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Topic: Veterans of the Iraq War: Problems Encountered by the Returning Soldiers

Format: Questions and Discussion

Author: Joshua Phillips

Time: Monday, February 28, 6:30pm

Invitees: Stanford students and faculty, Community

Place: Room 032, History Corner

Joshua E. S. Phillips is an independent producer and journalist presently based in New York City. As a foreign correspondent and investigative reporter he has covered stories about torture, war and peace resolutions, refugees, transnational justice, violent ethnic conflicts, labor struggles, trade policies in developing countries, and other human rights issues.

Last year, Phillips published his first book, **None of Us Were Like This Before: American Soldiers and Torture** (Verso Books), which examines how U.S. forces turned to torture, and the unrecognized costs of torture on detainees as well as the perpetrators themselves. It has already received strong critical praise, and was selected by Five Books as one of the top books on violence.

In 2010, Phillips won the Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University Award for his American Radio Works documentary, "What Killed Sergeant Gray" (which also won a Heywood Broun Award in 2009), about US soldiers who were traumatized by abusing and torturing Iraqi detainees.

Phillips has reported from Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and South Asia. His work has appeared in the Washington Post, Newsweek, Salon, the San Francisco Chronicle, and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, among other publications. His radio features have been broadcast on NPR, the BBC, and Public Radio International. Phillips has also taught journalism in Afghanistan's Helmand province for the Institute for War and Peace reporting.

He received a Masters of Science from Columbia University's Graduate School in Journalism in 2000, and a Bachelors degree in International Studies from Reed College in Portland, Oregon in 1996.

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