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## Speaker to Offer Shamanic Journey at University Chapel Hour

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan's University Chapel Hour and Special Events and Services will present a Shamanic journey led by spiritual physician and author Richard Sandore on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m. in Evelyn Chapel (1301 N. Park St., Bloomington).

The service is free and open to the public.

Sandore will also give a lecture, titled "From Mainline Medicine to Shamanism and Back" on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 4 p.m. in the Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library (1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington).

Deeply interested in the art of healing and mysticism of spirituality, Sandore spends his time helping people "in opening to the truth of who they are and finding their place in the world we share." He attributes his interest in mysticism to the experiences he had while working with native and spiritual healers in South, Central, and North America.

Shamanism is an archaic magico-religious phenomenon developed independently outside of any religious philosophy. A shaman, who plays the role of priest, magician, or metaphysician, is known as a master of the craft of ecstasy, or the ability to move or transcend consciously beyond the physical body in an exalted state. While in the ecstatic trance, the shaman is said to move to other regions of the world, to higher levels of existence, or to parallel physical worlds in a quest to find spirits which may offer advice or help to the shaman or his/her community.

For additional information, contact the Illinois Wesleyan Chaplain's office at (309) 556-3005.



Richard Sandore

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