The Origin and Evolution of the Natural Resources Building

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Situated on the University of Illinois campus, the Natural Resources Building as shown in the accompanying photograph was the outcome of 14 years of deliberations and negotiations beginning in 1926, culminating with its formal dedication in October 1940. Using archival correspondence, documents and plan drawings from the University of Illinois Archives, Facilities & Services Records and Information Office, U of I Board of Trustees Minutes, University of Illinois at Chicago Library, Illinois State Library and Illinois State Geological Survey, the rich heritage of the Natural Resources Building can now be fully appreciated. The presentation will highlight the art, architecture, as well as the key individuals and events responsible for the creation of this unique building.

About the speaker: Dr. Luman is a Principal Geologist Honorary at the Illinois State Geological Survey. He has worked at the ISGS since 1995 and retired in 2014. Don earned his Ph.D. in 1978 from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and before first joining the Illinois Natural History Survey in 1993, was an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, where he taught remote sensing, cartography and GIS.