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Author, noted humanitarian, and Navy Seal Eric Greitens will return to Lindenwood University for a presentation at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, in Young Hall Theater.

Greitens, who visited the campus in 2010 as part of the Lindenwood University Speaker Series, will speak about his new book, "The Heart and the Fist: The Education of a Humanitarian, the Making of a Navy Seal." The event is free and open to the public; copies of the book will be available for sale on site from Main Street Books in St. Charles, and Greitens will sign books following his presentation.

The new memoir follows his award-winning book, "Strength and Compassion," which was compiled from investigations during his volunteer work in Rwanda, Cambodia, Albania, Mexico, India, the Gaza Strip, Croatia, and Bolivia.

Greitens, a U.S. Navy SEAL officer, has been deployed four times in the Global War on Terrorism and is the recipient of numerous military awards, including the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

A former Rhodes and Truman scholar, Greitens earned his Ph.D. in politics from the University of Oxford in 2000. His numerous awards and appointments include the White House Fellowship, the President's Volunteer Service Award, a Draper Richards Foundation Fellow, and recognition as one of the leading social entrepreneurs in America. Greitens also teaches on ethics, public service, and leadership as a senior fellow at the University of Missouri.

Greitens is CEO of The Mission Continues, a nonprofit organization that assists returning military veterans in becoming leaders in community service organizations. For more information about the event, contact Paul Huffman at 636-949-4823.