

The Prehistoric Museum, USU Eastern Presents I Once was Lost, but Now am Found?!

Reuniting the Decades-Missing Pilling Figurine with his Mate(s)



Guest Speaker: Dr. Bonnie Pitblado,
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In March of 1950 Clarence Pilling discovered a set of clay figurines crafted by a Fremont artist or artists about 1000 years ago. Known as the Pilling Figurines, one of these went missing decades ago, only to—apparently—re-emerge last year. Dr. Bonnie Pitblado and a team of world-renowned scientists used techniques ranging from fingerprint analysis to geochemical characterizations to test whether the lost warrior had truly been found.

Please join us to learn the answer!

Dr. Pitblado, of Utah State University, serves as an associate professor of anthropology, director of the Anthropology Program and director of the USU Museum of Anthropology. She teaches courses in archaeology and museum studies and serves as the advisor for USU's "Museum Studies" certification program. Dr. Pitblado specializes in the earliest human occupations of the Rocky Mountains, and she has an active research program aimed at trying to better understand how people used the mountains and adjacent landscapes, 10,000-7,500 years ago. She has expertise in lithic technology and a research focus on geochemical characterization of a variety of materials (including Fremont figurines).