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## JOIN A DISCUSSION OF THE FILM *WATER* AT OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE

TOMS RIVER, NJ – Ocean County College’s Global Education Committee sponsors events that heighten student, campus, and community understanding of the interconnectedness of diverse cultures and nations, fostering a college climate of global citizenry. On Tuesday, **April 13**, the Global Education Committee and the Student Life Committee will present a **viewing of excerpts from, and a discussion on, the film *Water***, by director Deepa Mehta.

The discussion, part of this year’s theme of Global Economies and Ecologies, will be held from **2:00 to 3:15 p.m.** in the Technology Building Lecture Hall on OCC’s Main Campus, College Drive, Toms River, NJ.

The event is free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required.

Join Charlene Williams, Associate Professor of English and Literature, and Jayanti Tamm, Instructor of English and Literature, for the viewing of excerpts from *Water*, followed by discussion. The film examines the plight of a group of widows forced into poverty at a temple in the holy city of Varanasi in India, and focuses on a relationship between a widow who wants to escape the social restrictions and a man who is from the highest caste and a follower of Mahatma Gandhi.

Viewing this film creates a vehicle to explore some of the global issues found in India today. The audience will learn about the spiritual, religious, and economic plights of women, and how censorship is an issue India today.

As Deepa Mehta has been quoted, “We are very good, as different nations and different cultures, to have a collective amnesia about our own [problems]...[*Water*] is about three women trying to break that cycle and trying to find dignity, and trying to get rid of the yoke of oppression, and if it inspires people to do something in their own culture, that’s what’s important.”

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