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## Filmmaker Screening 'Taliban Country' at Cal Poly March 9

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Award winning investigative reporter and filmmaker Carmela Baranowska will offer a free screening of her film "Taliban Country" at Cal Poly on Wednesday, March 9, sponsored by the university's Progressive Student Alliance club.

The screening will begin at 7 p.m. in the Orfalea College of Business Rotunda (Building 3, Room 213). Metered parking is available on California Boulevard.

Between May and June 2004, Baranowska, an investigative reporter whose work has won the Walkley Award, was embedded with U.S. Marines in one of the most dangerous and remote parts of Afghanistan, beyond the reach of United Nations and aid agencies.

Frustrated by the limitations imposed on what she could report, Baranowska decided to travel back to Oruzgon Province independently of the U.S. Marines and Afghan militia that she had journeyed with up to that point. Western media outlets reported that she had been kidnapped by the Taliban, a 'fact' the documentary dispels.

Baranowska's footage offers disturbing first-person accounts of the treatment being dealt Afghans by U.S. Marines in the war on terror and has led to the opening of two U.S. military investigations. For more information on the film visit www.talibancountry.com.

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