

CU Museum of Natural History presents:



“From the Ashes: The Lost History of Aztec Ruins”

Join Dr. Erin Baxter for a lecture concerning New Mexico’s Aztec Ruins, a 900-year old city-scape made up of exceptionally well-preserved great stone structures, massive roads, small houses, and enigmatic mounds. Thoroughly excavated by CU’s own Earl Morris a century ago, Aztec nevertheless still has tales to tell. Dr. Baxter presents recent research into Morris’ museum archive which is radicalizing our views of Aztec. We now know it as the once-capital of Southwestern civilization which rose and fell in an explosion of political upheaval, aberrant behavior, violence and fire. This talk will explore unpublished diaries, letters, photos, and maps that give tantalizing clues to Aztec’s complex history and reveals the emergence of social inequality, the role of violence and conflict, and the development of larger scales of political organization during one of the most important chapters in Ancestral Pueblo history.

Wednesday, April 26 • 7–8:30 p.m. • Paleontology Hall

Free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

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