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Acclaimed Afro-German Director to Screen Documentary The Aryans at the Esquire

The Department of German Studies and the Center for Film & Media Studies at the University of Cincinnati are pleased to announce the visit of Mo Asumang, an acclaimed Afro-German filmmaker, actor, and TV moderator, and the screening of her new documentary The Aryans (2014). The screening, which will be followed by a question-and-answer session with the filmmaker, will take place September 21st at 7:30 pm at the Esquire Theater in Cincinnati, OH. Admission is free of charge. The event is co-sponsored by the Taft Research Center and the German Embassy. It is the first part of the larger speaker series "Counterpublics After German Unification" held in tandem with the University of Cincinnati conference "Berliner Republik: Reflections on/of German Reunification," which will be held October 4-6, 2015.

The Aryans depicts the filmmaker's journey in search of what lurks behind this idea of a tall, blond and blue-eyed "master race." She finds Nazi demonstrations in Europe, travels to Iran to visit with the "true" Aryans, and interviews infamous racist Tom Metzger and Midwestern Ku Klux Klan members in the United States. The documentary The Aryans is a tour de force look into the abyss of racism.

Asumang has been compared to filmmaker Michael Moore with her activist work against racism and for social integration in Germany, African countries, across the United States and Europe. She has worked as a TV moderator since 1996, played Condoleezza Rice in Roman Polanski’s film The Ghostwriter (2010), and was featured in a USA Today article that called her a 'kindred soul' to Barack Obama.

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Appended Image: German Film Poster for The Aryans
DIE ARIER
Ein Dokumentarfilm von Mo Asumang