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MEET HARVARD'S "INDIANA JONES". USES SPY SATELLITES TO EXPLORE IRAQ.



If George Lucas and Tom Clancy collaborated to create an entirely new genre of archaeology-spy movies, they might look to Harvard Professor Jason Ur for inspiration. Harvard's John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the

Social Sciences, Ur uses declassified spy satellite images to locate ancient cities, towns, roads, and canals in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq, an area not investigated by Harvard since the early 1930s.

The five-year archaeological project, begun in the summer of 2012, has already uncovered 1,200 sites with the potential for thousands more. "Due to the history of conflict and ethnic strife in this region, there was no work done in this area at all, so it really is a tabula rasa. it's a very exciting time," says Ur.

Indiana Jones and Jack Ryan, take note. There's a new hero in town. — by Beth Donofrio, Harvard Club of Sarasota.

Harvard March Luncheon All Alumni, Guests

WHEN: Fri, Mar. 14, 2014—Register 11:30am Lunch 12pm Speaker 12:45pm WHERE: Michaels on East, 1212 S East Ave.

DRESS: Business Casual.

ENJOY: Lunch, Dessert, Tea, Coffee, Cash Bar for Beer, Wine, Cocktails

\$25 Credit /Check NOW (\$30 at Door)

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: After receiving his Ph.D. in Mesopotamian Archeology from the University of Chicago, Professor Ur began teaching in the Department of Anthropology at Harvard in 2005. Author of the forthcoming book **The Evolution of Mesopotamian Cities**, Professor Ur has written numerous journal articles, book chapters, and book reviews. In addition to his current archaeological field project in Iraq, he has participated in digs in Turkey, Syria, Iran, Yemen, Egypt, and Jordan. **SEE OVER FOR MORE**

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