NET’s Fall 2012 Coffee and Conversation Film Series Continues Oct. 21 with ‘As Goes Janesville’

The second in the 2012 fall “Coffee and Conversation in the Community” film and discussion series convenes at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21 with “As Goes Janesville.” The series screens at the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center at 13th and Q streets on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

“Coffee and Conversation” is free and open to the public. A community discussion in UNL’s Van Brunt Visitors Center follows the screening. The films are shown in partnership with ITVS Community Cinema, Lincoln community radio station KZUM (89.3 FM), the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Brad Lichtenstein’s “As Goes Janesville” tells the story of Janesville, Wis., home of U.S. Congressman and GOP vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan (R-Wis.). The documentary follows three years in the lives of working people, business leaders and elected officials in one American town trying to reinvent itself amid America’s worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. For more on the film, see http://kartemquin.com/films/as-goes-janesville.

Following the screening, a conversation will be led by Creighton University professor Beverly Kracher. Kracher is board chair, president and executive director of the Business Ethics Alliance, and Robert B. Daugherty Chair in Business Ethics and Society in the College of Business at Creighton University.

The discussion will center on the question: How do we reinvent our economy without abandoning the middle class?

The film can be seen statewide at 10 p.m. CT on Thursday, Oct. 11, on NET1/HD as part of the PBS series “Independent Lens.”

For more information on Coffee and Conversation and NET Community Engagement and Educational Outreach, check the NET website at http://netNebraska.org/engage

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