

Boats, Genes, Comets, and Extinctions: New Perspectives on the Peopling of the Americas



In this illustrated lecture, Dr. Jon Erlandson, Executive Director of the UO Museum of Natural and Cultural History and Knight Professor of Arts and Sciences, will discuss recent developments in the scientific study of the first Americans. Using an interdisciplinary approach combining archaeology, geology, ecology, and genetics, he explores topics related to the origins and spread of anatomically modern humans, the coastal migration theory and kelp highway hypothesis, and the possibility that a comet hit northern North America roughly 13,000 years ago, contributing to global climate change, Pleistocene extinctions, and the end of the Clovis culture.



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