

# Prehistory of Oklahoma to be Focus of Showcase Presentation at SWOSU

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Dr. Robert L. Brooks, director and state archaeologist from the Oklahoma Archeological Survey at the University of Oklahoma, will speak on the prehistory of Oklahoma on Tuesday, March 26, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

His 7 p.m. presentation, entitled "From Mounds to Mammoths", will be held at the Conference Center on the Weatherford campus. This free event is a part of the AI Harris Library Showcase series. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Brooks has been with the Archeological Survey for the past 30 years. He currently oversees the preservation of Oklahoma's prehistoric and early historic Native American cultural heritage. He conducts research on Oklahoma archaeological history and teaches on a part-time basis in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Oklahoma.

His research interests include the Southern Plains and Southeastern United States, prehistoric agriculture, archaeological theory and resource management. Dr. Brooks' current work includes an archaeological study of Caddoan mound building people in central Oklahoma, a study of an extensive collection of artifacts from Lake Hudson, and the study of individuals who were critical in the developmental history of Oklahoma archaeology.

Some of his recent works include "Southern Plains Villagers" (with Robert E. Bell) in the *Handbook of North American Indians: The Plains*, Vol. 13, (2001); *From Mounds to Mammoths: A Fieldguide to Oklahoma Prehistory* (with Claudette Gilbert) 2000; "Analyzing the Arkansas River Basin Caddoan Cultural Landscape" in *Caddo Archeology Journal*, Vol. 20 (2010); and "Humans on the Landscape" in the *Historical Atlas of Oklahoma* (2006).

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