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**25 Years (Almost) of Middle
and Upper Palaeolithic
Research in the Southern
Caucasus**



2018 Excavation at Haghtanak-3 in Armenia

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

DR. DANIEL S. ADLER
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Friends of the Office of State Archaeology
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FRIENDS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY— 22nd ANNUAL MEETING

2:00 PM: FOSA Annual Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order:	Scott Brady
Secretary's Report:	Mike Cahill
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OSA Report:	Scott Brady
ASC Report:	Lee West
Officer/Director Elections:	Cynthia Redman
New Cooke Scholarship:	Ken Beatrice
Award:	Jim Trocchi

Adjournment

3:00 PM: Feature Presentation

Introduction of Speaker by Scott Brady

Speaker: Dr. Daniel S. Adler

25 Years (Almost) of Middle and Upper Palaeolithic Research in the Southern Caucasus

The Pleistocene was a period of profound biological and behavioral change among ancient humans that witnessed the evolution of our species and our close cousins the Neanderthals. Dr. Adler will present a talk highlighting some of his team's discoveries over 24 years of field and laboratory research on the Palaeolithic of the Southern Caucasus (Georgia and Armenia). He will discuss the earliest occupation of the region (~1.8 million years ago), the transition from the Lower to the Middle Paleolithic (~400,000 years ago), the shift from the Middle to the Upper Palaeolithic and the demise of the Neanderthals (~47,000 years ago), as well as many of the things we would like to know, but about which we remain ignorant.

A question and answer period follows the presentation.

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Daniel S. Adler has directed Palaeolithic archaeological excavations in Eurasia since 1995, based on his interests in human behavioral ecology, human evolution, zooarchaeology, lithic technology, chronometric dating, Neanderthal-modern human interactions, and factors contributing to the Neanderthal demise. In 1992, he began Palaeolithic research in Europe, the Middle East, and the Caucasus. Between 1995–2006, he co-directed four interdisciplinary research projects in the Georgian Republic, each focused on documentation and dating of Middle and Upper Palaeolithic sites, and the testing of various hominin behavioral hypotheses. Since 2008 he has engaged in Palaeolithic research in Armenia, where his interdisciplinary research team identified and excavated a variety of new Palaeolithic localities. These efforts focused on Nor Geghi 1 and Lusakert Cave, sites that document hominin activities in the region during the late Middle Pleistocene and the Upper Pleistocene, respectively, and HaghTanak-3, a Lower Palaeolithic site that documents the earliest occupation of Armenia.

