Ethics Film Series 2012

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In the seventh Ethics Film Series, Adrienne Arsht and UM Ethics Programs, the School of Communication, and the University of Miami Alumni Association present a variety of provocative films followed by lively debate.

February 13, 6:15 p.m.
Made in India
Winner of the Jury Award for Best Documentary Feature at the 2011 Florida Film Festival, this is the first documentary film to convey the complex journey of U.S. couples who have “outsourced” reproductive surrogacy to India. Juxtaposed scenes of the United States and India illuminate personal struggles, political conflicts, and myriad legal and ethical dilemmas.

Moderated by Director and Co-producer Rebecca Haimowitz
In collaboration with UM’s Program in Women’s and Gender Studies

February 28, 6:15 p.m.
Blood Coltan
The consumer desires of the Western world continue to be linked to the killing of innocent people. Here, the demand is for coltan, a mineral used in the making of cell phones and other electronics. Rebel militias in the Congo have recruited children to work in the mines while those in positions of power have the ear of Western importers, in opposition to the United Nations.

Moderated by Gina Maranto, Leonard and Jayme Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy
Presented as part of UM Ethics Programs’ Eleventh Annual Environmental Ethics Symposium

March 7, 6:15 p.m.
Margin Call
Nominated for a 2011 Oscar, this film captures a 36-hour period at a large investment bank during the 2007-2008 crisis on Wall Street. It focuses on the dilemmas and decisions of employees caught up in the moments of financial collapse. The cast includes Demi Moore, Kevin Spacey, and Paul Bettany.

Moderated by UM faculty

All events are free and open to alumni, students, and the UM community; no RSVP is necessary. Screenings take place at the Bill Cosford Cinema on the Coral Gables campus; snacks will be provided. The Cosford Cinema is located on the second floor of the Dooley Memorial Classroom Building (1111 Memorial Drive). For directions, go to www.cosfordcinema.com/directions. For more information, contact UM Ethics Programs at 305-243-5723 or www.miami.edu/ethics; Environmental Ethics Symposium at 305-284-5926; School of Communication at www.com.miami.edu; or UM Alumni Association at 305-284-2872 or alumni@miami.edu.