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Presents:

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Final Days:
Mechanisms of Extinction in Midwestern Mammoths and Mastodons

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Monday, 7 October 2013
7:00 pm
Macbride Auditorium (2nd floor), University of Iowa

Many different scenarios have been invoked to explain the extinction of North American megafauna at the end of the last Ice Age. This multi-year project hopes to better define the distribution of different proboscidean taxa on the landscape, examine the evolution of their habitat, and narrow the chronological window of their extinction. Ultimately, all of these issues must be addressed before we can begin to ask the question, “who or what killed the megafauna”?

Chris Widga is Curator of Geology at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield. He holds a PhD (anthropology) from the University of Kansas (2006), where his dissertation focused on developing biogeochemical methods for understanding mobility and niche dynamics in Middle Holocene bison from the eastern Great Plains, including a number of assemblages from western Iowa.
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