



TELLING THE AMERICAN STORY THROUGH FILM

Ron Maxwell, Award Winning Director of "Gettysburg" and "Gods and Generals" to speak at Clemson University

Clemson, SC – April 3, 2009 – The Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI), a national educational organization headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware, will host **Ron Maxwell**, Director of “**Gettysburg**” and “**Gods and Generals**” to discuss the role of the filmmaker in telling the American story. This lecture will be held at Clemson University on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 from 5:00 -6:00 PM. The lecture is cosponsored by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute along with the campus newspaper, the *Tiger Town Observer*.

Ron Maxwell will share his own filmmaking experience in translating the American Narrative, particularly through his movies “Gettysburg” and “Gods & Generals.” History is not about dates and battlefields, it’s about people. Films with a historic angle are not documentaries; they’re dramatic creations that illustrate timeless questions. What occasions justify the use of force, the disruption of civil society, the vast waste of lives and treasure that follows in its wake, and the massive political changes that result in peace? Come learn more about the role of the filmmaker in telling the American narrative to better understand how films aid us in better addressing the demands that our existence makes on us.

Who: Ron Maxwell, Director of “Gettysburg” and “Gods and Generals”

What: Lecture on the role of the filmmaker in telling the American story

Where: Clemson University, McKissick Theater, Hendrix Center, Clemson, SC

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Founded in 1953, ISI works “to educate for liberty”—to help further in successive generations of college students an appreciation of the economic, political, and moral principles that sustain a free and humane society.

Members of the media are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information about this lecture or ISI, contact Carol Houseal at media@isi.org or (302) 524-6167.