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FILM NIGHT PRESENTED BY FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTER ON FEBRUARY 18, 2009, 7 P.M., AT THE WOMEN'S PARK

*The Free Event is in Honor of Virginia Jacko, the 2009 In The Company Of Women
Award Winner in Health and Human Services*

(MIAMI) – The Women's Park, in collaboration with the Women's Studies Center of Florida International University, will host a film night on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at 7 p.m., as part of a series of events at the Women's Park honoring the 2009 winners of the In the Company of Women Awards, an awards presentation given by Miami-Dade Park and Recreation, which pays tribute to outstanding local women from various industries and backgrounds.

Maria del Mar Logrono-Narbona, an Assistant Professor in the Department of History at FIU whose focus is in 19th and 20th century Middle East history, will be presenting the film *Caramel* (2007). *Caramel* is a story of five Lebanese women tackling forbidden love, binding traditions, repressed sexuality, the struggle to accept the natural aging process, and duty versus desire.

The free event at the Women's Park is in honor of Virginia Jacko, President and CEO of Miami Lighthouse, who is the 2009 In the Company of Women award winner in the field of Health and Human Services. Jacko's passion is to enhance the lives of the blind and visually impaired on their road to independence. Under her leadership and in tandem with the Board of Directors and staff, Miami Lighthouse achieved fiscal strength and its revenue increased dramatically, while significantly increasing the services it provides to clients.

The 21st annual In the Company of Women Awards Ceremony, presented by Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez, Chairman Dennis Moss and the Board of County Commissioners, and the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department, will be March 4, 2009 at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. This annual awards presentation recognizes the accomplishments of women in all professions throughout Miami-Dade County. Tickets for the awards ceremony are \$50 and can be purchased through Ticketmaster by calling 305-358-5885 or www.ticketmaster.com.

To learn more about In the Company of Women and for future events at the Women's Park, please contact Women's Park manager Lisa Fernandez at 305-480-1717 or via email at lfern@miamidade.gov.

WHO: The Women's Park, FIU Women's Studies Program

WHAT: Film night honoring Virginia Jacko, the 2009 In the Company of Women Award recipient in the category of Health and Human Services.

WHERE: The Women's Park
10251 W. Flagler Street
Miami, FL 33174

WHEN: Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 7 p.m.

ADMISSION: Free

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