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BLOOMINGTON, III. - As part of a new lecture and performance series called the "IDES" the department of Greek and Roman Studies will host Jon Solomon, the Robert D. Novak Chair of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Solomon will give a talk entitled "The Tradition of Troy and The Iliad in Popular Culture," on Wednesday, March 15, at 4 p.m. in the Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library (1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington).

The event is free and open to the public and will be followed with refreshments.

Dedicated to the Roman god Jupiter, the Ides fell on the day of the full moon in the Roman calendar. Because a full moon comes halfway through each lunation, its day was called "Idus" in Latin, which means "divide." The department of Greek and Roman Studies will celebrate the Ides with a guest speaker or performance each month during the academic year on either the 13th or the 15th, depending on the month.

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