

## **Award-winning journalist to speak at AU**

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Two-time Emmy winner and former CNN journalist/producer Mary Cardaras will deliver a lecture titled "Broadcast News: True Stories, Tall Tales and Telling it Like it is" at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. Cardaras, an expert on international coverage and the current chair of the Department of Digital Media and Communications at the New England Institute of Art, will speak on a variety of topics, including: Is coverage of the Bush Administration and the Iraqi conflict irresponsibly passive? Is "Foxification" of broadcast news as harmful as a new study conducted by the University of Maryland's Program on International Policy Attitudes study claims? And how are good journalists overcoming nearly impossible economic and entertainment obstacles to deliver local and global news of value? Cardaras will also encourage audience members to ask questions and to get involved in discussions. This event will be free and open to the public. A graduate of Valparaiso University with a degree in journalism and psychology, Cardaras earned a master's in journalism from Northwestern University, and is working on her Ph.D. degree in public policy and international affairs at Northeastern University. She has been a broadcast journalist and producer and has taught journalism at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communication at Syracuse University and at LaSalle University. In addition to her current academic position, Cardaras is founder and executive director of The South End Cinema and the South End Foundation for the Arts, a non-profit organization to support independent film-makers, and is executive producer for a documentary, "Chaos & Order: On Making Theater," now in production with the American Repertory Theatre. Her lecture at Alfred University is being sponsored by AU's Communication Studies Program, AUTV, the Fiat Lux and a grant to Alfred University from the National Endowment for the Humanities. For additional information, contact Dr. Robyn Goodman at (607)871-2387 or [fgoodman@alfred.edu](mailto:fgoodman@alfred.edu)