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Horses and Humans in the Americas: Archaeology and Indigenous Horse Use from the North American West to Argentina

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After their introduction by the Spanish after 1492 CE, horses, mules, and donkeys flourished throughout the Americas and were widely adopted by Indigenous peoples. Our collaborative research uses a combination of ethnoarchaeology, collections-based zooarchaeological research, and archaeological science to understand how, when, and why this process took place. In this interactive panel discussion we will explore what we know about horses and people in western North America and in Argentina, what changes the its introduction brought, the methods we have developed for answering questions about the use of the horse by Indigenous societies, and some of our preliminary results.

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William Taylor is Assistant Professor and Curator of Archaeology at the University of Colorado Museum of Natural History in Boulder, CO, USA. He is a zooarchaeologist specialized in the study of animal domestication, with a particular focus on horses and their impact on human societies around the globe, from the Eurasian Steppes to the Pampas and the Great Plains.



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