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## Quick Facts

- The Department of Mass Communication will host a panel on Nov. 18 to talk about “Journalists as Bargaining Tools: How Terror Tactics are Redefining Journalism.”
- Panel speakers will talk Nov. 18 about the dangers of reporting abroad, how the killings impact media coverage and how terrorists are using journalists as political pawns.



*Tom Bullock*

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA - In the global community, nearly 60 journalists have been killed this year alone, including American reporters James Foley and Steven Sotloff.

The [Department of Mass Communication](#) will host a panel on Nov. 18 to talk about “**Journalists as Bargaining Tools: How Terror Tactics are Redefining Journalism.**” It will be held from 7-8 p.m. in [G02 Owens Hall](#).

Foley and Sotloff, the late American journalists, appear to have been beheaded by the militant group Islamic State, also known as ISIS. In a video released earlier this year, Sotloff is seen wearing an orange jumpsuit similar to those worn by prisoners in Guantanamo Bay. As he kneels, he is coerced to read a statement about “paying the price” for U.S. airstrikes against Islamic militants.

The panel speakers will talk Nov. 18 about the dangers of reporting abroad, how the killings impact media coverage and how terrorists are using journalists as political pawns.

### Panel members are:

\* [International journalist Tom Bullock](#), a reporter for [WFAE-FM](#) and former NPR reporter. Bullock has reported from more than 20 countries, including Iran, Syria and much of the Middle East.

\* [Guy Reel](#), an associate professor of mass communication at Winthrop and former newspaper reporter and editor for The Commercial Appeal of Memphis, Tennessee.

\* [Chris Van Aller](#), a Winthrop professor of political science who teaches a wide variety of courses including terrorism and counter terrorism, national security, American foreign policy, Model United Nations, and Russian and European politics. He has published articles on American and European defense policies on the Iraq War, missile defense and European security.

This free event is open to the public. It is an approved global cultural event for Winthrop students.

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