Swerve is a film created by the Collaborative Media Commons (CMC) and directed by Zach Horton. The film is set in a nano-contaminated cyberpunk dystopia where technology and the human mind have become entangled, and follows various characters learning to live "off the grid" amid various data-driven pursuits.

For this presentation, Zach Horton, CMC founder and Swerve's director, will screen the first chapter of the film and discuss the process of making collaborative media driven by academic inputs, including their potential for pedagogy, public outreach, and research.

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