

# College of Arts & Letters Colloquium Series

FRIDAY

**October 19, 2012**

**3:00 PM-5:00 PM**

Batten Arts & Letters 9024

## FACULTY BOOKS ON ART & FILM

**Dr. Dana Heller**, Professor and Chair of the English Department, will discuss her new book, **Hairspray** (Wiley-Blackwell). A detailed examination of the film of the same name and its director, John Waters, the book argues that the film's embedded texts of sexual and racial politics create a range of discussions, from queer theory to debates on the postmodern American film musical. Heller concludes that given the film's popularity and pop culture appeal, it constitutes Waters' most subversive film.

HAIRSPRAY

DANA HELLER

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New Art History faculty member, **Dr. Vittorio Colaizzi** will discuss his forthcoming book (Phaidon), **Robert Ryman: An Image of Itself**. In the book, Colaizzi discusses Ryman's artistic process and how his use of materials such as white paint, screws, and tape assert the reality, not merely illusion, of the pictures that he creates. Ryman's works are in numerous museums and public collections across the world.

