

MES 2014 Symposium Speakers



H. E. "Buzz" Calvert, MES member, is a native Michigander and researcher of Michigan's ancient sites and cultures. Buzz earned a BA in Communication Education from Michigan State University, and MA's from Western Michigan University in Communication Education and in Educational Leadership.

Buzz recently retired after almost 40 years, and now has time to pursue his avocational interests as a researcher, writer, traveler, and, yes, a teacher.

My Seminar presentation: "*Forgotten Outposts: Some of Michigan's Lost Ancient Sites*"

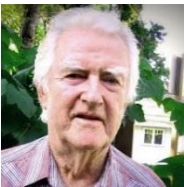


Lawrence Gallant, Larry is associate editor of *Ancient America* magazine and founder of their Field Investigator program. He is the author of the privately published "*Encyclopedia of Alternative Ancient History*," teaches revisionist history at the community college level and lectures to historical societies in southwestern Pennsylvania. The title of Larry's talk at the Symposium will be either "*Catastrophism: The Violent History and Future of Planet Earth*," or Frank Joseph's latest book (with permission), "*The Lost Colonies of Ancient America*" depending on audience interest and time allotted.



Stephen C. Jett was born in Cleveland, Ohio, graduated cum laude in Geology from Princeton University in 1960. He obtained a Ph.D. in Geography from The Johns Hopkins University in 1964. He spent most of his career at the University of California, Davis, serving three terms as Geography Chair; after 1996, he was also Professor of Textiles and Clothing, retiring in 2000. He founded and edits *Pre-Columbiana: A Journal of Long-Distance Contacts*.

Dr. Jett has two principal writing interests: 1) the culture and history of the Navajo, especially architecture and other material culture, crops and farming, sacred places, and place names; 2) the effects of pre-1492 transoceanic contacts between the Old and New worlds in spreading human genes, germs, ideas, technologies (such as the blowgun), and domesticates. www.academia.edu/4058980/Stephen_C._Jett_Publications



Dr Carl Johannessen co-author of the definitive book *World Trade and Biological Exchanges Before 1492*, a summary of their research that 127 tropical and subtropical plants and animals were transported across oceans to and from tropical continents by early tropical mariners. Dr. Johannessen will present *The Origin of Corn*. At age 90 he still works a full day tracing the origin of many species besides corn. While here at the MES Symposium he will be presented the Barry Fell Award for his work. He shares this award with his co-author Dr. John Sorenson who is unable to attend. <http://geog.uoregon.edu/carljohannessen/index.html>



Dr Siu-Leung Lee, author of two books in Chinese, "Deciphering the 1602 Chinese world map – Chinese mapped the world before Columbus" and "Implications of a Ming medallion unearthed in America – Pre-Columbian Chinese connections". The English versions are being prepared. On diverse topics related to this subject, he has given many lectures, hosted by Academia Sinica (Taipei), China University of Foreign Affairs, Beijing University, Tsinghua University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong Branch of Royal Geographic Society, Hong Kong History Museum and MES Symposium, etc.

Dr. Lee has just been elected to be the President of Zheng He Society of the Americas, headquartered in Rockville, Maryland.

Dr. Lee, born in Hong Kong, is a biochemistry PhD from Purdue University with a career in academia and industry, from Yale University, Texas A&M University to Hong Kong Institute of Biotechnology. I will give a talk with the following title [at the Symposium]: "*From China to America? A few bones to pick*" I will discuss the origin of horses and chickens in America.



Rich Moats, is a retired US Air Force Remote Image Analyst, aircraft Accident and Forensic Investigator and instructor, a native Ohio artifact collector and Vice President of the Flint Ridge Chapter of the Archaeology Society of Ohio. Rich is an Archaeologist, Archaeoastronomer, and writer. He has intently studied several Ohio earthworks.

He has given talks at the previous two MES symposiums: *It's About Time – The Clovis Barrier* and *Ohio's Yost Works, A Pilgrimage to the Stars*. He works closely with Wayne May, editor and publisher of *Ancient American* magazine on several Hopewell sites for archaeoastronomical alignments. His presentation;

"Who were the Hopewell?"

Mark & Laura Nickless, You will remember this husband and wife team from last year and their findings concerning the Piasa and the Chinese visit to Cahokia. This year Mark will report on the direct link between the destruction of the *Piasa* and a 1753 French map. Laurie will report on *Cacao* being in Cahokia and the many references found in the Chinese account. See their book: "*Chasing the Dragons - The True History of the Piasa*" [Amazon Books](#).



Mrs. Charlotte Rees is an independent researcher and a graduate of Columbia International University. In 1972 her father, Dr. Hendon Harris, Jr. (1916-1981), a third generation Baptist missionary, found in an antique shop in Korea an ancient Asian map which led him to write a book of almost 800 pages that contended early arrival of Chinese to America by sea. As a child Rees lived for four years in Taiwan then later in Hong Kong where her parents served. In recent years she made several trips to China. Her home now is in Virginia. Her web site is www.AsiatricFathers.com

In 2006 she published an abridged version of her father's, *The Asiatic Fathers of America: Chinese Discovery and Colonization of Ancient America*. Her latest book, 2013, *Did Ancient Chinese Explore America? My Trip through the Rocky Mountains to Find Answers*, is the title of her MES Symposium presentation and is a travelogue which follows an alleged *Shan Hai Jing* journey.



John Ruskamp is an independent Epigraphic Researcher. His education includes a B.S. in biochemistry from the Illinois Institute of Technology, three graduate degrees (M.Ed., M.B.A, and Ed.D.) from Loyola University of Chicago, and extensive postdoctoral statistical and scientific coursework.

During his career, John worked as an analytical chemist for Argonne National Laboratory, taught psychology and education courses at Vander Cook College, and supported the Adler Planetarium's near-space high altitude balloon program as the trustee for its onboard flight-tracking radio transmissions. Following years of teaching and administration, he retired from the Chicago Public Schools as the district's first e-Learning Manager, overseeing the initial rollout of online courses for the district's 640 school sites.

Early on, while he was in the Orient with the military, John developed an appreciation for Chinese culture and learned the basic forms of the script. Recognizing that similar nautical patterns occur in both North American rock writing and Chinese script, after retiring, he began a fulltime investigation into the origin of these substantially similar depictions.

In 2013, John published an updated second edition of his research findings under the title: *Asiatic Echoes - The Identification of Ancient Chinese Pictograms in pre-Columbian North American Rock Writing*.



Roger Sexton, an early MES member and an independent researcher will show the Jon Haskell documentary video about his codex and bring us up to date on developments since last year's symposium. Roger's associate, Loren Jeffries has relocated to Washington State and Roger hopes to bring him here. Also Roger's book, *The Smoking Mirror Codex* may be ready.