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## **Eastern Professor to Present Documentary**

Willimantic- Denise Matthews, associate professor of communication at Eastern Connecticut State University, will premiere her film documentary, “Ask J. Edgar Hoover,” at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 13. The documentary will be shown in room 110 of Webb Hall. The public is invited. Admission is free.

“Ask J. Edgar Hoover” is an hour-long film that examines how Southern whites who supported civil rights were treated during the civil rights movement of the 1960s. The film examines racism through the eyes of Sallie Ann Harrison as she describes the racial challenges her newborn African American grandchildren will face.

“This is a chapter in our history that needed attention,” according to Matthews. “This documentary is not a comprehensive historical treatment of the subject—it is rather a single case, one subjective account of what it was like to grow up white in the south in a family that supported racial equality.”

For more information about this event, contact Denise Matthews at 860-465-0370 or email [matthewsd@easternct.edu](mailto:matthewsd@easternct.edu)

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