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CHARLESTON, IL--Seymour Hersh, New York Times investigative reporter, will discuss journalism and foreign policy on Monday, April 18 at 8 p.m. in the University Union Grand Ballroom at Eastern Illinois University.

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for uncovering the My Lai massacre during the Vietnam war, Hersh has reported on such major international events as the CIA's domestic spying operations, Richard Nixon's secret bombing of Cambodia and the illegal sale of U.S. weapons to mid-east terrorists.

In 1970 he won the Worth Bingham Prize, the Sigma Delta Chi Distinguished Service Award and the George Polk Memorial Award.

He won the Scripps-Howard Public Service Award and the Polk Award in 1973 for his stories on the secret bombing of Cambodia.

In 1974 he was awarded the Sidney Hillman and Polk Awards for his CIA domestic spying stories. He also has been the recipient of the John Peter Zenger Freedom of the Press Award and the Drew Pearson Prize.

Hersh was instrumental in uncovering the Watergate story, beating Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein to the story that Cuban Watergate figures were being bought off during the trial Judge John Sirica presided over.

In 1981 he won both the Polk Award (his fourth, the most by any reporter) and the Sigma Delta Chi Award for his New York Times article, "The Qaddafi Connection." The article reported the sale of U.S. technology and weapons to Libya by former CIA agents Frank Terpil and Edwin Wilson.

Hersh has recently completed a book, "The Price of Power, Kissinger and the Nixon White House," to be published in May by Simon and Schuster.