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In recognition of Dorothy L. Thompson's contributions to the field of human rights on campuses throughout Kansas and the nation, Kansas State University has established the Dorothy L. Thompson Civil Rights Lecture Series.

Dorothy was associated with Kansas State University from 1971 until her death in 1992. From 1972-1985 she served as the University's Affirmative Action Director. She took a leave of absence from her affirmative action post from 1976 to 1978 to attend Washburn University Law School where she graduated 13th in her class. In 1985 she became the Associate University Attorney. She served on the Washburn Law Journal Board, was president of the Riley County Bar Association, and was admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court.

Dorothy was a role model for women and attorneys in Kansas. She was highly regarded by persons of all political leanings for her diplomacy, judiciousness, and effectiveness. Dorothy had an abiding respect for all people and a profound commitment to fairness and equity. A civil rights lecture series is a particularly fitting memorial for her.

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crash

A seemingly simple car accident in Los Angeles brings together a very diverse group of people. As their lives collide the issue of racism and racial profiling is explored as each of these people work through their own fears and inherent prejudices. This film is an example of the interconnectedness of life in the melting pot.

Sandra Bullock,

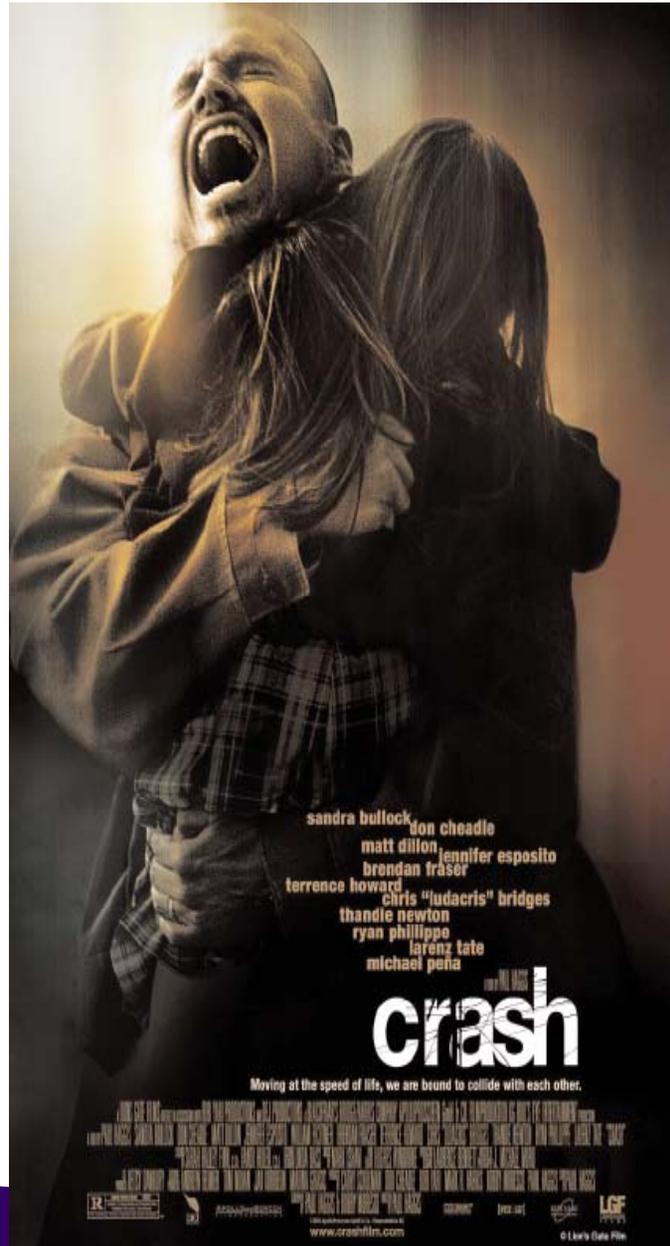
Don Cheadle, Matt Dillon, Jennifer Esposito

Lions Gate Films;

Directed by Paul Haggis

Rated R; 100 minutes; 2005

You are invited to stay with us after the movie for a thought-provoking conversation on racial profiling and this specific film.



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- 2004—Professor Jeannine Bell; Arthur A. Benson II; Michael Ratner; Professor Nadine Strossen
- 2005—Judge Paul Brady, Professor Patricia Williams
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- 2007—Ambassador Edward Perkins; Mira Mdvani
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