

**Dahr Jamail's biography:**

Dissatisfied with the mainstream media coverage of the War in Iraq, Dahr Jamail decided to leave his job as a rescue ranger on Mount Denali in Alaska. He headed to Iraq, determined to engage directly with Iraqis outside of the Green Zone and provide a different type of coverage that highlighted the human impact of this conflict. Since 2003, he has become highly respected as a journalist and has devoted himself to extensively providing coverage as an unembedded journalist in Iraq. He has provided considerable coverage of the Iraqi people and of US soldiers, shedding light on the human impacts of the Iraq War. He has tried to bear witness to the effects of the war on the lives of ordinary Iraqis, for instance, in terms of their security and well-being, and their access to important resources like clean water and health care. Recently, Jamail has been discussing the impact of the conflict upon US soldiers and others who have been working in Iraq, including for example, the experience of post-traumatic stress disorder and the acts of resistance by some soldiers. Outlets that Jamail is currently writing for include the Inter Press Service and Le Monde Diplomatique, and he has appeared on many media outlets, such as BBC and NPR. Jamail has also been a frequent guest on college radio stations across America including UCONN's FM.91.7 WHUS. The coverage that Jamail has been providing has earned him numerous awards, including the prestigious 2008 Martha Gellhorn Award for Journalism, The Lannan Foundation Writing Residency Fellowship, the James Aronson Award for Social Justice Journalism, the Joe A. Callaway Award for Civic Courage, and Project Censored awards.

Dahr Jamail's talk, entitled "Reinventing Journalism: Thoughts of an Unembedded Reporter in Iraq," will be held on Monday, September 21, at 1:00 pm in the Betty Tipton Room of the ECSU Student Union, in honor of the United Nations' International Day of Peace. It will be followed by a reception and book signing. In advance of Jamail's talk, a screening of one of Jamail's films, "Eyewitness in Iraq: An Unembedded Report," will be held on Wednesday, September 16, from 7:30 to 8 pm, in Webb Hall 110.