Four Documentaries Awarded Winter 2016 Grants 
from The Rogovy Foundation

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(New York, NY). The Rogovy Foundation is pleased to announce the Miller / Packan Documentary Film Fund Winter 2016 award winners. The Fund awards grants totaling $150,000 to between six and ten film projects annually through its Summer and Winter open calls.

The Fund’s four selections represent a cross section of interests that the Foundation supports. The award winners for this Winter period are:

*The Quiet Zone* — In the radio-silent town of Green Bank, West Virginia -- the only town in America with no cell phones or WiFi -- astronomers search for life beyond our planet as local residents struggle to live, love, grow up, relocate and evolve on earth. Director: Katie Dellamaggiore.

*The Untold Tales of Armistead Maupin* — Interviews and stories follow the renowned author’s journey from intolerant conservative to beloved writer known for his outrageous wit and open heart. Director: Jennifer Kroot. [www.documentary.org/film/untold-tales-armistead-maupin](http://www.documentary.org/film/untold-tales-armistead-maupin)

*The Guardians* — An investigative documentary that examines the complicated history of court-appointed guardians in Nevada. Director: Billie Mintz.

*In the Closed Room* — Each year several American suspects confess to a crime they did not commit. Experts say that trained interrogators can get anybody to confess to anything. Defense lawyer Jane is determined to make this insanity stop. Director: Katrine Philp. [www.goodcompanypictures.com/in-the-closed-room](http://www.good companypictures.com/in-the-closed-room)

During the Winter open call, nearly 200 documentary film projects were submitted to the Miller / Packan Film Fund. “*We’re moved by the quantity, quality and scope of the projects submitted,*” says Hugh Rogovy, Foundation Founder. “*There’s an army of non-fiction filmmakers out there,*” added Asher Rogovy, Foundation Vice-President, “*working tirelessly to make a difference.*”

Applications are now being accepted for the Summer 2017 open call, which ends May 15th.

Further details on the Miller / Packan Film Fund can be found at: [rogovy.org](http://rogovy.org) General inquiries can be emailed to: info@rogovy.org

About The Rogovy Foundation.

The Rogovy Foundation invests in inspired people and nonprofit organizations that are working to help build a more enlightened and harmonious planet. The Foundation sees documentary film as a potent medium which broadens our vision and changes our perspectives. We provide grants to filmmakers who open our eyes.

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