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**UTSA TO HOST DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR JAMES MALLORY
FOR LECTURE SERIES ON HISTORY OF
EUROPEAN AND IRISH LINGUISTICS**

(San Antonio) - The UTSA Department of English, Classics, and Philosophy will welcome Professor James Mallory of Queens University, Belfast for a series of linguistic history lectures on Wednesday, Nov. 29 and Friday, Dec. 1. All events are free and open to the public. Mallory, a world renowned scholar in the field of Indo-European Studies, will speak at UTSA as part of the Brackenridge Distinguished Visiting Professor series.

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, Mallory will speak on "The Linguistic Prehistory of Europe: An Archeological Perspective" at 7 p.m. in the 1604 Campus Main Building (room 0.104). A reception will follow the event.

Mallory will continue his visiting lecture series at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1 with a discussion on "The Archaeology of Early Irish Literature" in the JPL Building Assembly Room (room 4.03.08) on the 1604 Campus.

Mallory is professor of Prehistoric Archaeology and director of research of Past Cultural Change in the Department of Archaeology and Palaeoecology at Queen's University, Belfast. He earned his B.A. in History from Occidental College, and his Ph.D. in Indo-European Studies with a focus on European Archaeology from the University of California at Los Angeles.

A former senior research fellow at the Institute of Irish Studies, Mallory has been a professor of Archaeology at Queen's University in Belfast since 1980. Mallory's research centers on the Neolithic and Early Bronze Age of Europe, particularly in the steppe area north of the Black Sea, where he argues that the Indo-Europeans originated.

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Author of numerous books and other scholarly works, Mallory is perhaps best known for his comprehensive book exploring the language, archaeology, and myth of the Indo-Europeans, “In Search of the Indo-Europeans,” as well as his “Encyclopedia of Indo-European Culture,” which was co-edited with Douglas Q. Adams.

Mallory has also recently published, with Victor Mair, an important contribution to the study of ancient migrations across eastern and western Eurasia entitled “The Tarim Mummies: Ancient China and the Mystery of the Earliest Peoples from the West.”

For additional information contact the Department Office of English, Classics and Philosophy at 210-458-4374.

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About The University of Texas at San Antonio

The University of Texas at San Antonio is one of the premier institutions of higher education in South Texas and one of the fastest growing universities in the state. One of nine academic universities and six health institutions that comprise the UT System, UTSA is the second largest institution in the system. Celebrating its 36th anniversary, UTSA serves more than 28,000 students enrolled in 62 bachelors, 43 masters and 19 doctoral degree programs.

Programs are offered through the colleges of Architecture, Business, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Honors, Liberal and Fine Arts, Public Policy, and Sciences, and the Graduate School. A Top 100 Hispanic-serving institution, UTSA is ranked among the top 10. A university of access and excellence, UTSA is committed to research and discovery, teaching and learning, and public service.

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