

# DISABILITY REFRAMED

**A FREE COMMUNITY FILM SERIES**



**PRESENTS**

**"Disability Images in the Mid-20th Century"  
Part II:**



## **A TELEVISION GIANT: THE 'ADULT WESTERN' GUNSMOKE (1955)**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2011**

**2 PM TO 5 PM**

*An All-Ages (18+) Event*

**CITYWIDE SENIOR CENTER**

**806 MASS AVE CENTRAL SQ CAMBRIDGE**

Come to a FREE matinee screening of episodes from television's biggest TV series, *Gunsmoke*. Hero Marshal **Matt Dillon's** limping jailer and second gun, **Chester Goode**, was the most beloved disabled character in television history. Decathlon champion and 'Method' actor **Dennis Weaver's** Emmy-winning portrayal of Chester became one of the most unforgettable characters on television, yet the series content itself avoided disability entirely -- promoting a striking paradox of both **exploitation and denial** that reflected social attitudes of the time.

The film will be followed by open audience discussion, led by *Gunsmoke* scholar Bet MacArthur.

*This is a scent free event. Out of consideration for people with environmental illness or multiple chemical sensitivity, please refrain from using perfume or other scented products. For sign language interpreters or other accommodations, please contact the Commission for Persons with Disabilities by June 10 at 617 349 4692 (voice) or 617 492 0235 (TTY) or email mmuehe@cambridgema.gov*

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