



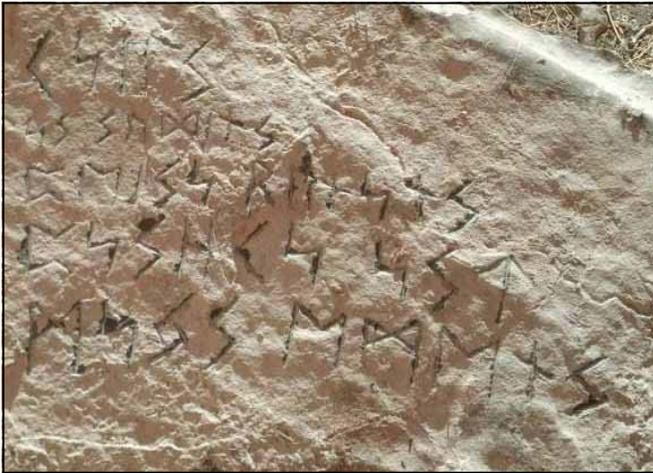
The Phoenix Chapter of the
Arizona Archaeological Society
invites you to join us in the
Pueblo Grande Museum
Community Room

Tuesday, Feb. 12th, at 7 pm

Attendance is free & the public is welcome.



Archaeological Fakes and Frauds in Arizona and Beyond
by **Matt Peeples, Ph.D., ASU**



Purported "Anglo-Saxon" runes from the Mustang Mountains in SE Arizona. (Photo by Will Russell)



Some of the Acámbaro "dinosaurs" from the Museo Waldemar Julsrud in Guanajuato. (Photo from Wikipedia)

Depictions of archaeology in popular culture are full of dubious tales of ancient extraterrestrials, lost civilizations, giants, and widespread scientific conspiracy. In this talk, Matt will explore such fantastic claims, focusing on a few popular claims here in our own backyard in Arizona. His goal is not to simply "debunk" these claims, though he will do that too, but to further explore how and why pseudoscientific claims take hold in the popular imagination and what we can do about it. Are such claims just silly fun, or do they do have the potential to do real damage to archaeological resources and the scientific process?

Matt is an assistant professor and archaeologist in the School of Human Evolution & Social Change at Arizona State University and co-director of the ASU Center for Archaeology and Society. He conducts field and lab research focused on the greater Cibola region in New Mexico and Arizona and also collaborates on a number of large projects focused on synthesizing settlement data from across the U.S. Southwest and Mexican Northwest. One of his major collaborative projects involves the use of social network analysis to explore how pre-Hispanic indigenous farmers survived and thrived in this unpredictable arid environment and what lessons their successes and failures can offer those of us living here today.

The Pueblo Grande Museum is located at
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Southeast of the 44th & Washington Street Light Rail Stop
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call the Pueblo Grande Museum at 602-495-0901 for more information.
Join us at 7 pm for Snacks & Refreshments. Talk will begin about 7:30 pm.