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Discover the First Texans at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History
Lecture Series Brings Gault Archaeologists to Fort Worth

Fort Worth, TX - Archaeologists have long believed that the first humans to settle in North America arrived around 13,500 years ago. Now, after seven years of excavation at the Gault Archeological Site, we know that people were here much earlier than originally thought. Archaeologists Tom Williams and Nancy Velchoff will discuss the evidence of these earliest Texans at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's Lecture Series on Monday, September 16 at 7 PM.

The family-friendly lecture will feature a short film about the archaeologists' research, a presentation by Tom Williams and Nancy Velchoff and a chance for guests to ask their own questions. The lecture is free, but registration is required.

Guests can dive deeper into the world of archaeology at a VIP reception held at the Museum immediately preceding the lecture at 6 PM. The reception includes complimentary wine and beer and an opportunity to chat with Tom Williams and Nancy Velchoff. The reception is \$10 for non-members or \$5 for Museum members.

To learn more, register for the lecture or buy reception tickets, please visit [here](#).

About Tom Williams

Thomas J. Williams, Ph.D. is the Assistant Executive Director of the Gault School of Archaeological Research and a Research Associate with the Prehistory Research Project (PRP) at UT Austin's Texas Archeological Research Laboratory. Tom is active in archaeological research, public outreach and education, specializing in archaeological science and the early human occupations of the Americas. He has worked on the Gault Site collections for the past six years and led the team who published on the early cultural materials dated to between 16 and 20,000 years old.

About Nancy Velchoff

Nancy Velchoff, M.Ph. is an archaeologist and Research Associate at the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory. There, she oversees laboratory operations for the Prehistory Research Project, conducts archaeological research and performs public outreach. A founding member of the Gault School, she managed the site's excavation from 2008-2016, becoming a Co-Principal Investigator in 2015. In 2017 and 2018, Nancy co-authored research papers in the prestigious Science Advances journal. Her illustrations and photographs have also been featured in professional journals and books.

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About the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

The Museum was established in 1941 and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. Anchored by its rich collections, the Museum is dedicated to lifelong learning. It engages guests through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. For more information, visit www.fortworthmuseum.org