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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University will present guest speaker John Crawford, author of *The Last True Story I'll Ever Tell: An Accidental Soldier's Account of the War in Iraq*, on Wednesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher St., Bloomington).

Crawford will speak to the campus community about his experiences as a member of the Third Battalion of the 124th Infantry. Recently married and only two credits shy of a BA in anthropology from Florida State University, Crawford's National Guard unit was activated just prior to the invasion of Iraq in 2002. For 18 months, Crawford was stationed in occupied Baghdad, where he wrote the essays that would later become his memoir. *The Last True Story I'll Ever Tell* was published in the summer of 2005 and has earned a spot on the *New York Times* bestsellers list.

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