

NET Film Series Screens ‘Soul Food Junkies’ Feb. 17

NET’s spring schedule for the 2013 “Coffee and Conversation in the Community” film and discussion series continues at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, with “Soul Food Junkies.” 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 each screening. The films are shown in partnership with ITVS Community Cinema, Lincoln community radio station KZUM (89.3 FM), Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and Southeast Community College.

Soul food is a quintessential American cuisine, with a rich history and an abiding significance to black cultural identity. But with its core celebration of all things fried and smothered, it has also had lasting effects on African Americans’ health, both for better and for worse. Byron Hurt’s “Soul Food Junkies” looks at the past and future of soul food, from its roots in Western Africa, its incarnation in the American South, to its contribution to modern health crises in communities of color. “Soul Food Junkies” delves into the historical and controversial relationship between the African American community and soul food. For more on this film, go to www.itvs.org/films/soul-food-junkies.

The discussion leader for this film is Georgia Jones, Ph.D., associate professor of nutrition and health sciences and soul food lecturer, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Additional partners for this screening of “Soul Food Junkies” are UNL’s Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences, the Malone Center and the National Council of Negro Women. Creative Seasonings will provide healthy-heart soul food for this event’s reception.

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

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