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**FACULTY PRESENTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA:
“HOW THE DIGITAL HUMANITIES SHAPE ALL HUMANITIES”**

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Executive Summary: This presentation by Professor Robert Cargill will offer an introduction to the Digital Humanities and demonstrate how the University of Iowa’s foresight in establishing its Public Humanities in a Digital World hiring cluster has placed Iowa in a leadership position with regard to the next generation of Humanities research, including digital archaeological reconstruction and the analysis of ancient texts.

Professor Cargill is an assistant professor of Classics and Religious Studies. He teaches courses on biblical studies, ancient Judaism and Christianity, and archeology of the eastern Mediterranean. Dr. Cargill considers the “public” part of the Public Humanities in a Digital World cluster to be a significant component. He can be seen regularly on the History Channel, Discovery Channel, and National Geographic Channel, where he hosts shows, including “Writing the Dead Sea Scrolls,” and CNN’s “Finding Jesus.” He recently served as a producer and contributor for the History Channel’s “Bible Secrets Revealed.” He was the Consulting Scholar on Bill O’Reilly’s National Geographic movie, “Killing Jesus.” He is the author of the HarperCollins book, The Cities that Built the Bible.

Dr. Cargill earned an associate degree from Fresno City College, a Bachelor of Science degree in human physiology from Fresno State University, a Master of Science degree and a Master of Divinity degree from Pepperdine University, and a Master of Arts degree and Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures from the University of California, Los Angeles. Each summer, he leads Iowa students on an archeological excavation at Tel Azekah (ah-zay-KAH) in Israel.