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Featuring Robin Wright, correspondent for the Washington Post

ORANGE, Calif., Feb. 25, 2004 Chapman University presents an academic lecture event "The Middle East and Militant Islam: The Crucial Next Six Months," featuring journalist Robin Wright. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. in Beckman Hall 404, on Chapman's campus in the city of Orange. It is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the university's parking structure on the corner of Sycamore and Lemon Streets; permits are required.

Wright, who is currently a correspondent for the Washington Post, has reported from more than 130 countries on six continents for the Los Angeles Times, The Sunday Times of London, CBS News and The Christian Science Monitor. Her foreign tours include five years in the Middle East, two years in Europe, seven in Africa and several years as a roving correspondent in those areas as well as Latin America and Asia.

She has won numerous awards including the 2001 Weintal Prize for "the most distinguished diplomatic reporting" and the Overseas Press Club Award for "best reporting in any medium requiring exceptional courage and initiative." Wright has interviewed many foreign leaders, including Nelson Mandela of South Africa, Pope John Paul II, Moammar Qaddafi of Libya and King Hussein of Jordan.

Her recent books include *The Last Revolution: Turmoil and Transformation in Iran* and *Sacred Rage: The Wrath of Militant Islam*. A book signing will follow her lecture.

Wright's appearance at Chapman University is sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the Department of Peace Studies and the Department of English and Comparative Literature. For more information call (714) 628-7393.

