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MAS 2026 Annual Meeting

April 10-12 in Missoula

From the Montana Archaeological Society

Layers of Time: Explore, Educate & Engage



2025 Meeting at the Depot Center in Livingston

**Reminder: today is the last day to submit a
paper or poster abstract!**

Submit your paper or poster [HERE](#)

We're Excited to see you in Missoula!

Hotel Reservations

If you are planning to stay at the conference hotel and use the designated room block, you must reserve your room by March 10th –

- **HOTEL INFORMATION** The host facility is the Holiday Inn Downtown, Missoula, Montana (200 S Pattee St, 406-721-8550)
 - As the conference hotel, the Holiday Inn has reserved a block of rooms at the conference rate (\$151 per night). The cutoff date for booking a room at the conference rate is March 10, 2026. Book early to ensure the widest room selection.
 - **Online Reservations Booking Link:** [BOOK ONLINE!](#)
 - **Reservations via phone:** You may also contact the front desk 24/7 at 406-721-8550 to make a reservation or ask questions.
 - **Group Name:** MAS 2026 Conference Group Booking Code: MAS
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MAS Board Notes

At the most recent Board Meeting, the Board voted to increase Transparency! In addition to meeting notes being available for all members on the website, the Board will also send a brief update in an all-member email just like this one.

On February 9th, the Board had their quarterly meeting and discussed the following:

- Membership Dues increase. The dues have not been increased in 12 years. In that time, the prices of all things (the conference, the journal, different committee initiative, members support, etc.) have increased. The Board will present this to the membership at this years annual conference General Membership Meeting.
- The Board discussed fundraising initiatives to help offset the cost of student awards at the upcoming conference.
- Larmon provided a conference update from the Conference Committee (Larmon, Carl Davis, Sara Scott, Weber Greiser, Phyllis Green, Riley Auge, and

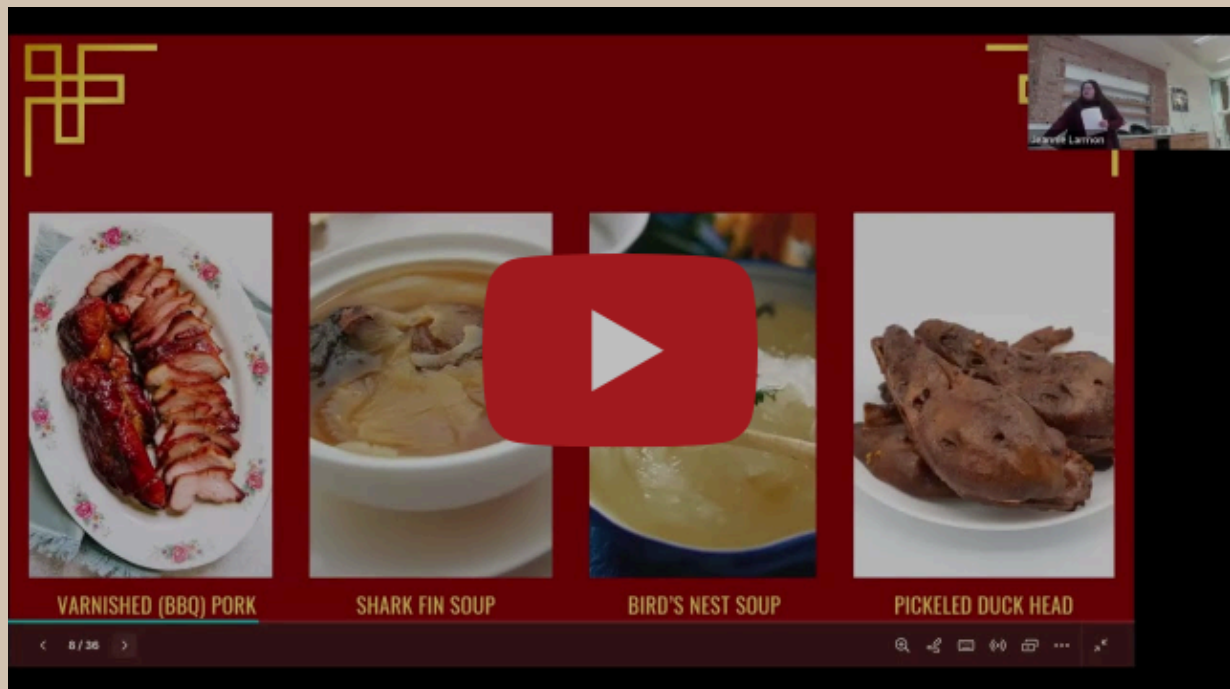
Nancy Mahoney)

- The Board discussed various ideas for ensuring we continue to evolve as an organization, including how we appoint positions within the organization and how we solicit papers/articles for AIM.

From Chop Suey to Chow Mein

Heritage Adaptation Exhibited through Archaeological Culinary Remnants and the Evolution of Chinese Restaurants in Western Montana, 1860-1990

Recent Lecture by Sophia Etier, PhD candidate



Paleoamerican Odyssey 2026

Dear Montana Archaeological Society,

The Center for the Study of the First Americans is organizing a three-day conference on the first Indigenous people to enter the Americas during the end of the last Ice Age. The PaleoAmerican Odyssey Conference, will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, from October 14–17, 2026. In 2013, we held the first Paleoamerican

Odyssey conference and we had 1200 people attend which included professional archaeologists, avocational archaeologists, and interested members of the public.

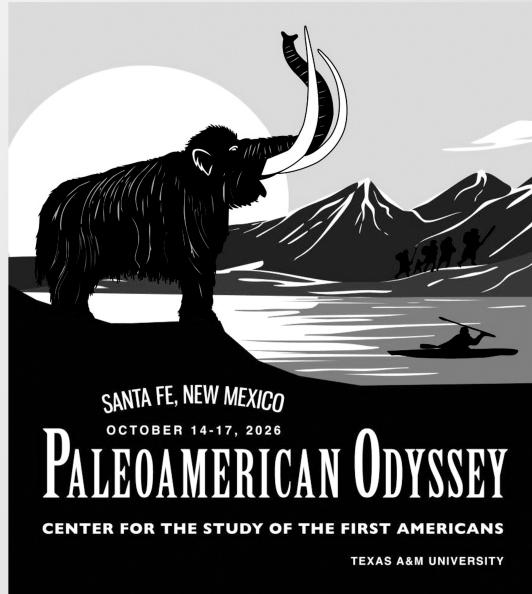
Please visit the CSFA website (www.centerfirstamericans.com) for more information on Paleoamerican Odyssey 2026!

Mark the date on your calendar!

The Center for the Study of the First Americans invites you to participate in a three-day examination of the first people to explore and settle the Americas at the end of the last Ice Age. This conference is for everyone—archaeologists, avocational archaeologists, Quaternary scientists, students, and anyone interested in archaeology.

Much new information generated about the peopling of the Americas since the 2013 Paleoamerican Odyssey conference is changing how we view the First Americans. The archaeological genetic revolution took place after 2013, with genomic analysis of human individuals and their dogs creating a biological outline of the ancestry of the First Americans and estimates for their arrival south of the Ice Sheets. New information generated about the coastal and inland corridors more clearly defines the timing of their opening and viability. The Western Stemmed Tradition of the Intermountain West now appears to be coeval with Clovis. Many new archaeological sites excavated in the Americas place the arrival of humans between 23,000 and 16,000 years ago. New dating and other studies tell us much about the timing and cause of the extinction of megafauna at the end of the Pleistocene and the role of humans in this event.

Hear 35 lectures given by preeminent scholars on all aspects of the study of the First Americans. Examine 400 poster presentations on a variety of topics and view artifact casts from important sites. Enjoy the opportunity to ask questions, meet, and discuss the First Americans with the speakers, poster presenters, and others throughout the day and during our evening meet-and-greet sessions.



Visit the CSFA website (www.centerfirstamericans.com) for more information on Paleoamerican Odyssey 2026!

We'll see you there!

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