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MUSEUM OF SCIENCE'S CURATOR OF GEOLOGY TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT EASTERN STATES ARCHEOLOGICAL FEDERATION'S (ESAF) ANNUAL MEETING Dr. Richard Laub to present "*The Hiscock Site: 13,500 years of New York History*" on Saturday

Buffalo (November 5, 2008) – The Eastern States Archeological Federation's (ESAF) 75th annual meeting will be taking place this weekend, November 6 – 9, at the Holiday Inn Lockport (515 S. Transit St., Lockport, NY) . **Dr. Richard Laub, Curator of Geology at the Buffalo Museum of Science** will be the keynote speaker with "*The Hiscock Site: 13,500 years of New York History*" at the ESAF banquet held on Saturday evening.

The Hiscock Site, the Museum's archeological dig site in Genesee County, New York is one of the richest archaeological and paleontological localities in North America and is the focus of a newly opened exhibit hall at the Buffalo Museum of Science, "Digging Into Western New York's Past." The exhibit contains a rich array of fossils and artifacts, documenting the changing fauna, flora, cultures and environments of the Northeast over the past 13,500 years. Dr. Laub has directed the excavation and study of the Hiscock site since its beginning in 1983.

Saturday's lineup will also feature sessions in honor of **Jack Holland, the Museum's Curator of Lithics**, and his contributions to lithic studies. "*Jack Holland: Chert Chaser Extraordinaire*" will be presented by William Engelbrecht (Buffalo State College), Lisa Marie Anselmi (Buffalo State College) and John Grehan (Buffalo Museum of Science). "*Chert Resources in Western New York: Things I have Learned from Jack Holland*" will be presented by Douglas Perrelli (UB Archaeological Survey).

Saturday, November 8

8:00am "*Jack Holland: Chert Chaser Extraordinaire*" William Engelbrecht (Buffalo State College), Lisa Marie Anselmi (Buffalo State College) and John Grehan (Buffalo Museum of Science)

1:00pm "*Chert Resources in Western New York: Things I have learned from Jack Holland*", Douglas Perrelli (UB Archaeological Survey)

7:15 – 9:15pm "*The Hiscock Site: 13,500 years of New York History*", Dr. Richard Laub

For more information on ESAF or for a preliminary program of the weekend's lineup, visit <http://esaf-archeology.org/>.

ABOUT THE EASTERN STATES ARCHEOLOGICAL FEDERATION (ESAF)

ESAF is an organization of state archeological societies that are found in the eastern U.S. ESAF was organized in 1933/34 to provide an exchange of archeological information among archeologists and state archeological societies. With a membership of 15 state societies and over 500 individual memberships, ESAF continues to be a national organization that fosters cooperation and information exchange among all people working in archeology as well as supporting public participation in all archeological activities.

The Buffalo Museum of Science is the non-profit educational institution dedicated to the study and interpretation of the natural and physical sciences. Its extensive collections of over 600,000 specimens and artifacts represent all facets of the natural world with an emphasis on Western New York as well as man-made objects spanning the globe. Based at 1020 Humboldt Parkway and anchoring Buffalo's East Side in Olmsted-designed Martin Luther King, Jr. Park since 1929, the Museum presents a wide variety of programs and services for children, teachers, families, adults, and community organizations throughout each year. General admission to the Museum is \$7 adults; \$6 seniors (age 62+); \$5 students and children over 3; and free for members and children under 3. The Museum also operates Tiff Nature Preserve in South Buffalo, a 264-acre urban wetland preserve on reclaimed former industrial land and also seasonally sponsors archaeological exploration at the Hiscock Site in nearby Genesee County, NY, one of North America's richest Ice Age sites.

For further information on the Museum and its upcoming activities, call 716-896-5200 or visit www.buffalomuseumofscience.org.

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