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Homecoming Introduces the Alumni Lecture Series

Homecoming 2015 welcomes Alumni Kirk French and Steve Manuel as lecture series speakers.

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (Sept. 9, 2015) — Senior lecturers, Kirk French and Steve Manuel, will be featured as the first speakers in the Homecoming Alumni Lecture Series.

Kirk French will speak on Sept. 16 at 6p.m. in 201 Thomas Building on campus. French is an archaeologist who received his PhD in Anthropology from Penn State in 2009.

Since then, French has continued his investigations into land use and climate change at Mayan sites in Mexico and Guatemala. In addition, he directs the Moonshine Archaeology Project in North Carolina.

In 2011, Dr. French created and hosted the Discovery Channel series, *Artifact or Fiction*, a reality show centered on helping people discover the truth behind items they have discovered on their land. He is currently a Senior Lecturer at Penn State and is developing the Anthropology of Alcohol – a new course to be offered on the University Park campus in the fall of 2016.

Steve Manuel is a senior lecturer at Penn State in the College of Communications. Manuel is a former public affairs officer for the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Marine Corps spokesman. His expertise is in Crisis Communications, Media Relations, and Public Relations Methods. Manuel is well known for his active photography with the University.

Manuel will be speaking in Heritage Hall at 6 p.m. on Sept. 30.

All students, staff, and community members are welcome to hear these Alumni speak about their careers and learn more about where these professions can lead.

About Us

Penn State Homecoming is a student-run organization with aims to celebrate tradition and instill pride in all members of the Penn State family through active engagement of students, alumni, faculty and staff across the community. Our organization is comprised of many student volunteers who donate their time to creating a multitude of events that make the Homecoming celebration a yearlong event.

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