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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Phi Alpha Theta, Illinois Wesleyan University's history honor society, will host Nick Cullather, associate professor of history at Indiana University, who will give a talk entitled, "Intelligence 'Failures' and the Politics of Knowledge in U.S. Foreign Relations" at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 26 in the Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher St., Bloomington).

The event is free and open to the public.

Cullather is a historian of U.S. foreign relations specializing in American ventures in nation-building. His research interests include diplomatic, military, and intelligence history; modernization theory and U.S.-Asian relations. His research explores how the United States uses foreign aid, covert operations, modernization theory, diet, statistics, and technology to reconstruct the environment and social order in countries around the world.

Cullather is coauthor of *Making A Nation: The United States and Its People* (2001) and author of *Secret History: The CIA's Classified Account of its Operations in Guatemala, 1952-1954* (1999). He has served as staff historian for the CIA, was a staff member of Congressman Lee H. Hamilton (Democrat, Ind.), and was associate editor of the *Journal of American History*. He is currently working on a new book, *Parable of Seeds: The United States and the Green Revolution in Asia*. The book looks at how American officials and private philanthropies, such as the Ford and Rockefeller foundations, aimed to change the politics of the Cold War by modifying the farming practices, eating habits, and birth rates of millions of peasants in South and Southeast Asia.

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