Classic Film

**I AM A FUGITIVE FROM A CHAIN GANG (1932)**

Based on a true story, *Chain Gang* is a Depression-era drama that tells the tale of WWI veteran James Allen who is unjustly convicted of a crime and sentenced to 10 years on a chain gang. Even a successful escape can't shake the specter of the chains, nor the amazingly fatalistic twists the film has in store. Allen’s prison life was so harrowingly realistic that massive chain gang reforms were instituted as a result and the character upon whom Allen was based was eventually pardoned. Warner Brothers won box office success and a reputation for hard-hitting social commentary.

Following the film, Dr. Richard Hamm, Chair of the History Department, will lead a discussion with the audience. Professor Hamm’s research is focused on the interaction of law and society in the American past, especially the 19th and 20th centuries.

**Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 pm**

**Husted Hall, Room 214**

**University at Albany Downtown Campus**

Light refreshments will be served.

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