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## **FORMER REPORTER TO SPEAK ABOUT AL JAZEERA AT FURMAN UNIVERSITY**

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GREENVILLE, S.C.—Deborah Horan, former Middle East reporter for the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Houston Chronicle*, will speak about the Al Jazeera news network Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. in Furman University’s Younts Conference Center.

Her talk, “Is Al Jazeera Now the Most Trusted Name in World News?,” is presented by Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics, and Public Leadership. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Horan, a Woodrow Wilson Fellow in Residence at the Riley Institute, will explore the effects of real time news on the Mideast culture as well as draw attention to the quality of international coverage provided by Al Jazeera.

Horan has more than a decade of experience covering the Middle East. She was based in Jerusalem for eight years where she covered the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the region, including Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Iraq and Iran.

She has been to Iraq four times – including twice in 1999, when Saddam Hussein was in power, and twice since his ouster in 2003. In 2001, she won a Knight-Wallace Fellowship at the University of Michigan, where she studied the rise of Al Jazeera satellite television and its effects on Middle Eastern governments and media freedom.

In 2002, she joined the *Chicago Tribune* as a metro reporter covering the Muslim-American community, as well as the Middle East. She currently resides in Washington D.C., where she writes mainly about Iraq.

For more information about the event contact Jill Fuson at the Riley Institute 864-294-3280 or go to <http://riley.furman.edu/>.

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