

# Adovasio to take leave of absence to assist research at Smithsonian

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Dr. James Adovasio, assistant professor in anthropology, will be taking a one year leave of absence beginning Sept. 1, 1971 in order to work as a research assistant at the Smithsonian Institute of Technology in Washington, D.C., it was announced Friday.

Dr. Adovasio was one of the two people in the United States to be chosen from a number of applicants from North America.

His work will include research dealing with the study of the techniques and methods of ancient basketry and textiles of North and South America. "The work will just be a continuation of the research I have been doing for the past three years," Dr. Adovasio said. While at Smithsonian he will be working in the department of anthropology, where they have the largest collection of basketry representing every Indian tribe.

The result of his research will be published by the Institute in a book titled, "Aborigine American Basketry".

Dr. Adovasio came to Youngstown State as an assistant professor just this year but was an anthropology instructor here in 1966-67 before he received his Ph.D. from the University of Utah. He did all of his undergraduate work at the

University of Arizona. While working toward his undergraduate and graduate degrees, Dr. Adovasio was involved in field studies in Mexico, Utah, Arizona and Nevada.

He and his wife, Kathleen, now reside on Nantucket Blvd. in Youngstown. Dr. Adovasio will return to the University in the fall of 1972.