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**WELCOME TO
PNWAS Summer talk!!!!**

*We believe 2023-2024 will be a Promising
New PNWAS Year!*

*We have purchased a PRO ZOOM account,
so we can safely continue to bring our
membership together. AND if you missed
past PNWAS ZOOM YouTubes we have set
up a PNWAS ZOOM Channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SeattlePNWAS>*

*The outstanding recent talk on ~12,900-
year-old excavations at the La Prele site in
Wyoming that have identified the remains of
Columbian Mammoth along with associated
activity areas which contain artifacts
including fluted point fragments, channel
flakes, faunal remains, ivory, bone needles,
and a large ocher stain, is now available on
our YouTube channel (above):*

April 13th, 2023:

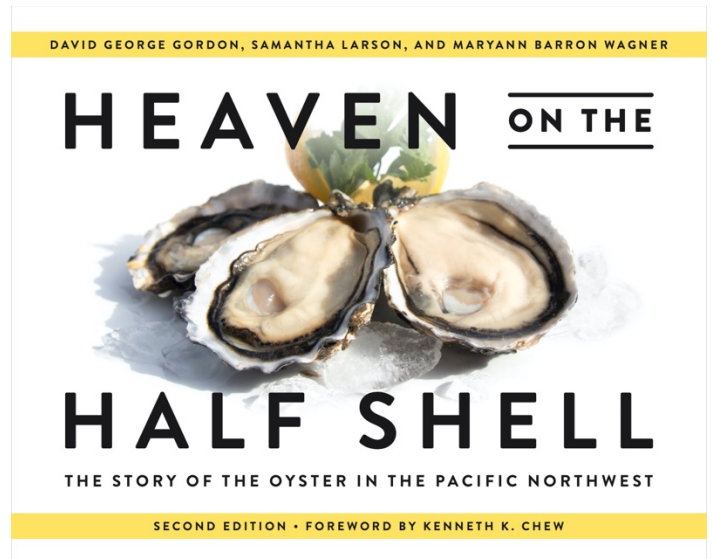
High Plains Mammoth Hunter

By Dr. Madeline Mackie, Weber State University, Utah

**If a current member (2023, see PWNAS
schedule/membership form attached), you
will get an invitation to join the ZOOM
meeting through an e-mail shortly before
each talk. Talks are on Thursday evenings
and start at 6:30 pm.**

**SUMMER PNWAS, Thursday,
June 1st, 2023**

The Story of the Oyster in the Pacific Northwest



***By Authors David George Gordon and
Samantha Larson***

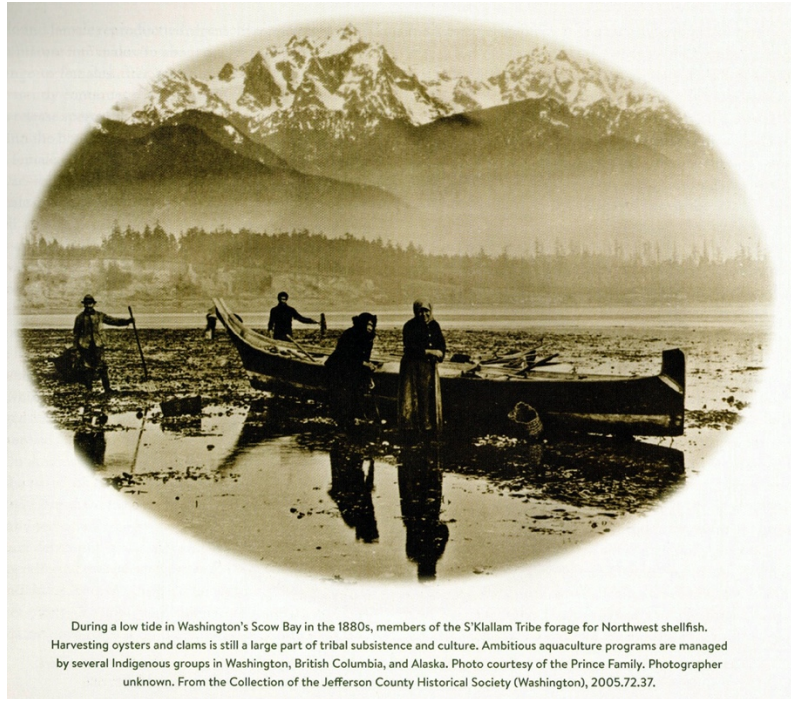
Join authors David George Gordon and Samantha Larson for an in-depth introduction to the Pacific Northwest's most beloved bivalve, the oyster. Their presentation will begin with the earliest evidence of oyster aquaculture from 11,500 years ago and concludes with contemporary efforts to cultivate oysters, both native and introduced, along our Northwest coasts. Along the way, they'll reveal the many surprising innovations that have made oysters such an enduringly popular and environmentally sustainable food—including the resurgence of interest in Indigenous people's traditional sea gardens and clam beds.



Rare photo taken of Native woman collecting shellfish in 1905 at Mud Bay (where our Qwu?gves archaeological site is located), using a first-generation Kodak camera, hence the circular image.

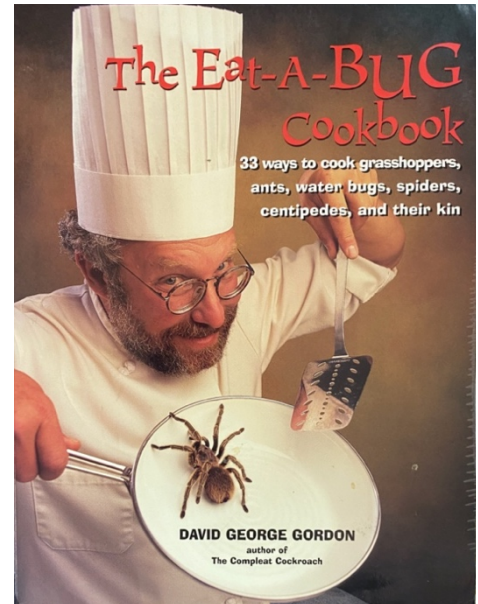
A former science writer for Washington Sea Grant in Seattle, Gordon is the principal author of *Heaven on the Half Shell: The Story of the Oyster in the Pacific Northwest*, recently revised and updated by University of Washington Press. He has written 22 books on topics ranging from slugs and snails to sharks, gray whales and, yes, Sasquatch.

Samantha Larson is the current science writer for Washington Sea Grant and a major contributor to *Heaven on the Half Shell*. In addition to her work at WSG, she is a freelance writer who specializes in science, the environment and outdoor adventure. Her writing and reporting has appeared in dozens of online and print publications including *Outside*, *National Geographic*, and *High Country News*.

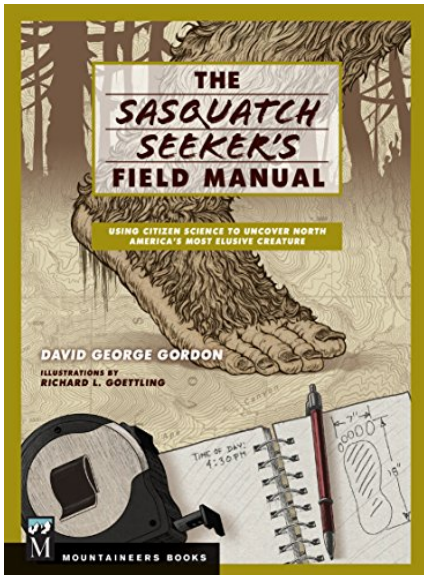


During a low tide in Washington's Scow Bay in the 1880s, members of the S'Klallam Tribe forage for Northwest shellfish. Harvesting oysters and clams is still a large part of tribal subsistence and culture. Ambitious aquaculture programs are managed by several Indigenous groups in Washington, British Columbia, and Alaska. Photo courtesy of the Prince Family, Photographer unknown. From the Collection of the Jefferson County Historical Society (Washington), 2005.72.37.

Other popular books by David George Gordon:



Friend David George Gordon has written several popular books, including this one I used in my Anthropology Classes to serve fried crickets (some of you may have been in those classes?!). Also he has written: The Secret World of Slugs and Snails, Field Guide to the Geoduck, Seals and Sea Lions, Field Guide to Sasquatch, and The Compleat Cockroach: A Comprehensive Guide to the most Despised (and Least Understood) Creatures on Earth.



Sasquatch Seeker's Field Manual: Using Citizen Science To Uncover North America's Most Elusive Creature.

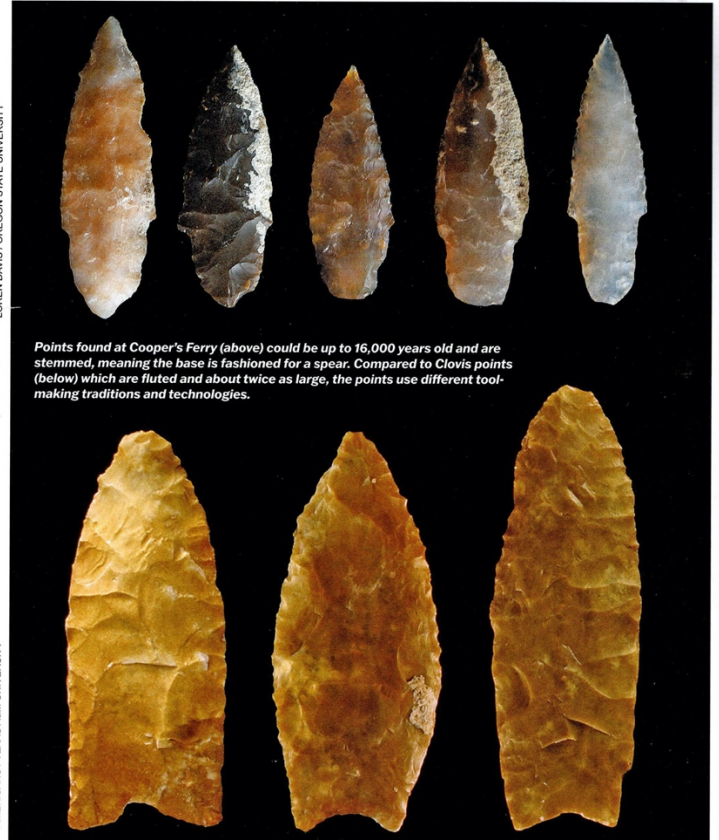


May 4th, 2023 Book release and signing at Salty's in West Seattle. (L to R) Author and Science Writer, Samantha Larson, Ed Carriere (featured in book), Suquamish Elder, David George Gordon, Lead Author, Dale Croes, PNWAS, and Author Maryann Barron Wagner.

*FALL PNWAS, Thursday,
October 26th, 2023*

*Archaeological Evidence of
Early Peoples at Cooper's
Ferry/Nipéhe in Western Idaho*

*By Dr. Loren G. Davis, Anthropology,
Oregon State University*



Points found at Cooper's Ferry (above) could be up to 16,000 years old and are stemmed, meaning the base is fashioned for a spear. Compared to Clovis points (below) which are fluted and about twice as large, the points use different tool-making traditions and technologies.

Archaeological excavations conducted at the Cooper's Ferry/Nipéhe site in Western Idaho's lower Salmon River canyon revealed a long record of repeated occupation beginning by ~16,000 years ago. This record includes pit features containing the earliest stemmed projectile points in the Americas. In this presentation, we discuss how the archaeological record at the Cooper's Ferry/Nipéhe site tells us about the early ancestors of the Nez Perce peoples and what their world of the Pacific Northwest was like.



Paleoenvironmental conditions in the Pacific Northwest during glacial conditions at -16,000 calibrated years before the present.



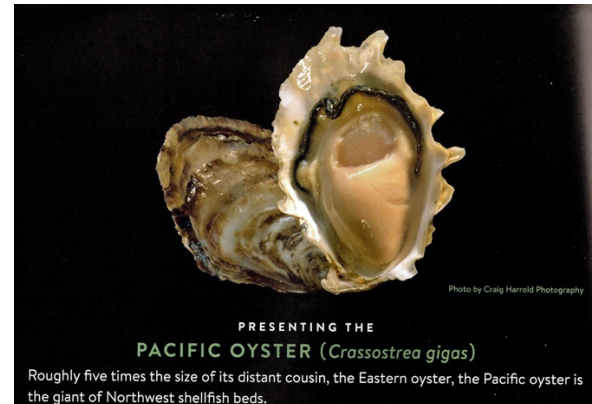
Featured on cover of Spring American Archaeology magazine, they indicate that “Adding to a growing body of evidence settled in North America long before Clovis sites, artifacts found at Cooper’s Ferry indicate humans arrived at least 16,000 years ago.”



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Join us on **ZOOM** Thursday, June 1st, 2023 at 6:30 pm for

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