

Meeting Mike: Mammoth or Mastodon

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ELSAH - The first lecture of the 2024 Hosmer-Williams Lecture Series will be presented on Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 in the evening in Farley's Music Hall, 37 Mill Street, Elsay, Illinois.

The lecture, *Meeting Mike: Mammoth or Mastodon*, will be given by Andrew Martin, Professor of Archaeology and Anthropology at Principia College.

Some years ago, the partial skeletal remains of a Woolly Mammoth were discovered on the Principia campus. Nicknamed “Benny” after the worker who first came across the remains, the Mammoth was an important part of the college curriculum, ending with a major exhibit in one of the college’s science buildings. Now comes “Mike,” an ivory tusk recently uncovered like “Benny,” by chance, and once again an opportunity for student learning. Andrew Martin leads the effort at the college, in cooperation with Illinois State Museum staff. His lecture will describe what’s happened to date, and where the “Dig” is going.

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The presentation is free and open to the public, free parking is ample and available. The lecture is also available virtually. To join the lecture virtually go to historicelsah.org and follow the instructions provided on the Foundation’s website