

**Title of Event:** *"To Shrug or Not to Shrug: The Yankee Atlas in 'Surging' Baghdad"*

**Time Scheduled:** 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Busch Student Center 171

**Sponsor(s):** Political Science

**Description of Event: Forum on the Iraq War**

Speakers: Mr. Charles Jaco, Host of the "Jaco Report" and Reporter for KTVI, Fox 2 News, Dr. Timothy Lomperis, Professor, Department of Political Science, SLU  
Moderator: Mr. Harry Levins, Senior Writer, Military Affairs, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

This forum on the War in Iraq will draw on both media and academic perspectives to examine the stakes to the conflict in Iraq, in the War on Terror, and in domestic U.S. politics, as well as, the likely consequences of the "surge" or "redeployments" or outright "withdrawal" on all three. Some consideration will be given to the Spring Taliban/Al-Qaeda Offensive in Afghanistan.

**Charles Jaco** is an American journalist and author, best known for his coverage of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the first Gulf War for CNN. Jaco's career as a war correspondent began in 1970 when he covered the Sandinista overthrow of dictator Anastasio Somoza. Five years later, he returned to Nicaragua, traveling with Contra troops as they tried to overthrow the Sandinistas. In 1985, he covered the famine and civil war in Ethiopia. Jaco also covered the civil war in Angola, the war in Mozambique, the civil war in El Salvador and the crumbling apartheid system in South Africa. In 1989, Jaco reported on Panamanian elections even though General Manuel Noriega had forbidden him to re-enter the country.

**Harry Levins** is a Senior Writer for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch who covers military affairs. From 1963-65, he was a lieutenant of infantry in the U.S. Army, with most of his service in West Germany with the 4th Armored Division.

**Timothy Lomperis** is a professor in the political science department at SLU. A nationally recognized expert on international affairs and military strategy. Lomperis served in Vietnam as an Army intelligence officer. He has written three books on the Vietnam War: "The War Everyone Lost --and Won" (1984, 87, and 93), "Reading The Wind" (1987), and From People's War To People's Rule (96). The latter work received the Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award for the best book in the social sciences published at a Jesuit institution from 1994-1998.