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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Eric Shanower, the award-winning creator of *Age of Bronze*, a series of graphic novels chronicling the complete history of the Trojan War, will speak at the invitation of the Illinois Wesleyan University Greek and Roman Studies Department as part of its Ides of March reading and lecture program. Free and open to the public, Shanower's presentation will begin at 4 p.m. on March 15 in Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library (1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington).

Incorporating literary tradition and archaeological evidence into his series, Shanower hopes to present a definitive version of the story of the Trojan War, from the infamously beautiful Helen of Troy to the city's epic fall after the Greeks gained entrance via wooden horse. Shanower's version includes homage to many of the greatest artists and authors who have tackled the subject, from Homer to James Joyce, while also including modern elements to appeal to wide audiences.

Shanower's attention to detail, particularly in regard to the archeology of Late Bronze Age Greece and surrounding areas, adds additional authenticity to his renderings and narratives. In the summer of 2006, Shanower was able to spend 11 days at the archeological site of the ancient city of Troy. "I was grateful for the opportunity to finally visit the place I'd been drawing for so many years. Hiking across the plain where Achilles and Hektor might have battled and standing on the ruins of the walls where Helen may have once stood was inspirational," Shanower said.

The first volume of *Age of Bronze* was published in 1998 by Image Comics, Inc., and, since then, Shanower's work has been honored with major comic book industry awards, including the prestigious Eisner Award for Best Writer-Artist in 2001 and 2003. The editors of *Publisher's Weekly* selected Shanower's second volume, *Age of Bronze: Sacrifice*, as one of the Best Books of 2004. His series has been translated into other languages and in 2006 the Italian edition, *La Eta del Bronzo*, won the Gran Guinigi, Italy's highest award for comics.

The Ides is a lecture and performance series presented each month by the department of Greek and Roman Studies. For additional information, contact Director of Greek and Roman Studies Nancy Sultan at (309) 556-3173.



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