You are cordially invited to a screening of two short documentaries on the LGBT Brazilian experience by award-winning filmmaker Vagner de Almeida.

“The Butterflies” (Borboletas da Vida) and “I’m a Woman, I’m a Brazilian, I’m a Lesbian” (Sou Mulher, Sou Brasileira, Sou Lésbica)

In Portuguese with English subtitles. Followed by a conversation with Mr. de Almeida, facilitated by Prof. Nick Davis (English and Gender Studies) and Gregory Mitchell (PhD, Performance Studies)

Vagner de Almeida is affiliated with the Center for Gender, Sexuality, and Health of the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. He also coordinates the Brazilian Interdisciplinary AIDS Association (ABIA) in Rio de Janeiro. Mr. de Almeida has written and produced several plays about HIV/AIDS, and has emerged as one of the leading documentary filmmakers in Brazil working on issues related to gender, sexuality, sexual rights and HIV/AIDS.

His work has received wide recognition in Brazil and abroad. His honors include the MTT Gay, Transvestite and Transgender Award (Turma OK, Rio de Janeiro, 2004), the Best Documentary Award for “Borboletas da Vida” (New York Brazilian Film Festival, USA, 2006), and several prizes from the GLBT Pride Parade in São Paulo. He was nominated for the 2008 Human Rights Award by the Brazilian Government.

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