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### **SUMMARY: AN AMERICAN WOMAN'S MEMOIR OF THE IRAN HOSTAGE CRISIS IS TOPIC OF WAYNE COLLEGE COMMUNITY FORUM**

Orrville, Ohio, April 4, 2007 – Dr. Debra Johanyak, author and English professor, will speak at the next Community Forum at The University of Akron Wayne College at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 18.

Johanyak will be discussing her new book *Behind the Veil: An American Woman's Memoir of the 1979 Iran Hostage Crisis* (The University of Akron Press, Akron, Ohio, October 2006, 258 pp., \$24.95), which draws upon personal journal entries, family letters and public news sources to tell the story of her life in Iran. This event is free and open to the public.

The 45-minute presentation will be held in the Wayne College auditorium and will be followed by a question-and-answer session and a coffee reception.

Johanyak, who was raised in Akron, was a teaching assistant at Iran's Shiraz University when the American Embassy in Tehran was taken over by militants on Nov. 4, 1979.

Johanyak began her professional career as an English instructor, and later, as an assistant professor at Kent State University before coming to The University of Akron Wayne College in 1992. In addition to having her book *Shakespeare's World* published by Prentice Hall in 2004, several of her short stories and articles have appeared in various literary magazines and journals.

The Wayne College Community Forum presents a series of speakers throughout the academic year for students and the local community.

Wayne College is a regional campus of The University of Akron and is located at 1901 Smucker Road in Orrville.

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