

Friends of the Office of State Archaeology

Annual Meeting

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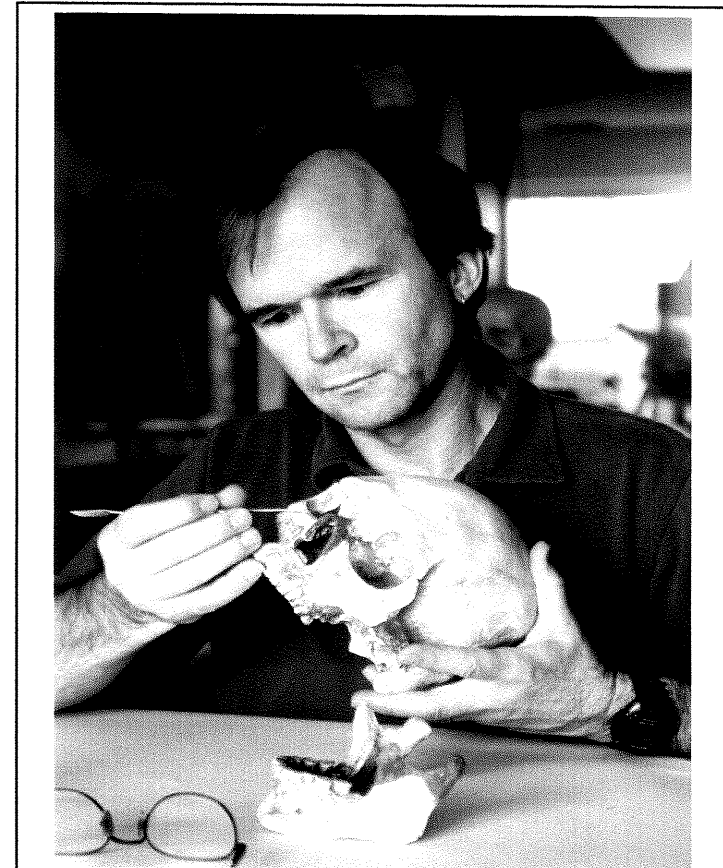
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FOSA's Purpose

The purpose of the Friends of the Office of State Archaeology, Inc. is to enhance the efforts of Connecticut's Office of State Archaeology (OSA) to carry out its statutory responsibilities through:

- encouraging and facilitating educational activities that enhance public awareness of the OSA and archaeological issues in general;
- encouraging participation by communities, corporations, institutions, cultural organizations, and individuals in support of the OSA;
- encouraging partnerships between OSA and local communities in supporting scientific research initiatives related to archaeology; and
- developing sources of financial and other support to be directed to the benefit of the OSA and its activities.



Dr. James Chatters

January 28, 2006

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1:00 Annual Meeting Call to Order

Secretary's Report	Bonnie Beatrice
Treasurer's Report	Dreda Hendsey
OSA Report	Dr. Nick Bellantoni
Election of Board Members	
Election of Officers for 2006	
"The Year in Review"	John Spaulding
Achievement Award	Mike Raber
Adjournment of Business Meeting	

2:00 Featured Speaker

Co-sponsored by FOSA and the Museum of Natural History

Introduction of Featured Speaker
Leanne Kennedy Harty and Dr. Nick Bellantoni

Featured Presentation by Dr. James Chatters
"The Discovery of Kennewick Man and its Aftermath"

Time for Questions and Answers

Dr. James Chatters

Dr. Chatters is the Senior Archaeologist and Paleontologist with AMEC Earth and Environmental, Inc., in Kirkland, Washington. He has been an Adjunct Associate Professor of Research at Central Washington University and deputy coroner for Benton County, Washington. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Washington in 1982.

In 1996, two young men came upon a human skull in the Columbia River at Kennewick, Washington. Following their reporting of the find to the local police, the police and county coroner requested Dr. Chatters to help recover additional skeletal remains from the mud. Over the next month, under a permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Dr. Chatters recovered nearly the complete skeleton that has come to be known as "Kennewick Man."

The completeness and unusually good condition of the skeleton, lack of definitive Native American characteristics, presence of apparently Caucasian features and the association of the site with an early 19th century homestead led Dr. Chatters to suspect that the bones were those of an early European settler. However, radiocarbon dating showed an astonishing age of 9,400 B.P. (Before Present).

The discovery of the Kennewick Man, along with other recent finds, may serve to significantly alter conventional views of how, when and by whom the Americas were peopled.

Dr. Chatters has written about the discovery and a decade-long effort to gain access to the remains for scientific study in his book *Ancient Encounters: Kennewick Man and the First Americans*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase following his presentation. The author will be happy to sign copies of his book at that time.