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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--"The Archaeologist as Scientist" is the subject of a speech later this month by a Colby College professor with wide experience exploring ancient sites in Israel.

Thomas R.W. Longstaff, Crawford Family Professor of Religious Studies at the Maine campus, will lecture Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 4 p.m. in Auditorium C-102 in the Center for Natural Science, 201 E. Beecher, Bloomington. His presentation is open to the public, admission free.

He also will deliver a presentation, "The Prodigal Party," at the University Chapel Hour, Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 11 a.m. in Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park, Bloomington.

Longstaff is associate director--with IWU Chaplain Dennis Groh--of the University of South Florida Excavations at Sepphoris (Lower Galilee) in Israel. Twenty-six IWU students worked in May at the Sepphoris site, which is a city built by Herod the Great.

Longstaff, who earned a doctorate at Columbia University, is chair of the Board of Trustees of Bangor Theological Seminary.

He is author or co-editor of three books and dozens of scholarly articles and reviews in the fields of the New Testament, Near Eastern archaeology, and computer technology in archeology.