

# CULTURAL EXPLORATION THROUGH FILM LUNCH & LEARN SERIES



## INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION GUIDED BY **DR. ZEBULON VANCE MILETSKY** SBU, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF AFRICANA STUDIES

Dr. Miletsky will guide an interactive discussion weaving in the powerful biographical drama and the complex dynamics of racial justice, political resistance, and state surveillance in 1960s America.

Dr. Miletsky is an historian specializing in recent African-American History, Civil Rights and Black Power, Urban History, Mixed Race and Biracial identity, and Hip-Hop Studies. His research interests include: African-Americans in Boston; Northern freedom movements outside of the South; Mixed race history in the U.S. and passing; and the Afro-Latin diaspora.

## JUDAS AND THE BLACK MESSIAH

*"Judas and the Black Messiah" (2021) chronicles the true story of FBI informant William O'Neal's infiltration of the Illinois Black Panther Party and his betrayal of Chairman Fred Hampton, brilliantly portrayed by Daniel Kaluuya in his Oscar-winning performance. The film powerfully depicts Hampton's rise as a charismatic civil rights leader and his tragic assassination by law enforcement in 1969, while exploring themes of loyalty, revolution, and systemic racism through the complex dynamic between O'Neal (LaKeith Stanfield) and Hampton.*

Watch the film in advance of the event on [Amazon Video](#), [Fandango at Home](#) or [Google Play](#).

**Friday, January 31, 2025**  
**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**  
**Javits Room 106**  
**Register [here](#)**

This event is sponsored by Finance & Administration. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited to the first 50 registrants.

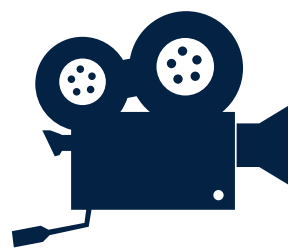
*If you RSVP, but can no longer attend, please notify [Joessie.Mathews@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Joessie.Mathews@stonybrook.edu) promptly, to offer that spot to others.*



### ABOUT THE F&A ALLIANCE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION

The mission of the Education sub-committee is to raise awareness and understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion issues through educational initiatives, workshops, training programs, and other resources.

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### ABOUT THE INITIATIVE CULTURAL EXPLORATION THROUGH FILM

The primary purpose of the lunch and learn series is to leverage the power of films in fostering cross-cultural understanding and awareness through guided viewing and discussion sessions.



### WHY JOIN US? UNDERSTANDING COMES THROUGH STORIES & EVERY CULTURE HAS A STORY TO TELL

- Expand your cultural horizons
- Connect with colleagues
- Gain fresh perspectives
- Enhance cross-cultural understanding
- Contribute to an inclusive workplace
- Cultural refreshments provided (when possible)