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— Ohio University

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A film, discussion and solution by Mike Shiley

*"...people and places not seen on the news..."*

— The Boston Globe

*"... intriguing footage that's worth watching..."*

— San Francisco Chronicle

*"... a war documentary of exceptional humanity."*

— The New York Times

Directed, written, and filmed by Mike Shiley

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In March 2003, Mike Shiley was doing what most ordinary Americans were doing—sitting on the sofa, watching the nightly news coverage of Gulf War II and wondering what was really going on in Iraq. Shiley, an avid world traveler, was personally driven to travel to Iraq and produce a documentary film about what was happening behind the scenes.

Although Shiley is not a journalist, he convinced local television affiliate KATU in Portland, OR, to grant him permission to cover the Oregon National Guard in Iraq.

Shiley still needed press credentials, so he went to his local Kinko's print shop where he



ingeniously made a homemade press pass. He then cashed in airline miles and with a single contact name written on a crumpled piece of paper, crossed into Iraq—setting off on a journey that would change his life forever.

Armed only with a camera and a local guide, Shiley traveled throughout the country of Iraq for two months, filming unique stories the national media ignores, showing the reality of life in Iraq beyond the media and military spin.

**Rather than trying to push a political point of view, Shiley let his camera roll, catching a multitude of real-life moments that tell it like it is. The result is a highly thought-provoking and reasonably unbiased 84-minute documentary film entitled "Inside Iraq: The Untold Stories."**

Mike Shiley literally risked his life everyday to make this film.

## FILM PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND SOLUTION

**Mike Shiley** will appear in person to deliver a pre-film introduction, followed by a screening of *Inside Iraq: The Untold Stories*, and an extended audience discussion after the film that includes a solution to the war in Iraq. Total program time is 2 hours.

### Included in the program:

- Mike is available to speak to classes before the screening
- Mike will give pre-event radio and print interviews
- Posters, photos and a press release can be easily downloaded to help promote the show
- Press releases will be sent to your local community media

### More about Inside Iraq:

- Over 450 screenings on college campuses
- Showcased at five NACA regional conferences
- Featured over 300 times in newspapers and radio
- ABC News has aired many of the stories in the film
- Over 1 million hits on U-Tube and Google video

## WHAT THE SCHOOLS ARE SAYING

*Mike's program was great, I thought it was very unique and informative. I also like Mike as a person.*

— **Travis Merle, Elmhurst College**

*The show went great. The audience enjoyed his presentation and there was a large amount of people who stayed to discuss issues further with him. Thank you...*

— **Alexi Poulianos, University of Hartford**

*I wanted to thank you for your awesome performance last night. It was received very well, and you without a doubt got your message across to students and faculty alike here on campus. It was so nice to meet you, and hear your stories and your point of view. Your down to earth personality gives me hope that there are people in the world who can and will make a difference.*

— **Christine Spindler, Southern New Hampshire University**

*Things went great! We had a great response from the students and had a great turnout. We had several people from the community come to the showing as well and we have gotten several responses thanking us for bringing Mike.*

— **Jeana Schow, Oklahoma Christian University**

*The program was fantastic, and is receiving some of the best reviews of any program at Eastern in the last few years. It was*

*tremendous, attendance was significant, and the event has created quite a buzz.*

— **David Fifer, Eastern Kentucky University**

*Mike's program was VERY well received. We had around 125 students and a few townspeople in attendance and they all stayed through the movie and the discussion afterwards. Mike really connected with the students – one of them had served in Iraq and agreed with Mike was conveying with his film and with his comments.*

— **Don Heins, Young Harris College**

*Mike Shiley was great! He had a terrific presentation about his movie and was more than willing to stick around for an impromptu Q&A session after the show. He was so engaged with the students that we literally had to drag him out of the auditorium so that we could get him back to his hotel at a decent hour!*

— **Paul Spangle, Minnesota State University, Mankato**

*I was struck by your passion, your conviction, and your willingness to confront the concept of war head on and without reservation. I hope you will continue to explore projects that will serve to educate and encourage and that the images you capture will enable people to see differently and with a more critical and insightful eye.*

— **Kristin Hutson, Coe College, Iowa**

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