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**Award-winning Journalist and Author, John Pomfret to Discuss the Complex Changes Overtaking China**

The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville and the University of North Florida are co-hosting an evening with award-winning journalist and author, John Pomfret. He will address "Chinese Lessons," examining China's remarkable transformation over the past forty years. Pomfret speaks, reads and writes Mandarin and has lived and worked in China off-and-on for a decade starting in 1980. He was an AP reporter in China during the Tiananmen Square protests in the late 1980s and served as Beijing bureau chief for The Washington Post from 1998 until the end of 2003. A foreign correspondent for 15 years, he is currently the editor of the Post's Outlook section and is the newspaper's expert on immigration.

Join us at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at UNF's University Center. Complimentary tickets are required. World Affairs Council members can reserve tickets through the Council's office at (904) 280-8162. Tickets can also be reserved at [www.unf.edu/lectures](http://www.unf.edu/lectures) or (904) 620-2117.

This event is sponsored by Water Street Capital and The Haskell Company.

Please see the attached bio and photo for John Pomfret.

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