

Ruth K. and Shepard Broad Distinguished Lecture Series

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WWI Commemoration Film Series

All Quiet on the Western Front Screening and Commentary

Thursday, October 16, 2014 | 6:30 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | CBC 155

All Quiet on the Western Front is a 1930 American epic film based on the novel by Erich Maria Remarque. It is considered one of the most realistic and harrowing accounts of World War I, and was named one of the most important films of the last 100 years by the American Film Institute. In 1990, the film was selected and preserved by the National Film Registry of the US Library of Congress for its cultural, historic and aesthetic significance.

The film opens with a group of students who have enlisted in the German army after being egged on by their professor. The young men march off in the belief that the war will be a short one and they will all soon be home, basking in the glory of victory and treated as heroes. Reality begins to set in when they are shipped to the front and face the daily challenge of surviving trench warfare. All become disillusioned with their once great cause and many are killed or maimed. One of them, Paul, manages to survive for several years at the front. During leave at home after being wounded, he is dismayed to find that little has changed and his old professor is still encouraging his students to bask in the glories of war. Paul returns to the front for the last time.

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