



Exploring issues of CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

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A Community Conversation with Kirk Johnson

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Lincoln Hall, Northwestern University

357 E. Chicago Avenue (downtown Chicago campus)

Kirk Johnson, the subject of the recent award-winning documentary, *The List*, is the author of *To Be a Friend Is Fatal: The Fight to Save the Iraqis America Left Behind*, an unforgettable portrait of the power of one person to make a difference. Johnson is a true “upstander”, and his story will resonate in

Facing History classrooms wrestling with the aftermath of war, discussing the current immigration debate, and examining issues of moral decision making and the responsibilities of civic participation.

In 2006, after returning from a draining year in Iraq with USAID, Johnson heard from an Iraqi colleague who had received a death threat because of his work alongside Americans on the reconstruction. After writing an op-ed about his colleague’s plight, Johnson was inundated by emails from other displaced Iraqis formerly employed by the US. When he realized no organizations could help, he felt compelled to found **The List Project to Resettle Iraqi Allies**, a nonprofit which helps Iraqis who have become imperiled as a result of working with the US. Johnson’s work has been featured in major news outlets, including *60 Minutes*, *NPR*, *Today Show*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Foreign Policy*.

Seating is limited. To RSVP, please visit facinghistory.org/communityconversations or call 312-345-3203. As part of Facing History’s national series of Community Conversations, this event is free and open to the public.

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