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(St. Petersburg, Fla.) Dec. 18, 2006—Journalists, media critics, academics and a Pentagon spokesperson will delve into the role of journalism in war at the Journalist & War Conference Feb. 16-17 at USF St. Petersburg.

Featured speakers include: Corey Flintoff, newscaster for NPR who is currently reporting from Baghdad; Martin Bell, former BBC reporter; Barbara Corssette, former New York Times correspondent for South and Southeast Asia; Philip Sieb, professor of journalism at Marquette University in Milwaukee; Norman Solomon, author of War Made Easy: How Presidents and Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death and more.

The conference provides a forum for participants to engage in discussion with various experts in the field of journalism and war and is a timely event considering our nation's current events," said Deni Elliot, professor of Journalism at USF St. Petersburg. "Additionally, it will provide a greater understanding on the inner workings of war coverage that we're often not privy to."

Speakers will discuss an array of problems facing journalists who report on war. Among them: ethical concerns, safety issues, obtaining credible sources and complete information, agendas, challenges and changes in the field and more.

The Journalist & War Conference is sponsored by the USF St. Petersburg Department of Journalism, Cole Chair in Ethics, Poynter Jamison Chair in Media Ethics and Policy and Poynter Institute. The conference will be at the Steidinger Auditorium in the Florida Wildlife Research Institute.

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