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*PRESENT*

Death Comes to  
the King:  
A Classic Maya Tomb  
at El Diablo,  
Guatemala



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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:  
DR. STEPHEN D. HOUSTON  
BROWN UNIVERSITY**

**Sixteenth Annual Meeting  
January 26, 2013**

# FRIENDS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY - 16th ANNUAL MEETING

## Sixteenth Annual Meeting Program

### 1:00 PM: FOSA Business Meeting

**Welcome and Call to order:**

**Cynthia Redman, President**

**Secretary's Report: Jim Trocchi**

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### 2:00 PM: Feature Presentation

**Introduction of Speaker:**

**Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni**

**Dr. Stephen Houston**

**“Death Comes to the King:**

**A Classic Maya Tomb**

**at El Diablo, Guatemala”**

A Question and Answer Period  
Follows the Presentation

**Stephen D. Houston**, Dupee Family Professor of Social Science and Professor of Anthropology at Brown University, led a team of archaeologists which discovered a rich and enigmatic tomb at the Classic Maya city of El Zotz, Guatemala in 2010. Found on a hill high above El Zotz, in a place called El Diablo or "The Devil," the tomb lay within a building covered with remarkable sculpted solar and celestial imagery. The tomb and building revealed striking new evidence on local Maya dynasties at their time of origin, and show how royal families acquired the landscape some 1600 years ago. Dr. Houston's team has also found a pyramid at El Zotz believed to celebrate the Maya sun god. The Diablo Pyramid's outer walls depict the god in an unprecedented set of images done in painted stucco. Researchers believe the pyramid was built to link the deceased lord to the eternal sun. Dr. Houston's talk will explore what the tomb, its sculpted building, and the Diablo Pyramid reveal about El Zotz, Maya royalty, and the Maya culture.



Dr. Houston, a 2008 MacArthur Fellow, is concluding his excavations at the Classic Maya city of El Zotz, Guatemala, and has finished five seasons of work at the ruins of Piedras Negras, Guatemala. Over the last thirty years, his work on the Maya has also included field investigations at the sites of Lake Petexbatun, Guatemala; Caracol, Belize; and Bonampak, Mexico. Born in Chambersburg, PA, Houston was educated at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Edinburgh as an exchange student. At Yale University he earned his Master of Philosophy degree in 1983 and Ph.D. in 1987. Prior to becoming Professor of Anthropology at Brown in 2004, Dr. Houston served as Jesse Knight University Professor at Brigham Young University.