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Archaeologist to speak at USI

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Bruce Beck, director of excavations the past seven years at the Smallhouse Native American Site in Ohio County, Kentucky, will be the featured speaker in a program at noon Thursday, March 20, in Mitchell Auditorium at the University of Southern Indiana.

The program is sponsored by SURE (Students United for Reformation), a Campus Ministry Bible study group, and is open to all students and the public. Dr. Beck's topic will be "Archaeology and the Bible."

Dr. Beck received his B.A. from Centre College and the University of Vienna, with majors in psychology, world religions, and music; his Master of Divinity from Princeton University, with concentration in world religions; and a Ph.D. in biblical archaeology from a consortium of schools: Duke University, Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, and Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville. He has done post-graduate work at Tel Aviv University in Israel, Baylor University, University of Louisville, and Durham University in England.

Dr. Beck is the recipient of numerous teaching and achievement awards and is recognized as an authority on the prehistory of Kentucky. His archaeology program at Owensboro Community College has received national attention and is the only such program in U.S. community colleges. Dr. Beck has worked on excavations in Israel, Portugal, France, England, the Czech Republic, and Cyprus, and at several other Native American sites throughout the southeast U.S. He has led tours to archaeological sites all over the world and plans a December group tour of sites in Israel and Egypt.

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