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Film program welcomes award-winning filmmaker, Steve Amen

Steve Amen, acclaimed producer of Oregon Field Guide has been named this year's artist-in-residence in Portland State University's Department of Theater Arts.

Steve Amen is Executive Producer and host of OPB's acclaimed series "Oregon Field Guide," the highest rated, locally produced program among PBS stations. Steve Amen has been with OPB for more than twenty years. Prior to that, he spent seven years in commercial news as a producer, reporter, executive producer and news director. Since joining OPB, Amen has headed up numerous documentary projects including a PBS Frontline documentary, the "Oregon Story" series and HBO's "Teen Killers: A Second Chance". His projects have received one national and seven regional Emmys as well as awards from CINE, The New York Film Festival and The American Film/Video Festival.

Amen will teach two courses in Winter and Spring term, Documentary Field Production I and II.

TA 408/508 DOCUMENTARY FIELD PRODUCTION I (4) (CRN 45310/45311)
Winter Term 209, Wednesday 18:00-21:35 in MCB 130.

Through a combination of lecture, film screenings and hands-on demonstrations, this course will familiarize students with the basics of producing, shooting and editing for documentary production. A major function of this class will be an emphasis on improving your storytelling skills and creative decision-making. This course will familiarize you with how to conceptualize and develop a television documentary. More specifically, the course will be divided into three major components: The Idea, Planning Your Production and Writing and Presenting Your Proposal.

The Department of Theater Arts offers Bachelor's and Masters degrees in Theater and in Film, and Minors in Theater, Dance, and Film Studies. It is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Theatre.