SOCIOLOGY CINEMA PRESENTS:
21 UP

The Sociology Department’s
Welcome Back Fall Premiere!

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Join us for popcorn, pizza and a riveting documentary!
Learn about the unique interplay of biography and history, class locations and mobility aspirations, and the tensions between external social forces and individual emotional development.

Thursday, October 2
4:00-6:00pm
HSH 201

RSVP:
21up.splashthat.com

FILM SYNOPSIS: This series began in 1964, when Michael Apted filmed a documentary about British seven-year olds from very different class backgrounds. We meet rough and tumble East End kids and children living in a “boys home,” and also seven year old prep school kids who already read The Financial Times, and confidently recite the pathways to Oxford. Seven years later Michael Apted returned to film these same children, then 14, as he has done now every seven years. At this event, we’ll watch the third installment, “21Up,” when the subjects are now 21. They are no longer children, but their adult futures are in process and still unfolding. Just like research subjects who sometimes resent the ways they are portrayed in sociological research, the youth talk back to their filmmaker. Many of them resent the ways they have been portrayed, and they lash out on the film. Does the social class you are born into predict your educational attainment and class location as an adult? In some cases, yes, but as the film reveals, human lives in society are complex and take some unexpected turns.