

Workshop outline

The Gnosis of Psychosis: A Critical Media Viewing Project.

Popular media is a powerful tool to help explore many sides of contemporary life and issues. Media clips that feature characters experiencing psychosis or other realities provide a vehicle that tells multiple truths as interpreted by the screenwriter, actors and viewers. Attendees will explore through facilitated discussion/dialogue the narrative of the "psychosis experience" – to expand what we know or don't know relative to race, gender, class and generational differences. Using films such as *Frankie and Alice* starring Halle Berry, *Lars and the Real Girl* starring Ryan Gosling and TV series *Perception* starring Eric McCormick are just a few examples of films used to explore our gnosis of psychosis.