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## THE BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE PRESENTS “THE CHANGING FACE OF DINOSAUR RESEARCH”

Free lecture June 4<sup>th</sup> in the museum auditorium

**BUFFALO (May 21, 2008)** – The Buffalo Museum of Science will present its spring Hayes Lecture, “The Changing Face of Dinosaur Research”, at 7:00pm on Wednesday, June 4. The lecture will be held in the museum auditorium and is **free to the public**.

For the past fifteen years, Bill and Kris Parsons, along with a dedicated crew of volunteer friends, have been hunting vertebrate fossils from the Lower Cretaceous Badlands of Montana. With disciplined scientific analysis and imagination, they have tried to lift the veil of time and add a few more details to what we know about those distant landscapes of an ancient world. The long range intent of this research is to help span the vastness of deep time and contribute to the creation of an ever more detailed and accurate scientific vision of that ancient world from which and through which all, that now is, somehow or other successfully emerged.

Presented by Bill and Kris Parsons themselves, this Hayes Lecture will provide a window into their intriguing research discoveries, including evidence that the raptor *Deinonychus* (Speilberg’s *Jurassic Park* Velociraptor) was feathered, consumed small animals, produced ‘owl pellets’ and may have even climbed trees. Their research has revealed many new and surprising aspects of the anatomy, life stages and possible behavior of these “Raptor-like” dinosaurs. From skull bones that may tell their age to surprisingly flexible tails, this research has added many fascinating fragments of information to our overall knowledge of these dinosaurs.

For more information on this upcoming lecture, visit [http://www.sciencebuff.org/hayes\\_lectures.php](http://www.sciencebuff.org/hayes_lectures.php) or call the museum at 716.896.5200.

*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 Tift Nature Preserve in South Buffalo, a 264-acre urban wetland preserve on reclaimed former industrial land; The Elmwood Science Spot, a satellite studio of the Buffalo Museum of Science located in the heart of the Elmwood Village; and 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](http://www.buffalomuseumofscience.org).*