

September 10, 2021

*Greetings Everyone:*

On behalf of Northern Oklahoma College, we are pleased to welcome **veteran journalist and award-winning war correspondent, Mike Boettcher, to the Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28 at Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa. Boettcher will speak on the U.S. withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan in a speech, *America's Longest War: How We Lost Our Way*.** This event is sponsored by the Carl and Carolyn Renfro Endowed Lectureship and Northern Oklahoma College.

The Ponca City native is recognized as one of the world's most experienced foreign correspondents, covering wars and revolutions in every part of the globe since 1980. He spent four of the past 20 years in Afghanistan covering America's longest war. Boettcher helped launch the era of 24-hour live news coverage when on June 1, 1980, he performed the first live satellite report for a fledgling network called CNN. In almost four decades of assignments he has covered global conflict for NBC News, CNN and ABC.

He has witnessed, investigated and been a victim of terrorism himself. He was kidnapped and threatened with execution in El Salvador in 1985. Twenty years later, he survived a suicide bomber attack and a roadside bombing in Baghdad. In 2000, he created and directed the CNN Terrorism Investigation Unit and led the networks investigation of the 9-11 attacks.

Boettcher is the winner of six national Emmys and a Peabody award. He is one of five reporters in history to win national Emmy's for three different networks. He teaches journalism at his alma mater, The University of Oklahoma, and serves as a Senior Fellow at the OU Center for Intelligence and National Security.

**Beginning Tuesday, September 14 at 9 a.m., tickets will go on sale to the general public.**

**OPTION #1:** You may purchase a reserved table seating eight (8) for \$400, which includes dinner in the Renfro Center at 6 p.m. prior to the 7:30 p.m. event and preferred seating in the lower section of the Kinzer Performing Arts Center (KPAC). Doors open at 5:45 p.m. for the dinner.

**OPTION #2:** Individual tickets may be purchased at a cost of \$20 per ticket on a first-come, first-served basis for seating in the upper section of the KPAC. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased with a credit card by calling 580.628.6214, or in person at Northern Oklahoma College Development Office, Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Tonkawa.

Former Oklahoma State Regent Carl Renfro and the late Carolyn Renfro established the Carl and Carolyn Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program with a gift in 2006. The primary purpose of the endowment is to provide support to cultivate and enhance the cultural and community enrichment offerings in northern Oklahoma to include lecture and performance series at Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa and in the Ponca City area.

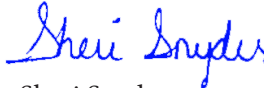
If you have questions concerning this upcoming event or need additional information, please contact the Northern Oklahoma College Development Office at 580.628.6214 or visit our website at [www.noc.edu/event-tickets](http://www.noc.edu/event-tickets).

Respectfully,



Clark Harris, Ed.D.  
NOC President

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Sheri Snyder  
NOC Foundation Executive Director