

Human Rights Film Series 2007- 2008:
A Cinematic Exploration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)

Theme 4: The Right to Marry

Film: *Tying the Knot* (2004)

Director: Jim deSève

UDHR Article 16:

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(1) Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.

(2) Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses.

(3) The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.

Full Text of the UDHR: <http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html>

Recommended Reading on Marriage and Equality

Books in Babbidge Library:

The Politics of Same-Sex Marriage. Craig A. Rimmerman and Clyde Wilcox, eds. HQ 1034.U6 P65 2007

Long Arc of Justice: Lesbian and Gay Marriage, Equality, and Rights. Richard D. Mohr, HQ 76.3 U5 M642 2005

Defense of Marriage: Does it Need Defending? James Perkins, editor. KF511 .D44 2004

Why Marriage?: The History Shaping Today's Debate Over Gay Equality. George Chauncey. HQ76.8.U5 C43 2004

Gay Marriage: Why it is good for Gays, Good for Straights, and Good for America. Jonathan Rauch. HQ 1034 U5 R38 2004

Why Marriage Matters: America, Equality, and Gay People's Right to Marry. Evan Wolfson. HQ2034.U5 W659 2004

Limits to Union: Same-Sex Marriage and the Politics of Civil Rights. Jonathan Goldberg-Hiller.
HQ 1034 U5 G65 2002

Equality Practice: Civil Unions and the Future of Gay Rights. William N. Eskeridge, H! 76.3
U5 E85 2002

Organizations working for Marriage Equality:

- **Love Makes a Family:** <http://www.lmfct.org>

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Love Makes a Family (LMF) is a statewide non-profit advocacy organization working for equal marriage rights for same-sex couples in Connecticut. We carry out our mission through community education, grassroots organizing and legislative advocacy and lobbying.

- **GLAD (Gays and Lesbians Advocates and Defenders) Marriage Tools:**
<http://www.glad.org/marriage/>

Founded in 1978, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) is New England's leading legal rights organization dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status and gender identity and expression. Providing litigation, advocacy, and educational work in all areas of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender civil rights and the rights of people living with HIV, GLAD has a full-time legal staff and a network of cooperating attorneys across New England.

- **The Human Rights Campaign (HRC)'s Work on Marriage and Relationship Recognition:** <http://www.hrc.org/issues/marriage.asp>

The Human Rights Campaign is America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, HRC strives to end discrimination against GLBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.

- **Freedom to Marry:** <http://www.freedomtomarry.org>

Freedom to Marry is the gay and non-gay partnership working to win marriage equality nationwide. Headed by Evan Wolfson, one of America's leading civil rights advocates and lawyers, Freedom to Marry brings new resources and a renewed context of urgency and opportunity to this social justice movement. Freedom to Marry brings the work of its partner organizations and their many approaches — litigation, legislation, direct action, and public education — into a larger whole, a shared civil rights campaign that fosters heightened outreach to non-gay allies.