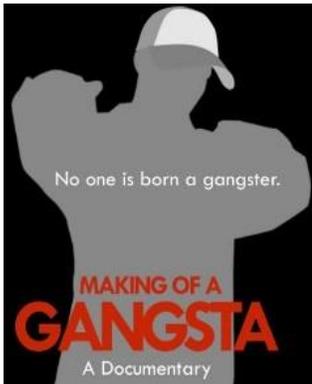




THE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECT'S FALL 2017 FILM & LECTURE SERIES

Thursday Nights, Forum 110, 7pm, MJC East Campus, 435 College Ave.
Open to the Public Free of Charge

Making of a Gangsta – Oct. 5



Through interviews with clinical psychologists, gang experts, and former gang members, *Making of a Gangsta* presents viewers with stories of heartbreak and messages of healing, not glamorized media images. Emotional accounts of adverse childhood experiences and individuals shaped by pain, loss, rejection, and distrust are disclosed in the film, which aims to reduce prejudice, inspire empathy, and raise hope by encouraging viewers to see beyond stereotypes.

Guest speakers for this one-hour film include Patrick Correa (Correctional Supervisor at Juvenile Hall in Modesto), Michael Glauner (Stanislaus County Youth Development Facilitator), and Adam T. Ybarra (Director of *Making of a Gangsta*).

Ybarra also served as Team Chaplain for the Oakland Raiders and currently heads The Tenacious Group, which partners with youth organizations to promote purpose, hope, and vision.

The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution – Oct. 19



Subtitled *Vanguard of the Revolution*, this film sets the rise of the Black Panther Party alongside the turbulent tide of the Vietnam protests and amidst the raging disputes over civil rights. Through a combination of archival footage and interviews with surviving Panthers and FBI agents, *The Black Panthers* tells the story of a controversial movement that was viewed as a source of great inspiration by some but was regarded as extremely menacing by others, such as FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, who declared the Black Panthers to be “the greatest threat to internal security of the country.”

The White Helmets – Nov. 2



Winner of the Academy Award for best short-subject documentary in 2016, this film follows a group of volunteer rescue workers of the Syrian Civil Defense, also known as the White Helmets, as they risk their lives in their efforts to save victims trapped in the rubble caused by military airstrikes.