

# 3 Filmmakers Teach Their Craft

## [Documentary Filmmaking and Peace Activism](#)

Tuesday, September 22, 2105 — 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

FREE — [Ottawa Public Library, Main Branch Auditorium](#)

(Lower Level) 120 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa ON

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**Three Ottawa documentary filmmakers will explain and discuss how they make informative videos about peace and the environment.**

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**Stuart Cryer**  
Independent



**Andrew Hall**  
Andrew Hall Productions



**Qais Ghanem, MD**  
Dialog with Diversity

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## Meet the 3 Filmmakers

### Andrew Hall

[Andrew Hall Productions](#)

Andrew tells his stories with passion, using graphics, narrative humour and music in his compelling videos that grab attention, inform and entertain. Most recently he produced [Harperman](#), a short video with 637,775 views and 10,347 likes on YouTube.com since June 22, 2015 (counted Sept. 21, 2015). Andrew will show clips from some of his work abroad.



## Qais Ghanem, M.D.

[QaisGhanem.ca](http://QaisGhanem.ca), [Resume](#) on LinkedIn

A former professor, Ottawa University. Current writer, host of Dialogue with Diversity radio program, and documentary news videographer.



- [Qais Ghanem, Vimeo](#) : 12 videos
- [Dialogue with Diversity, YouTube.com](#) : 4 videos
- [Dr Qais Ghanem talks about Human Rights](#), by selenakarkash13, YouTube.com, Oct 10, 2008.
- [Young educated urban couples prompt substantial leap in mixed marriages](#), The Canadian Press, CP24, April 20, 2010.
- [Dr. Qais Ghanem: Doctor of diversity](#), Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Award Winners 2015, Canadian Immigrant, June 26, 2015.

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## Stuart Cryer

[24 videos on Vimeo](#)

A former journalism and TV-media professor who now produces videos for social organizations. Using selected video segments he will discuss the inner dynamics of composing documentary videos.



Stuart Cryer was born and raised in Montreal, Quebec, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from McGill University in 1971, concentrating in communications, studying under [John Grierson](#), founder of the [British Film Institute](#) and the [National Film Board of Canada](#). Between 1971 and 1979, Stuart worked at Document Films in Toronto, [Loyalist College](#) in Belleville, the [University of British Columbia](#), and at Concordia University and [McGill University](#) in Montreal as a video and film producer and lecturer. Stuart became a professor of journalism, television production and workforce development at [Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology](#) in Sudbury in 1979 until his retirement in 2009. During his tenure, he was communications officer for the faculty union and active in the broader community, producing videos for social organizations including first nations, women's and environmental groups and unions. Productions have been aired to local audiences and over networks such as the CBC, CTV, TVO and CBS. Between 1986 and 1989, on sabbatical and leave from Cambrian College, Stuart worked as a video trainer for the [African National Congress](#) in the Department of Arts and Culture and the Department of Information and Publicity in Lusaka, [Zambia](#). Stuart has given media production workshops in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal for the [Canadian Association of Labour Media](#) (CALM) and in

Nain, Labrador with the [OKâlaKatiget Society](#). He continues to produce videos and photographs and has designed and edited two books and other media.

- [Falconbridge Security Force Taped](#), Report by Mick Lowe, *Straight Goods*, 29 December 2000 — While Stuart Cryer did video, *Straight Goods* correspondent goes to jail for big quote from private security forces in Falconbridge Strike.
- [Local 6500 - Six Months Stronger](#), John Rodriguez, Mayor, Greater City of Sudbury, *The Fifth Column*, 27 January 2010 — "We'll only get through this in solidarity. I want to make this crystal clear that I stand with you in this dispute. You are my citizens and I stand with you, my citizens, shoulder to shoulder in this struggle." Video by Stuart Cryer.
- [LaborFest 2007 Schedule](#), LaborFest Film Festival, San Francisco, July 25, 2007. — Labour Days (29 min) 2007 by Stuart Cryer (Canada). It takes us through the history of the company town and how the workers began to organize and fight for their rights. Twenty workers talk about what a union means to them from protecting their health care and safety on the job to fighting discrimination and harassment on the job.

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[Documentary Filmmaking and Peace Activism](#) is one of 27 free events, hosted by 23 organizations for 32 days in 20 locations around the Ottawa capital, all part of [Ottawa Peace Festival 2015](#) (9th Annual) — the longest running by days peace festival in North America.

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