

**The Diversity & Community Studies Film Series at DCC
presents a very special event:**

“Toddlers & Tiaras: Popular Culture and/or Pedophilia Culture”?



For decades, critical feminist scholars have analyzed media messages and other elements of culture that may contribute to the sexualization and victimization of children. The popular television show *Toddlers & Tiaras* on The Learning Channel (TLC), chronicles the phenomena of child beauty contests in the United States. It has also been critiqued as an example of how these contests – and the adults who structure and participate in them – encourage and reward children by objectifying them for their bodies and looks. We will explore whether or not this is just healthy competition or another example of rape and pedophilia culture.

DATE: Wednesday, November 30, 2011

TIME: 12:00pm – 1:00pm (College Hour)

PLACE: Room 4151 Damon City Campus

DISCUSSANTS: Natasha Christensen Chen, Sociology
Dina Giovanelli, Sociology
Tokeya Graham, English

As always, this Film Series is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Diversity and Community Studies Program, the Department of Anthropology/History/Political Science/Sociology, the English/Philosophy Department, DCC Pride Alliance and Mentors in Violence Prevention Strategies at MCC.

Please contact Christine Plumeri at cplumeri@monroecc.edu if you have any questions and/or comments.