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Boots on the Ground war docudrama comes to Yale Divinity School

New Haven, CT—On Nov. 6 at Sterling Divinity Quadrangle, Trinity Repertory Theatre from Providence, RI will present a reading, by the original cast, of *Boots on the Ground*, a docudrama about the current war in Iraq and how the war directly affects Americans. The reading will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Common Room of Sterling Divinity Quadrangle, located at 409 Prospect St., New Haven, CT. Free and open to the public, the event is hosted by the Initiative on Religion and Politics at Yale.

The play was conceived and written by Laura Kepley, Trinity's artistic associate, and playwright D. Salem Smith. Together, they collected over 150 hours of interviews with more than 70 Rhode Islanders: soldiers, veterans, family members, teachers, doctors, journalists, and clergy.

The Initiative on Religion and Politics at Yale, based at Yale Divinity School, seeks to foster thoughtful activism, enrich scholarly discourse, and deepen public conversation on the place of religion in public life, both nationally and internationally. Guided by a coordinating committee of faculty and students from a variety of disciplines and religious affiliations, the Initiative draws on the strengths of intellectuals across and beyond Yale University, and of religious leaders in New Haven and around the world.

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