

## **9/11 SURVIVOR, 'TOWER STORIES' AUTHOR TO OPEN IRAQ SERIES AT Camden County College**

A program by Twin Towers survivor Thomas Haddad and New York author Damon DiMarco will open Camden County College's Spring 2008 lecture series "Iraq and the Crisis in the Middle East." Their presentation, "Voices from the Towers: The Experiences of World Trade Center Survivors in Their Own Words," will be given on March 5.

Haddad, a visual artist, was working on the 89th floor of the North Tower on Sept. 11, 2001, when American Airlines Flight 11 crashed two floors above. The Cedar Grove resident and his co-workers survived by walking down to ground level and fleeing the building just before its collapse.

DiMarco, a theater professor at Drew University, featured Haddad with other survivors, the bereaved, volunteers, witnesses and emergency personnel in his book *Tower Stories: An Oral History of 9/11*. He also has written *Heart of War: Soldiers' Voices from the Front Lines of Iraq* and, with pro football player Roy Simmons, *Out of Bounds: Coming Out of Sexual Abuse, Addiction and My Life of Lies in the NFL Closet* as well as stage and screen scripts. His acting credits include roles on "One Life to Live," "As the World Turns," "The Guiding Light," "Law & Order" and "Law & Order: SVU."

All five lectures in "Iraq and the Crisis in the Middle East" will be given on Wednesday nights in the auditorium of the Danch CIM Center on CCC's Blackwood Campus. Each will start at 7 p.m., and admission is free.

Also speaking in the series will be author Stephen Wayne ("Presidential Decision-Making: Psychological Influences of Bush's Iraq Policy"); *Philadelphia Inquirer* columnist and international correspondent Trudy Rubin ("Iraq: What Went Wrong and Where Are We Headed?"); nationally syndicated radio host Monica Crowley ("The Impact of Iraq on the 2008 Presidential Race"); and journalist and commentator Paul Cruickshank ("The Impact of the Iraq War on the War on Terrorism").

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Teachers who want to take advantage of this opportunity – as well as anyone who has questions regarding directions or parking – should contact Dianne Van Haitsma at (856) 227-7200, ext. 4256, or [tempscap2@camdencc.edu](mailto:tempscap2@camdencc.edu). For additional information about the speakers and their topics, contact Professor John L. Pesda at (856) 227-7200, ext. 4432, or at [jpesda@camdencc.edu](mailto:jpesda@camdencc.edu).