



# SPINOSAURUS

THE LOST GIANT OF THE CRETACEOUS

**DR. NIZAR IBRAHIM**

The Dallas Paleontological Society

The SMU Institute for the Study of Earth and Man

THE CHARLES FINSLEY LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Nizar Ibrahim, of the University of Chicago, rediscovered a rare dinosaur named *Spinosaurus aegyptiacus*, which was previously known only from photographs of several vertebrae of the specimen that had been destroyed in the bombing of Munich during WWII. Dr. Ibrahim set out to solve one of the great mysteries in paleontology. He found a new, more complete specimen in Morocco and interpreted the dinosaur as semiaquatic, the only swimming dinosaur capable of hunting in water as well as on land. The massive terrestrial predator, the largest currently known, surpasses even *Tyrannosaurus rex* in size.

Dr. Ibrahim, of Moroccan and German heritage, received degrees from the University of Bristol (UK) and University College Dublin (Ireland). His discovery of Spinosaurus and its reinterpretation as the first semiaquatic dinosaur was brought to life in a *Nova* documentary "Bigger than T. Rex," was the cover story for the October 2014 *National Geographic*, and was named the 9th top story of 2014 by *Discover Magazine*. He is one of National Geographic's Emerging Explorers and was recently named a TED Fellow for 2015.

This lecture series honors Charles E. Finsley, the long-time curator of the Dallas Museum of Nature and Science in Fair Park and is for the education and enjoyment of the public. Along with a group of museum volunteers, he founded the Dallas Paleontological Society in 1984 for the purpose of promoting interest in and knowledge of the science of paleontology. Please join us for an exciting evening.

**Saturday, February 28, 2015 -The Hughes-Trigg Center at SMU -7:30 p.m.**

For tickets, parking information, and map, please go to  
[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) Search: DPS or Charles Finsley