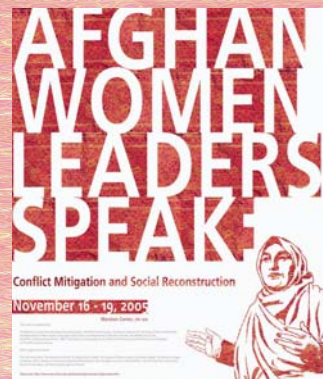


# Afghan Women Leaders Speak

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## Malalai Joya

### Women's Rights, Warlords and the U.S. Occupation of Afghanistan

March 10, 2006  
Mershon Center  
12:00pm

Malalai Joya was an elected representative to the December 2003 Loya Jirga (Grand Council) convention in Kabul to create Afghanistan's new constitution. At that meeting she stood up to denounce the prominent presence of warlords in the constitutional process. Despite death threats, she went on to be elected from her native Farah province to the Wolusi Jirga, the House of Representatives of the new Afghan parliament. She has continued her vocal public opposition to the participation of armed factions in Afghanistan's political institutions. Since 1998, Malalai Joya has worked in Afghanistan as a social worker establishing orphanages & health clinics.

This lecture is open to the public. RSVP to Ann Powers [powers.108@osu.edu](mailto:powers.108@osu.edu) since seating is limited. Lunch will be served to those who RSVP to Ann Powers [powers.108@osu.edu](mailto:powers.108@osu.edu), no later than Tuesday March 7

#### Other Public Engagements:

March 10, 2006; 11:00am-11:30am & 6:00pm-6:30pm WOSU *Open Line*

Hear an interview with Malalai Joya by Fred Andrie or listen live at

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