

Screening of the documentary film *Sappho's Fire* (2011)
directed by Alexia Kosmider and Deb Monuteaux,
followed by a discussion with Alexia Kosmider,
moderated by Prof. Dr. Dominika Ferens

Thursday, June 5, 2014 between 4 and 6 o'clock, room 317



***Sappho's Fire* (2011)** is a unique attempt to document the life of a marginalized and virtually invisible social group: elderly lesbians. It is based on interviews with several dozen American women who recall times of repression and stigmatization, as well as the rise of feminist consciousness-raising groups and lesbian communities. They address their very different experiences of falling in love, the enormous cultural changes that occurred in their lifetime, their troubled relations with their families and children, the process of aging, and the attendant anxieties. Since its premiere at the Boston Film Festival, *Sappho's Fire* has been shown at film festivals across the United States.



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