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“Bioarchaeology of mummies in Egypt and the phylogenetics of endangered fish: An adventitious nexus”

“It was 34 years ago that R. Paul Evans joined the Brigham Young University faculty as a molecular biologist. Previously he was a research fellow at Purdue University and received his Ph.D. in 1983 from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Bachelor Degree in Science from Brigham Young University in 1995 (this is not a typo).

Paul’s research has centered on using DNA to study the changes that occur in families, populations and species over time. Working with international, federal, and state agencies, he has defined the genetic identity of fishes and aquatic insects throughout the world. Other projects have involved lobster populations along the coast of Oman, penguin colonies in the Antarctic, water snake families in Texas, Rockfish species in the Pacific, and thorny-headed parasites.

In 1994, Paul was perfecting techniques to recover DNA from June Sucker and Cutthroat Trout bones recovered at archaeological sites. One day, a person walked into his office and asked, “If you can get DNA from fish bones, can you get DNA from the bones of Egyptian mummies?” Since then, he has excavated in Egypt during 25 seasons and is the excavation team resident biologist performing ancient DNA studies, on-site forensic pathology and age/sex determination of hundreds of mummies, and anything else biology.”

Friday, NOV. 05, 2021

3:00 – 4:00 pm PDT

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