

Third Friday Film: *Paterson* (2016)

Friday, June 21 at 6:30 pm in the Bloom Room

Written and directed by Jim Jarmusch, *Paterson* tells the story of Paterson (Adam Driver), a bus driver in the city of Paterson, New Jersey — they share the name. Every day, Paterson adheres to a simple routine: he drives his daily route, observing the city as it drifts across his windshield and overhearing fragments of conversation swirling around him; he writes poetry into a notebook; he walks his dog; he stops in a bar and drinks exactly one beer. He goes home to his wife, Laura (Golshifteh Farahani). By contrast, Laura's world is ever changing. New dreams come to her almost daily, each a different and inspired project. Paterson loves Laura and she loves him. He supports her newfound ambitions; she champions his secret gift for poetry. The history and energy of the City of Paterson is a felt presence as the film's simple structure unfolds over the course of a single week. The quiet triumphs and defeats of daily life are observed, along with the poetry evident in its smallest details. A discussion will follow the showing of the film.

*Hosted by **Victoria** and **Joe Stefani**.*