Film Screening and Discussion

GIDEON’S ARMY

Wednesday, December 4
7:00 p.m.  (Public Reception: 6:30 p.m.)
First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany
405 Washington Avenue, Albany

GIDEON’S ARMY follows the personal stories of three young, idealistic public defenders in the Deep South who are challenging the assumptions that drive a criminal justice system strained to the breaking point. Please join us as we mark the 50th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court ruling Gideon vs. Wainwright that established the right to counsel.

An official selection in the prestigious U.S. Documentary Competition at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival, GIDEON’S ARMY was awarded the editing prize at the festival.

Audience discussion will follow the film; led by panelists Jonathan Gradess (NYS Defenders Association), Angela Burton (NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services), Leanne Lapp (Public Defender, Ontario County) and UAlbany Professors James Acker and Alissa Pollitz Worden.

This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register at www.surveymonkey.com/s/9CMVJPZ

The event is co-sponsored by the University at Albany School of Criminal Justice and the UAlbany SCJ Graduate Student Association.