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## Jimmie Briggs to speak at Endicott college in Beverly



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Briggs, who will focus on his work with child soldiers and his Man-Up campaign to end violence against women, will speak in the the Chapel at 5 p.m.

"Over the past two decades, Jimmie Briggs has earned a reputation as one of the most respected human rights advocates in the field of journalism," the Endicott website says. "Through extensive travels to countries in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, he has

produced seminal reporting on the lives of war-affected youth and children soldiers, as well as survivors of sexual violence."

Briggs, whose work has appeared in The New York Times Magazine, People, Vibe, Bust, and Fortune, is a National Magazine Award finalist and recipient of honors from the Open Society Institute, National Association of Black Journalists and the Carter Center for Mental Health Journalism. Briggs; 2005 book on child soldiers and war-affected children Innocents Lost: When Child Soldiers Go To War is an account of the personal journeys of war-affected youth.

Briggs has also served as an adjunct professor of investigative journalism at the New School for Social Research, and was a George A. Miller Visiting Professor in the Department of African and African-American Studies at the University of Illinois: Champaign-Urbana. His upcoming book The Wars Women Fight: Dispatches from A Father to His Daughter, examines violence against women and girls in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Afghanistan and the United States.

Most recently, Briggs founded the Man Up Campaign, a global initiative for mobilizing young people to stop violence against women and girls through the arts, sports and technology. The effort launched during the Young Leaders Summit at the University of Johannesburg during 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa, bringing youth together from 25 countries throughout the world, many from Sub-Saharan Africa.

Briggs is the first African American to be appointed as a Goodwill Ambassador and Special Envoy for Children and Armed Conflict by WAFUNIF at the UN. He has worked for the UN Special Session on Children and Seeds of Peace in both New York City and Kabul, Afghanistan, among other organizations. Briggs has also received several fellowships for his writing and advocacy.

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