
Grady Tripp, played by Michael Douglas, is a frustrated college English professor who is struggling to produce a follow-up to his successful first novel while faced with writer's block, a marijuana habit, and the hounding presence of his twisted book editor (Robert Downey Jr.). Over a wild weekend he also tries to cope with a young coed's crush on him, the pregnancy of his married girlfriend (Frances McDormand - whose husband is his boss) along with the tribulations of a talented, eccentric, and suicidal film geek who is one of his students (Tobey Maguire).

1:00 pm: CSM Professor of film and book author David Laderman will lead a discussion about the film. Students in Laderman's Humanities 114: "Film and Literature as Communication in the Modern Era" class have been reading Chabon’s novel Wonder Boys this semester.

David Laderman has published several articles about film and is the author of two books about movies: Punk Slash! Musicals: Tracking Slip-Sync Film and Driving Visions: Exploring the Road Movie which will be available for purchase.

2:00 pm: After the film discussion Mr. Laderman will be available in the theatre lobby to further discuss the film and to discuss and sign his books.

Novelist, screenwriter, and essayist Michael Chabon will be speaking at the CSM Theatre at 12:10 pm, on Thursday, Oct. 7th, as part of the President’s Lecture Series. This event is also free and open to the public.