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Arakawa to Speak About Early Development of Social Hierarchy in the Mesa Verde Region

CORTEZ, CO (July 13, 2011)—On July 28, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center Lithic Technology Analyst Fumi Arakawa will present “Voting with Your Feet: The Response to Increasing Social Hierarchy in the Central Mesa Verde Region” as part of the Four Corners Lecture Series. The presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center and is free and open to the public.

Arakawa will discuss how the ancestral Pueblo people responded to the early development of social hierarchy in the central Mesa Verde region during the Pueblo I and Pueblo III periods.

Arakawa holds a Ph.D. from Washington State University and an M.A. from the University of Idaho. For his dissertation, he completed a comprehensive study of chipped-stone material sources and artifact distributions in the central Mesa Verde region. He has authored and coauthored numerous publications and papers on ancient stone tool procurement and use.

Organized by a consortium of area organizations, the Four Corners Lecturer Series features presentations by guest speakers from around the Southwest. This year’s theme is “Gifts from the Ancestors.” All lectures are free. The location of the lectures rotates among the sponsoring organizations.

This year’s sponsors are the Anasazi Heritage Center, ARAMARK, the Bureau of Land Management, the Colorado Archaeological Society – Hisatsinom Chapter, the Cortez Cultural Center, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, KSJD, Mesa Verde National Park, the Mesa Verde Institute, the Mesa Verde Museum Association, and the Office of the President and Department of Anthropology – Fort Lewis College.

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