**Tuesday February 9th**  
**Salt of the Earth**  
Moderators  
Dr. Vanessa Fonseca & Dr. Scott Henkel

*Salt of the Earth* is a 1954 American drama film written by Michael Wilson. This drama film is one of the first pictures to advance the feminist social and political point of view. Its plot centers on a long and difficult strike, based on the 1951 strike against the Empire Zinc Company in Grant County, New Mexico. The film shows how the miners, the company, and the police react during the strike. In neorealist style, the producers and director used actual miners and their families as actors.

**Thursday March 31st**  
**March Maria Full of Grace**  
Moderator  
Robert Perea

*March Maria Full of Grace* is a 2004 drama film written and directed by Joshua Marston. This drama film is centered on a bright, spirited 17 year old, Maria Alvarez. Who lives in cramped house in rural Colombia and works stripping thorns in a rose plantation. Far from the uneventful trip she is promised, Maria is transported into the risky and ruthless world of international drug trafficking. Her mission becomes one of determination and survival.

**Monday April 11th**  
**The Head of Joaquin Murrieta**  
Moderators  
Dr. Lilia Soto & Director, John Valadez

*The Head of Joaquin Murrieta* is a documentary film written by John J. Valadez. This film focuses on the search of Joaquin Murrieta remains, whose head is placed in a jar and displayed it across California, charging people a dollar to see. One hundred and sixty-two years later, Valadez is convinced he finally has the head. He embarks on a quixotic, cross-country road trip through history, memory, and myth to bury the head of Joaquin Murrieta, and finally lay to rest a dark and troubled past.