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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan University Professor of [Anthropology](#) Chuck Springwood has been elected to serve as president elect of the Central States Anthropology Society (CSAS).

Founded in 1921 as the earliest section of the American Anthropological Association, CSAS is a four-field professional society that welcomes students and interested in promoting anthropology in the central United States and beyond. The organization's annual meeting is open to cultural and physical anthropologists, archaeologists, linguists, applied anthropologists, and other interested scholars. The CSAS executive board offers graduate and undergraduate paper prizes and sponsors two scholarships for student research.

The president elect position is a four-year term. For the first two years Springwood will also serve as vice president before assuming presidential duties for two additional years.

Springwood graduated from the University of Illinois with a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology. His special areas of interest include semiotics, race, gender, visual culture, colonialism, ethnographic methods, sport, and alcohol usage. He has conducted research in Japan, Mexico, and the United States. He is the author or co-author of four books, including *Beyond the Cheers: Race as Spectacle in College Sport* (Suny Press), and the editor of *Open Fire: Understanding Global Gun Cultures* (Berg), a volume on guns and their use in various societies around the world.



Chuck Springwood poses with skulls in his office.

