Old Pueblo Archaeology Center presents

From Hohokam to Salado: The Kayenta Diaspora in the Southwest

with archaeologist Dr. Jeffery J. Clark

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6 to 8:30 PM

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Old Pueblo's "Third Thursday Food for Thought" Dinner Presentation at U-Like Oriental Buffet Asian Cuisine 5101 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson

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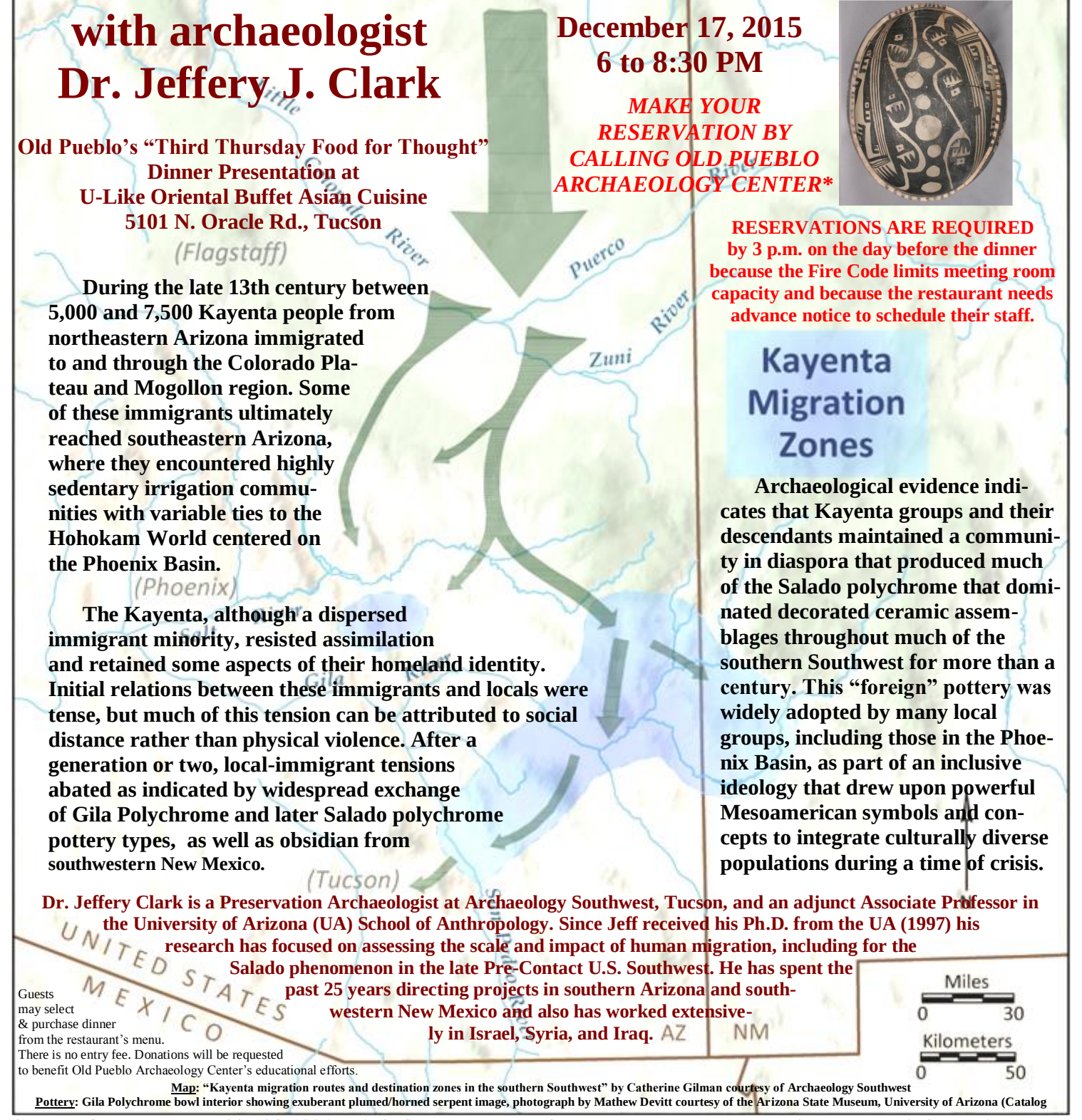
During the late 13th century between 5,000 and 7,500 Kayenta people from northeastern Arizona immigrated to and through the Colorado Plateau and Mogollon region. Some of these immigrants ultimately reached southeastern Arizona, where they encountered highly sedentary irrigation communities with variable ties to the Hohokam World centered on the Phoenix Basin.

The Kayenta, although a dispersed immigrant minority, resisted assimilation and retained some aspects of their homeland identity. Initial relations between these immigrants and locals were tense, but much of this tension can be attributed to social distance rather than physical violence. After a generation or two, local-immigrant tensions abated as indicated by widespread exchange of Gila Polychrome and later Salado polychrome pottery types, as well as obsidian from southwestern New Mexico.



Archaeological evidence indicates that Kayenta groups and their descendants maintained a community in diaspora that produced much of the Salado polychrome that dominated decorated ceramic assemblages throughout much of the southern Southwest for more than a century. This "foreign" pottery was widely adopted by many local groups, including those in the Phoenix Basin, as part of an inclusive ideology that drew upon powerful Mesoamerican symbols and concepts to integrate culturally diverse populations during a time of crisis.

Dr. Jeffery Clark is a Preservation Archaeologist at Archaeology Southwest, Tucson, and an adjunct Associate Professor in the University of Arizona (UA) School of Anthropology. Since Jeff received his Ph.D. from the UA (1997) his research has focused on assessing the scale and impact of human migration, including for the Salado phenomenon in the late Pre-Contact U.S. Southwest. He has spent the past 25 years directing projects in southern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico and also has worked extensively in Israel, Syria, and Iraq.

Guests may select & purchase dinner from the restaurant's menu. There is no entry fee. Donations will be requested to benefit Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's educational efforts.

Map: "Kayenta migration routes and destination zones in the southern Southwest" by Catherine Gilman courtesy of Archaeology Southwest

Pottery: Gila Polychrome bowl interior showing exuberant plumed/horned serpent image, photograph by Mathew Devitt courtesy of the Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona (Catalog

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