

### **Shwan Ziad, Washington Kurdish Institute**

Shwan Ziad is the director at the Washington Kurdish Institute, a non-profit research and education organization founded in 1996 by Dr. Najmaldin Karim in Washington, D.C. The Institute encourages public awareness of issues concerning the Kurdish people. Previously, Ziad worked as an editorial assistant at the *Atlantic Monthly* – a monthly magazine on politics, literature and current affairs – in Boston, Massachusetts.

### **Moderator:**

### **Mort Rosenblum**

The author of *Escaping Plato's Cave: How America's Blindness to the Rest of the World Threatens Our Survival*, and the founding editor of a new series called *Dispatches*, Rosenblum is a veteran journalist. After working for newspapers in Mexico and Venezuela, he joined the Associated Press in 1965 and, from 1967 to 1979, ran AP bureaus in Kinshasa, Lagos, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Buenos Aires and Paris. He became editor of the *International Herald Tribune* in 1979, returned to AP in 1980s and has written independently since 2004.

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## *Conflict in the Middle East: Iraq and Beyond*

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3:00 p.m.—5:15 p.m.

**UCF, Student Union,  
Pegasus Ballroom  
(first floor)**

## AGENDA

- 3:00 p.m. Welcome by John C. Bersia, Special Assistant to the President for Global Perspectives, UCF
- 3:05 p.m. Introduction by UCF President John C. Hitt
- 3:10 p.m. Introduction of panel by Mort Rosenblum (moderator)
- 3:15 p.m. Colonel (ret.) Paul Hughes, U.S. Institute of Peace
- 3:30 p.m. Shwan Ziad, Washington Kurdish Institute
- 3:45 p.m. Ambassador Dennis Jett, University of Florida
- 4:00 p.m. Ambassador Ulric Haynes
- 4:15 p.m. Abraham Diskin, George Washington University
- 4:30 p.m. Stephen Sloan, University of Central Florida
- 4:45 p.m. Question-and-answer session

### *Guest Speakers*

#### **Abraham Diskin, George Washington University**

Abraham Diskin is a visiting professor of political science at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He is a former chair of the Department of Political Science at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and of the Israeli Political Science Association. Diskin has authored more than 20 books and 100 articles published in journals such as *Electoral Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Politics* and *Public Choice*.

#### **Ambassador Ulric Haynes, Jr.**

Amb. Ulric Haynes, Jr., was the U.S. ambassador to Algeria from 1977 to 1981, culminating his tour of duty as one of the negotiators for the release of the American Embassy hostages in Iran. He served as a Partner of SpencerStuart and Associates, as President of Management Formation, Inc., and with the Cummins Engine Company in various capacities. He also was Dean of the School of Business and Executive Dean of

University International Relations at Hofstra University. He has taught at Rollins College and UCF.

#### **Colonel (ret.) Paul Hughes, United States Institute of Peace**

Col. (ret.) Paul Hughes serves as the director of Iraq programs at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C. Previously, he served almost 30 years in the U.S. Army. He was the director of strategic policy for the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance in Iraq during early 2003 and later helped develop the strategic concept for rebuilding Iraq's military. Additionally, he served on the staff of the Iraq Study Group. Hughes is featured in the Oscar-nominated film, *No End in Sight*, and has taught at the George Washington University.

#### **Ambassador Dennis Jett, University of Florida**

Amb. Dennis Jett has been the Dean of the International Center at the University of Florida since August 2000. A former career diplomat, he served as U.S. ambassador to Peru and Mozambique, on the National Security Council, and in Argentina, Israel, Malawi and Liberia. He is the author of two books, *Why Peacekeeping Fails* (2000) and *Why American Foreign Policy Fails* (due out in May). A member of the Council on Foreign Relations, he has written more than 80 opinion articles for the news media.

#### **Stephen Sloan, University of Central Florida**

Stephen Sloan is an internationally recognized specialist in the study of terrorism. Since the 1970s, he has engaged in research and pioneered the development of simulations to assist authorities in responding to threats and acts of terrorism. He has authored or co-authored a dozen books, including *Terrorism: The Present Threat in Context* (2006) and *Terrorism: Assassins to Zealots* (2002). Sloan, professor emeritus at the University of Oklahoma, where he was a presidential professor, directs the Terrorism Studies Program at UCF.