SU professor to head Iroquois peace center

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Philip Arnold, associate professor of religion and director of the Native Studies Program at Syracuse University’s College of Arts and Sciences, has been appointed director of the planned Great Law of Peace Educational Center.

The center is to be opened at what is currently called Sainte Marie Among the Iroquois, a museum on the northeastern shore of Onondaga Lake that commemorates the French-fortified mission that occupied the site from 1656 to 1658.

The new center will tell the story of the Haudenosaunee, or Iroquois Confederacy. It will be overseen by the Onondaga Historical Association in collaboration with the Onondaga Nation, Onondaga County, SU and other educational institutions. Onondaga County will continue to own the facility.

Arnold will take an administrative leave from SU during 2013 to plan the center, which is scheduled to open in 2014.