

# Florida Humanities Speakers Directory



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Thought-provoking  
Discussions



## David Letasi

*Paleontologist, Archeologist*

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### Programs Available

#### Florida's Prehistoric Heritage

Learn how paleontologists discovered Florida's prehistoric past. Using actual fossils, we will examine the history of the early marine and terrestrial vertebrate fossil sites and unique taxa found over the last century. The unique fossils found here will be compared to other sites in the Western US. The early paleontologists' techniques and discoveries will be covered and Florida's unique geology, paleo climate and extinction will be examined.

#### Pursuit of Florida's Paleo Hunters

Travel back into the last Ice Age and learn about Florida's first people. Discover how they survived climate change and giant predators. Who were the archeologist that discovered these early hunters' artifact sites? We will compare the artifacts found here in Florida to those found around North America. Were there people living here before the Clovis Tradition and what is the Solutrean Theory? What was their origin? These controversies will be examined, and actual Paleoindian artifacts studied.

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#### Program Format:

- In-person
- Virtual

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