

FOSA Continuing Ed. Program

“Pre-Clovis – A Critical Assessment”

FOSA is offering an intensive four-week program, consisting of one evening zoom class per week. Through readings, PPT presentations, guest lecture and class discussions, we will consider current evidence and theories of the late Pleistocene peopling of North America. Classes are targeted to begin on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

The Clovis archaeological horizon has been viewed as a marker of the first, relatively quick human dispersal throughout North America beginning approximately 13,600 cal. years BP. This “Clovis-first” theory is challenged by tantalizing reports of earlier human occupation. However, as Juliet E. Morrow (2016) informs, following an SAA’s consortium on this issue, critical assessment of the evidence “...*suggests the presumptive archaeological record of this pre-clovis population...is actually sparse.*”

We will focus on recent reports of Pre-Clovis archaeological data. Three articles will be assigned readings in advance of each class. Through this study we will gain an appreciation of current theories and the supportive data on the peopling of the western hemisphere, while sharpening our critical thought skills. Dr. Stuart Fiedel will be a guest speaker for one session.

The Continuing Ed Program is open to members of FOSA, ASC and MAS.

Please Email Tom Ford at Fordtb72@gmail.com to express interest and register.

About four weeks in advance of the start of sessions, finalized details and syllabus will be posted to the FOSA website: <https://www.fosa-ct.org/>.