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Wiegand will speak Nov. 2 on her experiences with Hezbollah

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Krista Wiegand, associate professor of political science at Georgia Southern University, will present "Meeting with Terrorists: A Professor's Encounter with Hezbollah of Lebanon," on Thursday, Nov. 2. Her presentation will take place from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Room 1004, College of Information Technology.

Wiegand has a history with Hezbollah, the Shia Islamist organization in Lebanon.

As one of the few American researchers who has spoken face-to-face with members of the militant Lebanese Islamic group, she is uniquely qualified to speak on the topic.

Wiegand first traveled to Lebanon in 1994 and met Hezbollah leaders in 1995. She lived in Lebanon from 1997 to 1998, teaching political science at Notre Dame University. She spent several summers there, most recently in 2002, studying intensive Arabic at the American University of Beirut.

Wiegand met with Hezbollah officials in the summer of 2000 to gain access to restricted areas controlled by Hezbollah in the south of Lebanon immediately after the Israeli withdrawal from that region.

During the so-called "July War" between Israel and the Hezbollah earlier this year, Wiegand was called on by multiple news sources to share her insight on Hezbollah with a national audience.

For more information about her presentation, contact the Dean's office at 912-681-5434.