

# Beringian Archaeology & the Peopling of the Americas



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**Reception to follow in the Anthropology Building Foyer**

**All models for the migration of Native American ancestors transit Beringia (modern day Alaska-Yukon), and the region is important to understand adaptative strategies during dramatically changing climates and megafaunal extinctions at the end of the last Ice Age. I will present current data and interpretations on the timing, routes, economy, and land use for the earliest Beringians, and connect them with both the Siberian Late Upper Paleolithic and the earliest widespread Paleoindian lifeways south of the continental Ice Sheets. Topics include new genetic data from Siberia and the Americas (2018-2025), shifts from mammoth to bison and elk predation, the earliest evidence of freshwater and anadromous fishing in the Americas, and paleodiet reconstructions of Anzick (Montana) and Upward Sun River (Alaska) individuals. Current models of the peopling of the Americas are evaluated in light of these new Beringian data.**