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**Africa: Animals and Issues**

*ISM Brown Bag Lecture on Feb. 15, 12 noon -1 pm*

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois State Museum Research and Collections Center will host a monthly brown bag lunchtime program “Africa: Animals and Issues” on Wed., Feb. 15 from noon until 1 p.m.

The free event is open to the public.

Richard Leary, ISM Geology Curator Emeritus, recently traveled on "safari" to southern Africa, visiting Botswana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. He will discuss some of the issues facing animals in this region.

Bring your lunch and join us for a different speaker and topic on the third Wednesday of each month. Brown Bag Lectures are held at the ISM Research & Collections Center at 1011 E. Ash St. in Springfield. For additional information, please contact events@illinoisstatemuseum.org or 217-782-0061.