

## CONNECTIONS: FILM SERIES

### CONNECTIONS: THE DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES OF OLLI AT RINGLING COLLEGE

2:30-4:30 p.m • Tuesdays: Oct. 2, Oct. 23 and Nov. 13

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

Moderator: Julie Cotton

Fees per film: \$11 Gold Member; \$12 Silver Member and General Admission

**CONNECTIONS** is an opportunity for OLLI students and others to connect to many of today’s pressing global issues via the penetrating perspectives of contemporary documentary films. As the series name implies, the themes for the films will showcase the CONNECTIONS humans have with one another, with our environment, and with other species that share our planet. After viewing the film, participants can engage in thoughtful discussions and forge deeper learning and social connections with one another.



**OCT. 2**  
**“Expedition Happiness”**  
 (2017); 1 hour 35 minutes

A young filmmaker/musician couple from Germany and their dog drive across Canada, through Alaska, and down the Pacific Highway to the southern tip of Mexico. Throughout their trip the couple share their experience with their many followers through social media. This lovely and lively film takes its viewers on a journey of ever-changing scenery and quirky experiences that combines young love, adventure, and the quest for happiness.



**OCT. 23**  
**“Naledi: A Baby Elephant’s Tale”**  
 (2016); 1 hour 30 minutes

Well worth watching for the gorgeous cinematography alone, “Naledi” tells the story of a baby elephant born into a rescue camp in Botswana. When suddenly orphaned at one-month-old, scientists and animal keepers go to great lengths to save her life. This one elephant’s tale, combined with firsthand footage of the ongoing effort to save African elephants from extinction, is both intimate and epic, joyous and dire.



**NOV. 13**  
**“The Mars Generation”**  
 (2017); 1 hour 37 minutes

This film is an engaging look at the future of space exploration as seen through the eyes of self-professed teenage “space nerds” at Space Camp. These young men and women pursue their quest of traveling to Mars, while experts reflect on NASA’s history and take the viewer on an in-depth journey exploring the possibility of a voyage to the Red Planet in the near future.



**Julie Cotton**, a member of our Advisory Council’s Strategic Program Committee, is the coordinator and host of this series. Julie has a doctorate in Human Development and is a former organizational development consultant and executive coach. She is an aficionado of documentary films and a skilled facilitator of group conversations.