

**PRELIMINARY**  
**80<sup>th</sup> CAS ANNUAL MEETING and CONFERENCE**  
**October 9 - 11, 2015**  
**San Juan Basin Archaeological Society**  
**Durango, CO**

**Hosting Chapter:** San Juan Basin Archaeological Society (Website: [www.SJBAS.org](http://www.SJBAS.org))  
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**2015 ANNUAL MEETING PRELIMINARY EVENT DESCRIPTION**

Times are **PRELIMINARY**. Please check the SJBAS or CAS website for updates

**Co-Sponsors:** Center for Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College; Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund; Toh-Atin Gallery; Rochester Hotel/Leland House Bed and Breakfast

**Thursday, October 8**

**Early Bird Activity:**

SJBAS monthly meeting - Speaker is Dr. Tim Maxwell, "The Place In Between: Casas Grandes, the U.S. Southwest and Mesoamerica", at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyceum, Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College.

**Friday, October 9**

**Early Bird Activity:**

Tour of Center for Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College, 3:00 p.m., for first twelve to sign up.

**Reception**

5-7:00 p.m. Toh-Atin Gallery, 145 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Durango. (970-247-8277) CAS board members can walk from reception to quarterly Board Meeting at Himalayan Kitchen.

**CAS Quarterly Board Meeting**

6:30-9:00 p.m. Himalayan Kitchen, 992 Main Avenue, Durango. (970-259-0956) (Special buffet)

**Special Dinner Opportunity open to Conference attendees.** Attendees may sign up for the 7:00 p.m. special buffet at the Himalayan Kitchen, 992 Main Avenue. (The buffet is usually offered only at lunch.)

**Saturday, October 10**

**Conference**

Registration at 8:00 a.m., Conference: 8:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Location: Ballroom, Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO. Free parking  
Coffee, tea, fruit, pastries and lunch are part of the registration fee

Fort Lewis College campus map: <https://www.fortlewis.edu/Portals/0/Docs/Campus-Map.pdf>

### **CAS Annual Membership Meeting**

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Location: Ballroom, Fort Lewis College

### **Banquet**

Happy hour/Cash bar: 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dinner served 6:30 p.m., Speaker 7:30 p.m.

Location: Ballroom, Fort Lewis College

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Doug Owsley**

Topic: Kennewick Man: The Scientific Investigation of an Ancient American Skeleton

In this keynote dinner presentation, Dr. Doug Owsley will share his recent work, authored with Richard L. Jantz, “Kennewick Man: The Scientific Investigation of an Ancient American Skeleton”. Dr. Owsley received his B.S. in Zoology from the Univ. of Wyoming in 1973 and his Ph.D. in Physical Anthropology from the Univ. of Tennessee in 1978. In 1987, Dr. Owsley joined the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History as a curator, and has served since 1990 as the Division Head for Physical Anthropology.

Dr. Owsley is engaged in forensic anthropology case work, assisting state and federal law enforcement agencies. Cases have included Jeffrey Dahmer’s first victim, recovery and identification of Waco Branch Davidian compound members, the 9-11 Pentagon plane crash, and exhumation and identification of war dead from the former Yugoslavia. His bioarchaeological and osteological research concerns include: ancient American skeletons like Kennewick Man and the peopling of the New World; demography and health of 17<sup>th</sup>-century colonists; Civil War military remains, including the crew of the *H.L. Hunley* submarine; iron coffin burials; and analyses of activity patterns, health and diseases of American Indian populations from the Plains and Southwest.

His current research focuses on human skeletal remains from the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Chesapeake region of Virginia and Maryland. The results of this research were presented in an exhibition at the Smithsonian’s Museum of Natural History entitled “Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17<sup>th</sup>-Century Chesapeake.” Dr. Owsley was co-curator of this exhibition.

## **Sunday, October 11**

**Free PAAC Class** – Kevin Black, Asst. State Archaeologist, will offer a one-day, approximately eight hours, PAAC class, at the first site form workshop offered outside Denver. It should start at 9 am and end before 5 pm. It’s not a formal course, but instead focuses on how to transform field survey forms into final forms for the statewide database.

### **Post-meeting Field Trips**

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (trips will take most of the day)

Chimney Rock National Monument Archaeological Site

Aztec Ruins/Salmon Ruins

Visit three Navajo Pueblitos, near Navajo Reservoir, N.M. Longest walk is ¾ mile over flat terrain.

Crow Canyon Archaeological Center – special tour of current site excavation project

**Movie – 7:00 p.m.** – “Death of Place” by Larry Ruiz, showing at Fort Lewis College, Center of Southwest Studies, Lyceum

## Conference Accommodations

Since the CAS annual meeting will be at a time of the year that is still considered “high” season, SJBAS encourages CAS members to reserve their accommodations very early. Also, October 12 is a Federal holiday, so conference attendees may wish to stay over in the Durango area on Sunday night, as well as Friday and Saturday nights. SJBAS has the following hotel/motel/campsite suggestions, but Durango has many lodging opportunities. Attendees may wish to splurge or travel low budget.

### Rochester Hotel/Leland House Bed and Breakfast – (Dinner speaker Douglas Owsley is staying here.)

721 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (right downtown)

(970) 385-4356; [www.Rochesterhotel.com](http://www.Rochesterhotel.com)

King - \$229; Studio - \$159; Spacious Double Queen - \$239

Full breakfast included. To obtain these rates, \$20 off the usual rates, must mention CAS conference in making reservations

### Super 8 Durango

20 Stewart Street

Durango, CO 81301-7999

(970) 259-0590 (call local number to reserve)

Three miles south of downtown Durango; Renovated in 2014; Continental breakfast included

Limited AARP or AAA 10% reductions

Check in: after 3:00 p.m. Check out: 11:00 a.m.

Regular rates: One queen bed - \$75; Two queen beds/King bed - \$80 (10% less until end of August for ten rooms. Mention Colorado Archaeological Society)

### Wapiti Lodge (Only 16 rooms) – Family owned

21525 US Highway 160

(970) 247-3961

One mile from downtown; WiFi; Pets allowed – Contact motel directly

Check in: 3:00 p.m.; Check out: 11:00 a.m. **Must reserve by June 1. Mention Colorado Archaeological Society**

Group Rates: Two beds - \$79 (5) ; Rooms with kitchen - \$99 (2); King bed - \$99 (3)

### Siesta Motel – Family owned

3475 Main Avenue

(970) 247-0741; Toll Free – 1-877-314-0741

[www.durangosiestamotel.net](http://www.durangosiestamotel.net)

In-room coffee services; free WiFi; on Durango bus route to FLC

One dog/party – additional cost

Some Kitchenettes

Rates: \$72-165; \$48-125

### Best Western Mountain Shadows

3255 Main Avenue

(970) 247-5200

Free internet access; Indoor pool; Complimentary full hot breakfast; On Durango bus route to FLC; Two miles to downtown

Regular rate: \$150 + tax

Group rate: \$134.99 + tax (choice of: two Queen and King beds)

**Reserve by September 9. Mention Colorado Archaeological Society**

## **Campgrounds**

### Durango RV Park

5875 U.S. Highway 550

(970) 247-5199

### KOA Durango

30090 East Highway 160

(970) 247—0783

### United Campground (North 4 miles off Highway 550)

1322 Animas View Drive

(970) 247-3853

[www.unitedcampgrounddurango.com](http://www.unitedcampgrounddurango.com)

Full hook-up – approx. \$40 (off-season rate)

(Lovely – in large cottonwoods with view of the Narrow Gauge train and Animas River)