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## Hopewell Culture News Release

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### **British Professor to Speak in Chillicothe about Astronomical Alignments of Stonehenge**

Dr. Lionel Sims of the University of East London will speak at Hopewell Culture National Historical Park on April 30 at 7:00 pm. Dr. Sims' article "The solarisation of the moon: Manipulated knowledge at Stonehenge" appeared in the *Cambridge Archaeological Journal* in June, 2006, and he is also responsible for the National Geographic film "Stonehenge Rediscovered." The topic of his presentation will be astronomical alignments found in the ancient monuments of prehistoric Britain, most notably Stonehenge.

He will be joined by Dr. Brad Lepper of the Ohio Historical Society on a panel to discuss comparable features of prehistoric sites in England and Ohio. Several of the large geometric earthworks in Ohio also have astronomical alignments, most notably the Newark Earthworks and the High Bank Works south of Chillicothe. Dr. Lepper is a Curator of Archaeology for the Society and the former site manager at the Newark Earthworks.

This program is free. The Hopewell Culture National Historical Park visitor center is located at 16062 State Route 104, just north of Chillicothe. Doors will open at 6:30pm and the program begins at 7:00pm.