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Dr. Michael Waters is the Director of the Center for the Study of the First Americans and Executive Director of the North Star Archaeological Research Program. He is known for his expertise in First American studies and geoarchaeology. Waters has worked on more than fifty archaeological field projects in the United States, Mexico, Russia, Jamaica, and Yemen. His current research projects include the Debra L. Friedkin Site, Texas; Hogeeye Clovis Cache site, Texas; and the Hueyatlaco site, Mexico. He has authored or co-authored numerous journal articles and book chapters and is the author of *Principles of Geoarchaeology: A North American Perspective*. Waters received the 2003 Kirk Bryan Award and the 2004 Rip Rapp Archaeological Geology Award given by the Geological Society of America. Waters and his colleagues will publish a new book in the Fall of 2011 about his excavations at the Gault site. The book, published by Texas A&M University Press in conjunction with the Center for the Study of the First Americans, is entitled *Clovis Lithic Technology: Investigation of a Stratified Workshop at the Gault Site, Texas*.

Title of Presentation:

*The First Americans: A New Perspective Based on Evidence from the Debra L. Friedkin site, Texas.*

The talk will focus on the need to create a new model for the peopling of the Americas. Genetic and archaeological evidence shows that people were in the Americas by 16,000 years ago. Based on evidence from the Debra L. Friedkin site and other sites in North America, these early people had biface, blade, bladelet, and osseous technologies. Evidence shows that Clovis originated south of the continental ice sheets around 13,000 years ago.