

Unearthing History: The Discovery of a 12,500 year old Paleo-Indian Site Along the Farmington River in Avon, CT

This 2022 series will cover the archaeology, genetics, Ice Age mammals, trade routes and foodways of early life along the Farmington River including the Brian D. Jones Paleo-Indian discovery in Avon.

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MARCH 10

What Genetics Teaches Us About the Peopling of North America

Presented by Dr. Jennifer Raff, anthropological geneticist at the University of Kansas. Presentation is based on her May 2021 Scientific American cover story "Journey into the Americas" and her new book, *Origin: A Genetic History of the Americas* being released Feb. 2022.

APRIL 7

Ice Age Animals of New England

Presented by Dr. Sarah Sportman, CT State Archaeologist & Dr. Nathaniel Kitchel, Dept. of Anthropology, Dartmouth College. They will present the Pope Mastodon (found in Farmington, CT on the grounds of Hill-Stead Museum) and the Mount Holly (VT) Mammoth, among other animals of the Ice Age.

MAY 12

Paleo-Indian Foodways with Trade & Network Exchange

Presented by Dr. Jonathan Lothrop, Curator of Archaeology, The New York State Museum. His focus is on the Pleistocene (Ice Age) into the Holocene period where Natives colonized 11,000-8,000BC. His research is on their technology, settlement and subsistence. He is a consultant on the Brian D. Jones site analysis.

SEPT. 15

Looking into the Past with Ancient DNA

Presented by Christina Balentine and Samantha Archer, PhD candidates and research scholars at the UConn Dept. of Anthropology. They will present a broad overview of ancient DNA (aDNA) research past and present, discuss the ethical considerations of working with priceless aDNA samples, and highlight their own dissertation research using aDNA.

OCT. 13

Update on the Scientific Analysis of the Brian D. Jones Site in Avon, CT Since its Discovery in 2019

Presented by David Leslie, PhD, Senior Prehistoric Archaeologist, Archaeological and Historical Services, Storrs, CT. He will present new findings based on artifacts and new analysis techniques. October is Connecticut Archaeology Month!

7:00 pm EST via Zoom. Free to attend.

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Spear point, broken during manufacture, recovered at the Brian P. Jones site