



# Sustainable Film Series: Issues & Dialogue

## 3rd Thursdays each month, January - May 2021

**Time: 7:00-8:00 pm** facilitated discussion

**Cost: FREE.** \$5 suggested donation per film is appreciated. [Make donation online.](#)

**Location:** Online. Register [HERE](#) and a zoom link will be emailed to you for each monthly film and/or facilitated discussion.

### **Jan. 21 – *True Cost*** (92 min.)

This is a story about the clothes we wear, the people who make them, and the impact of the industry on our world. The price of clothing has been decreasing for decades, while human and environmental costs have grown dramatically. This documentary pulls back the curtain on the untold story and asks us to consider, *who really pays the price for our clothing?* (2015)

**Discussion Facilitator:** Dr. Soonkwan Hong, Associate Professor of Marketing, MTU College of Business

### **Feb. 18 – *Minimalism*** (78 min.)

How might your life be better with less? The film examines the many flavors of minimalism by taking the audience inside the lives of minimalists from all walks of life -- families, entrepreneurs, architects, artists, journalists, scientists, and even a former Wall Street broker -- all of whom are striving to live a meaningful life with less. (2016) **Discussion Facilitator:** Dr. Chelsea Schelly, Dept of Social Sciences

### **March 18 – *Brave Blue World*** (50 min.) ***World Water Day Event***

From reuse to energy generation, new innovations across five continents are explored in this documentary about building a future for sustainable water. (2020) **Discussion Facilitators:** Dr. Nancy Langson, Dept. of Social Sciences, and Dr. Casey Huckins, Dept. of Biological Sciences

### **April 15 – *Plastic Oceans*** (102 min.)

In the center of the Pacific Ocean gyre, researchers found more plastic than plankton. The film documents the newest science, proving how plastics, after entering the oceans, break up into small particles that enter the food chain where they attract toxins like a magnet. The toxins are stored in sea-food's fatty tissues, and eventually consumed by us. What can we do? (2016) **Discussion Facilitator:** Dr. David Shonnard, Dept. of Chemical Engineering (invited)

### **May 20 – *2040*** (92 min.)

What would the world look like in [2040](#) if we actually implement the solutions for climate change that already exist in 2019? It's the premise of a new documentary from Australian filmmaker Damon Gameau. "I'm calling it an exercise in fact-based dreaming," he says in the film. (2020)

**Discussion Facilitator:** Jessica Daignault, PhD candidate, Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering

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