

# The Peopling of the Americas: Recent Research and Perspectives

a one-day symposium sponsored by  
THE PRE-COLUMBIAN SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Saturday, September 15, 2018**

U.S. Navy Memorial & Naval Heritage Center  
701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

In 1908, the African-American cowboy George McJunkin discovered an archaeological site near Folsom, New Mexico containing the remains of extinct giant bison. Recognizing the significance of the discovery, he left the site undisturbed and alerted archaeologists. In 1927, archaeologists Harold Cook and Jesse Figgins discovered a distinct form of fluted projectile point at the site, now known as a Folsom point, in direct association with the giant bison, which went extinct at the end of the last Ice Age. This discovery indicated that the New World had been inhabited since at least 9000 BC, which was about 7000 years earlier than previously accepted. In the following decade, a new type of fluted projectile point was discovered. These points were best documented between 1932 and 1937 at a site near Clovis, New Mexico, and thus came to be known as Clovis points. Clovis was found to predate Folsom within what became known as the "Paleoindian Period." Since the

discovery of Folsom and Clovis, many sites have been identified as "pre-Clovis." Debates regarding their authenticity and antiquity, however, have been highly contentious.

This year's symposium is on the **Peopling of the Americas**, which addresses the highly controversial question of when people first arrived in the New World. It also addresses related research questions, however, such as: Was there a single or were there multiple migrations into the New World during the last Ice Age? From where did these people come? Why did they come? How did they get here? Once they arrived, what was the process whereby they populated the New World? In this daylong symposium, six renowned scholars will present new research and perspectives on these research questions, which are among the most important in pre-Columbian studies today.

## Participants<sup>1</sup>

**James Adovasio**  
Florida Atlantic University

**Jon Erlandson**  
University of Oregon

**Kelly Graf**  
Texas A & M University

**David Kilby**  
Texas State University

**David J. Meltzer**  
Southern Methodist University

**Jennifer A. Raff**  
University of Kansas

## PROGRAM

8:15 a.m. REGISTRATION, Morning Refreshments

9:00 a.m. WELCOME AND OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:15 a.m. *The Pleistocene Peopling of the Americas: Are We Finally Arriving at Some Answers?..*David Meltzer<sup>2</sup>

10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:45 a.m. *Ice Age Artifact Caches in North America and Beyond .....*David Kilby

11:35 a.m. *North to Alaska: Peopling of the Americas from the Perspective of Northeast Asian and Beringian Archaeology.....*Kelly Graf

12:25 p.m. LUNCH

1:45 p.m. *Coast to Coast: The Kelp Highway Hypothesis and the Peopling of the Americas .....* Jon Erlandson

2:35 p.m. *What Does Genetics Tell Us about the Early Prehistory of the Americas? .....*Jennifer Raff

3:25 p.m. BREAK

3:50 p.m. *Perishables and Paleoindians Redux: The Role of Nondurable Technology in the Colonization of the Americas .....*James Adovasio

4:40 p.m. BOOK-DRAWING BREAK

5:00 p.m. Panel Discussion..... All Speakers

6:00–9:00 p.m. RECEPTION at TEAISM .....(optional; *additional fee*)

<sup>1</sup> The Pre-Columbian Society of Washington, D. C., reserves the right to substitute symposium participants in the event of unexpected cancellations.

<sup>2</sup> After his talk, Dr. Meltzer will be our host and moderator.

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<b>LOCATION:</b> U. S. Navy Memorial & Naval Heritage Center 701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. (Between 7th and 9th Streets)	<b>DATE:</b> September 15, 2018 9:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
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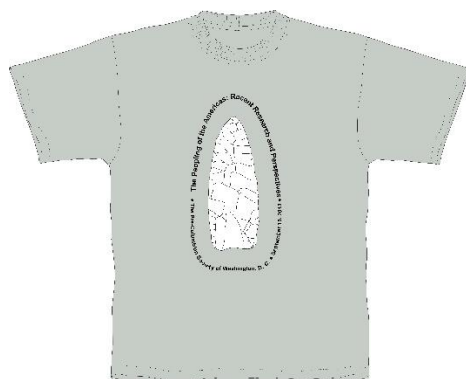
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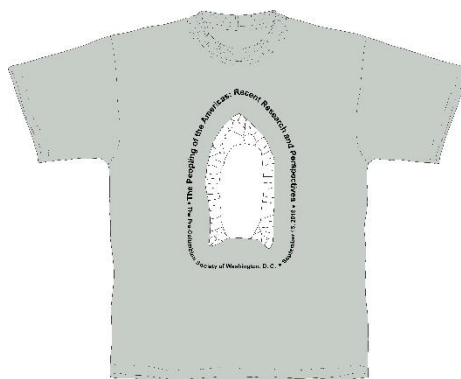
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The drawings are adapted from Stephen Plog's book **Ancient Peoples of the Americas** (Figure 30).



Clovis



Folsom

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