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50 Years of Star Wars

In 2027, we will mark the 50th anniversary of "Star Wars," George Lucas' underdog film that became a cultural phenomenon. We will explore how its sequels, prequels, comic books, video games, and action figures made a galaxy far, far away worthy of serious study and fan appreciation. We will consider Lucas' inspirations, the legacy of "Episode IV: A New Hope," political themes, questions of authorship, and the influence of fan culture.



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YOUR INSTRUCTOR: Marc DiPaolo



Marc DiPaolo, PhD, is an assistant professor of humanities at Moraine Valley Community College. He has written the autobiographical novel *Fake Italian* (2021), and the academic books *Fire and Snow: Climate Fiction from the Inklings to Game of Thrones* (2018) and *War, Politics, and Superheroes* (2011). He co-edited the essay collection *Italian/American Fantastika*, and books on film directors Yasujiro Ozu and Mike Leigh. He has been interviewed on NPR, BBC4, and in the AMC docuseries *Robert Kirkman's Secret History of Comics*.

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 21 THROUGH FEBRUARY 25

4pmPT | 5pmMT | 6pmCT | 7pmET

Each live session is 90 minutes

- Thursday, January 21
- Thursday, January 28
- Thursday, February 4
- Thursday, February 11
- Thursday, February 18
- Thursday, February 25

To register, please contact your local Osher Institute.