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Event:	Illinois Wesleyan University's Students for a Just Society (SJS) to present: The Scourge of Depleted Uranium: America's Use of Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq
Date:	Nov. 17 (Monday)
Time:	7:00 p.m.
Location:	Hansen Student Center 300 Beecher St., Bloomington
Program:	Doug Rokke will speak on depleted uranium (DU) contamination and his knowledge about the negatives of DU from the perspective of his scientific training and first-hand experience. He is a former director of the U.S. Army Depleted Uranium Project and a former health physicist for the U.S. Army Depleted Uranium Assessment Team, which cleaned up DU in Iraq, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia. Rokke also has directed the development, instruction, and assessment of radiation safety education and field procedures for the U.S. Army at the Bradley Radiological Laboratories in Fort McClellan, Fla.
	Rokke's speech will include his opinions of a cover-up of Gulf War casualties related to DU as well as its link to Gulf War Syndrome, a mysterious ailment affecting approximately 200,000 United States soldiers since the end of the conflict in 1991. DU has also been linked to the increase in birth deformities and cancer in Iraq since the first Gulf War.
Contact:	For more information, contact SJS spokesperson Robert Callahan at (309) 556-2397.