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SUNO to host "Patois" for film festival

NEW ORLEANS, LA – Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) will participate in *Patois: The 6th Annual New Orleans International Human Rights Film Festival* by serving as a venue. The university's participation comes as a result of the partnership between the festival and SUNO's Center for African and African American Studies. The screening will be on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 11 a.m. on the Lake Campus (6801 Press Drive) Building 43. The event is free and open to the public.

SUNO will screen "**Moral Panic**", a 30-minute documentary about gangs in Newark, New Jersey. The screening will include a presentation by community organizer James Williams, who will discuss racial profiling and police brutality. There will also be a community discussion, "Violence in Our Communities".

Patois will be from March 26th to April 5th at locations throughout New Orleans, including Zeitgeist, Ray's Boom Boom Room, Canal Place Cinemas and the New Orleans Museum of Art. For more information about the festival call (504) 827-5858 or log on to www.patoisfilmfest.org.

For more information about SUNO's screening of "Moral Panic" call Melonee Griggs at (504) 286-5004 or e-mail mgriggs@suno.edu.

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