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The University of New Hampshire will offer two opportunities for the public to participate in discussions about the United States’ involvement in Iraq Thursday, April 22, 2004.

At 12:30 p.m., retired U.S. Army Colonel Lionel Ingram will lead at open forum, “Thinking Today about Iraq Tomorrow,” and at 3:30 p.m., communication professor Joshua Meyrowitz invites the public to participate in his multimedia lecture and discussion “Where’s the Line Between ‘War News’ and ‘War Propaganda.’”

Ingram graduated fourth in his class from the military academy and did two tours in Vietnam. He served on the staff of the secretary of defense during the Carter administration and as a defense advisor to the ambassador to NATO. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard and has been teaching at UNH since 1997. His open forum will run from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building’s Wildcat Den.

At 3:30 p.m. the public is invited to attend Meyrowitz’s Introduction to Mass Communication class in Horton Room 4. This will not be a lecture about whether or not the U.S. should have gone to war with Iraq, but rather a look at the quality of the information that the news media have presented to the public about the 1991 Gulf War, the 2003 invasion, and the ongoing conflict. Meyrowitz will demonstrate how using simple critical media literacy techniques can lead to a more informed citizenry.