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## **“Torture Memos” Author John Yoo to Speak at U.Va.’s Miller Center**

Charlottesville, Va. – John Yoo, who authored the infamous “torture memos” while serving as a lawyer in George W. Bush’s administration, will speak at the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia Friday, March 19 at 11:00 am. His remarks will be webcast live and archived at [www.millercenter.org](http://www.millercenter.org).

Yoo will discuss his book, “Crisis and Command: A History of Executive Power from George Washington to George W. Bush,” in which he argues that presidents gain power at the expense of Congress during national-security crises.

Yoo served as deputy assistant attorney general in the Justice Department’s Office of Legal Counsel, where he provided legal justification for waterboarding and other interrogation tactics for terrorism suspects. The Justice Department recently released a report concluding that Yoo used flawed legal reasoning but was not guilty of professional misconduct.

He is currently a law professor at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

Yoo will speak for 30 minutes and then take questions. A book signing will follow his remarks.

Other upcoming Miller Center speakers include National Governors Association Executive Director Raymond Scheppach on April 5, former senior counterterrorism analyst Gina Bennett on April 12, and former Reagan adviser Peter Hannaford on April 16. For more details, go to [www.millercenter.org/public/forum](http://www.millercenter.org/public/forum).

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