Welcome to the class of 2021

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Film Studies students, and invite you to join fully in the life of a department that is known throughout the university for its friendliness and collegiality. Over the course of the year, you will find many film-related activities sponsored by the Department, from the Reel Film Series to the 60 Hour Film Blitz, from special screenings, presentations and workshops to film conferences and film festivals, from careers events to internship opportunities. A large menu of extracurricular activities and projects is on offer, and we hope you will become as familiar to us through your participation as we will certainly be to you. We also welcome your ideas for additional ways to engage. Please join us for these events and for the many other activities we organise throughout the year.

As the youngest department at St Andrews, Film Studies combines the rigour of an ancient university with the innovative spirit of an emerging discipline. You will be asked to work hard in our program, but we hope it is the kind of work that you will love. Our course of study is known particularly for its focus on the broad world of film and media cultures, asking not only what happens in films, but also what happens *around* film, and what roles film and moving images play in culture and society. We are certain that you will find much that is new and much to excite you. If you wish to get an idea of the programme of events in Orientation Week, or consult your first Film Studies module (including a link to the reading list), you can find this on our website:

http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/filmstudies/welcome/.

Welcome to our small but vibrant department, and good luck!

Warmly,

Professor Michael Cowan
Head of Department