Secrets of Kennewick Man: The Investigation of an Ancient American Skeleton

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Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 2:00pm 1:00 pm FOSA Annual Meeting

Farmington High School Auditorium 10 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Douglas Owsley

Division Head of Physical Anthropology, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

Photograph from Their Skeletons Speak: Kennewick Man and the Paleoamerican World

A 9000-year-old skeleton was accidentally found in 1996 on the Columbia River near Kennewick, Washington. After legal wrangling to gain access to the skeleton, Douglas Owsley and a team of specialists were allowed to conduct a 16-day study of the skeleton in 2005. Among his conclusions, Owsley says that Kennewick Man was from the northern Pacific coast, not the inland region where he was found. His ancestry is closer to coastal East Asians than Native Americans, a discovery that makes many scientists rethink the history of the human migration of North America. In this presentation, Owsley examines more of the secrets held so long by the bones of Kennewick Man.

Directions to Farmington High School

From I-84 East or West:

- 1) Take Exit 39, proceed west on Route 4/Farmington Avenue for 3.9 miles, crossing Route 10 at about 1.5 miles.
- 2) Approximately 2.4 miles past Route 10, turn right on Monteith Drive.
- 3) Drive past Town Hall at right, to Farmington High School at top of hill. Follow signs to parking and auditorium.

From Route 4 East

Drive 1.25 miles east of Route 177, turn left on Monteith Drive.

Follow step 3 directions above.

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