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**The Cahokia World and Mississippian Women Featured on March 7 at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield**

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois State Museum’s monthly Paul Mickey Learning Series program for March features the role women played in Mississippian culture, beliefs and mythology in ancient Illinois.

The free program begins at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7 at the Illinois State Museum auditorium in Springfield. The program will be presented by Bill Iseminger, Asst. Site Manager at the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site in Collinsville, Illinois.

The ancient urban development known as Cahokia became the largest settlement north of Mexico. Built by people of the Mississippian culture, Cahokia’s influence was widespread throughout eastern North America. The importance of this great site and its major features will be examined during the program, along with the role that women played in Mississippian culture, beliefs, cosmology and mythology.

Each month, the Paul Mickey Learning Series features a different speaker and topic at the Illinois State Museum. For additional information, please contact events@illinoisstatemuseum.org or phone 217-558-6696.