



Craig Fischer

**"Yellow is the Color of My
True Love's Fear:
An Introduction to the
Italian *Giallo* Film"**

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Giallo! Marvel as the starlet with pouty lips becomes an amateur sleuth! **Giallo!** Shudder as the murderer in black gloves creeps around the back alleys of Rome! **Giallo!** Gape as a knife plunges into yielding flesh, accompanied by a moaning chorus of voices on the soundtrack! **Giallo!** Chuckle at movie titles like *The Bird with the Crystal Plumage* and *Don't Torture a Duckling!* **Giallo! Giallo! GIALLO!**

Giallos were madly inventive, hyper-violent suspense movies popular in Italy – and elsewhere – during the 1970s. Just in time for Halloween, Craig Fischer will introduce the giallo (with psychedelic film clips), discuss its characteristics, and account for its status as a favorite genre of cult cinema. But a word of warning: Fischer's presentation is NOT recommended for impressionable minors or spectators easily upset by blood and terror!

Dr. Craig Fischer is an associate professor in the Department of English at Appalachian State. He is a scholar of film history and film theory, experimental and art cinema, and of the comic arts. In addition to his many publications in the fields of film and comic arts, he has served on the Executive Committee of the Society for Cinema and Media Studies, the editorial board of *Cinema Journal*, and the Executive Committee of the International Comic Arts Forum at the Library of Congress.

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