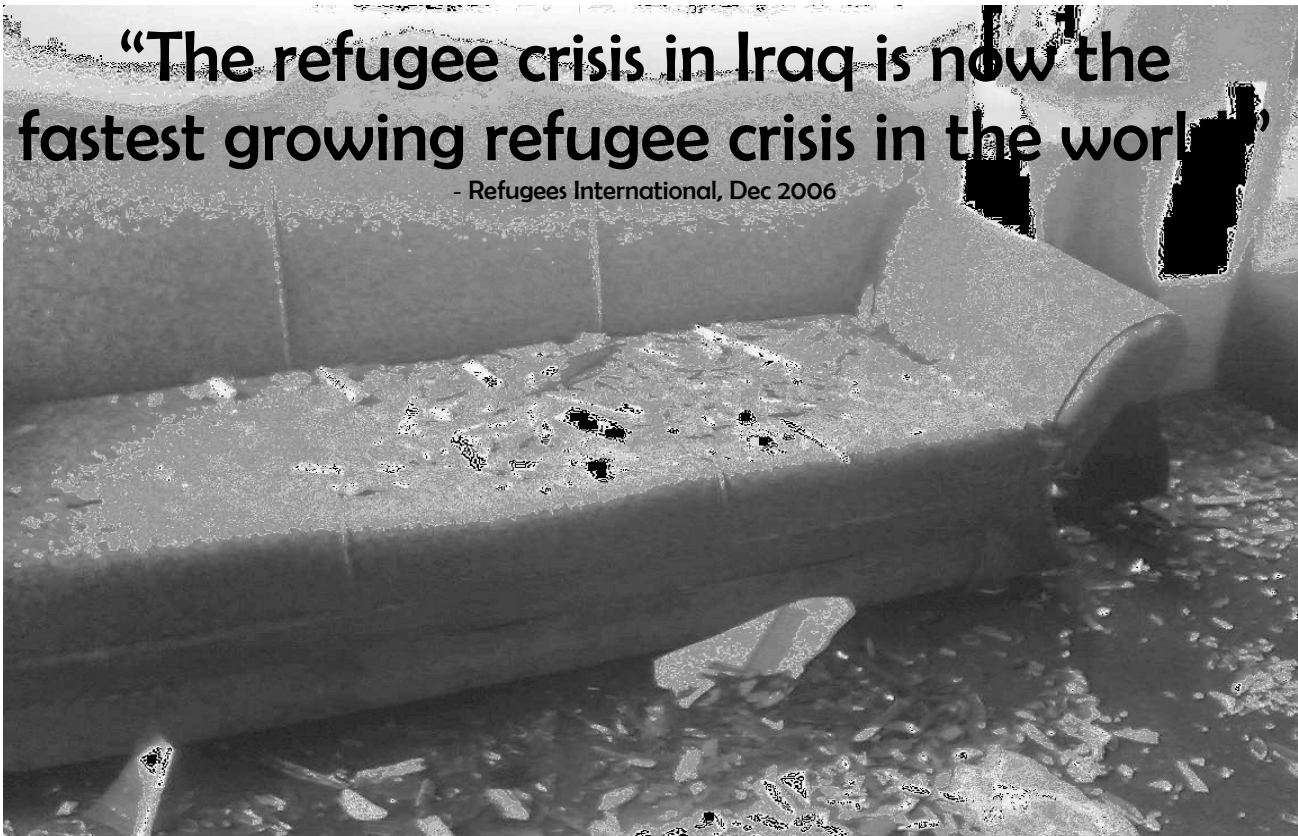


**“The refugee crisis in Iraq is now the fastest growing refugee crisis in the world.”**

- Refugees International, Dec 2006



## **Noah Merrill: An Inside Look at Life for Iraqi Refugees**

**When:** Monday, May 7 2007  
7:00—9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Quaker Meeting House  
144 South Quaker Lane, W. Hartford

**Hosted By:** Connecticut Coalition for Peace and Justice

**For More Information:** [WWW.Hopeoutloud.org](http://WWW.Hopeoutloud.org)

As part of a national speaking tour, Noah Merrill will share the stories of Iraqis forced from their country by violence and chaos, and describe their struggles to survive in an increasingly hostile environment. He will address the regional economic, environmental, and political implications of the growing refugee crisis, the gathering threat posed to the world by the continuing creation and portrayal of the "Sunni-Shiite" conflict, and will highlight prospects for constructive action to move beyond opposition to US military occupation and toward promoting a lasting, healing peace for Iraq through partnership with Iraqis.

*Tax-deductible donations to support the needs of Iraqi families now living as refugees in Jordan will be gratefully accepted.*

Merrill recently returned from six weeks of intensive work in Jordan among Iraqi refugees displaced as a result of the ongoing Iraq crisis. During this time, he conducted in-depth formal interviews with Iraqi families, and met informally with many more. He was also involved in direct advocacy and service work on behalf of Iraqis facing acute needs in Jordan. Following the current speaking tour, Merrill plans to return to Jordan to continue this ongoing work.