transfigures badness with significance or even some bent prophecy.

Event attendees can expect to hear discussions on film technology, social issues, psychology and film analysis, all applied in critical address to movies that seldom enjoy the privilege of academic discussion, whether heartfelt or ironic. Panel topics include: *Spectatorship, Reception and the Gaze; Bad Genres; Sexploitation and Russ Meyer; and, Camp, Cult and Kitsch.*

The colloquium is free of charge and is open to all interested participants. To RSVP for the event, please email Tony Pi at cinema.studies@utoronto.ca.

To request a detailed event schedule or for more information, please email Dimitrios Pavlounis (dimitrios.pavlounis@utoronto.ca), Bart Testa (bart.testa@utoronto.ca) or Philip Leers (Philip.leers@utoronto.ca).

The Cinema Studies Institute is home to Canada's top undergraduate Cinema Studies program attracting top students from across the globe. A new masters program introduced in 2007 and plans for expansion into doctoral study, will position the Institute to become one of North America's top film programs.

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NON-NORMATIVE
VIEWING PRACTICES!

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SEX, VIOLENCE, AND
EXPLOITATION!

COORDINATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO CINEMA STUDIES INSTITUTE

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 6pm - 9pm INNIS COLLEGE, ROOM 222

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 4pm - 6pm INNIS TOWN HALL (reception to follow)

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