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BETHANY'S PEARSON PROFESSOR TO TEACH ABOUT GENETICS

LINDSBORG, Kan.—Peter Savolainen, an international expert in genetics and the evolution of the domestic dog, will serve as Pearson Distinguished Professor of Swedish Studies at Bethany College this fall.

The Pearson Distinguished Professorship in Swedish Studies is endowed by a generous gift from the late Gerald “Bud” Pearson. It was created so that students, faculty, staff and community members can explore and understand ways in which modern Swedish culture and experience can be learned and incorporated into their own lives.



Savolainen is an assistant professor at the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden. He specializes in forensic and genetic studies, particularly the study of dogs. In addition to teaching, he serves as a forensic expert for the Swedish police.

This fall Savolainen will partake in a number of activities, including public addresses on September 29 and November 10 and chapel services on September 25 and November 18. During his residency, he will teach and participate in the cultural life of Bethany and the Lindsborg community. To prepare for his arrival, Bethany will host a public screening on the PBS *Nature* film featuring Savolainen on September 10 at 8:00 p.m.

Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The mission of Bethany College is to educate, develop and challenge individuals to reach for truth and excellence as they lead lives of faith, learning and service. Bethany College is on the Web at www.bethanylb.edu.