Friday, 25 January, 3 P.M.
The opening lecture will be “The Icemen Cometh: Forgotten Pioneers of British Arctic Exploration,” by Gillen Wood, Professor of English Literature at the University of Illinois. The lecture will detail the contributions made by Bernard O’Reilly and William Scoresby, Jr. to the British search for the Northwest Passage in the early nineteenth century.

Thursday, 7 February, 3 P.M.
The Rare Book & Manuscript Library will celebrate Charles Dickens’ birthday with a staged reading of the play The Frozen Deep. This play was based on Sir John Franklin’s expedition to discover the Northwest Passage and was written by Wilkie Collins in collaboration with Charles Dickens. Both authors acted in the original performances. Thomas Mitchell, Professor of Theatre at the University of Illinois, will direct a cast of actors from the Theatre Department.

Wednesday, 13 February, 3 P.M.
Curator Adam Doskey will give a guided tour of the exhibition, entitled “Explorers, Scientists, and Readers: The Arctic Collections at the University of Illinois,” at the February No. 44 Society meeting.

Monday, 8 April, 3 P.M.
The closing lecture will be by Dr. Dag Avango of the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) at Stockholm. Dr. Avango studies the history of technology in the polar regions and has written about industrial archaeology on Svalbard and South Georgia Island.