



"OF NOBLE KINGS DESCENDED": COLONIAL DOCUMENTS AND THE ANCIENT SOUTHWEST

Free Zoom Presentation by Archaeologist Stephen H. Lekson



Gaspar Pérez de Villagrà, capitan and procurador general in Juan de Oñate's expedition that first colonized Santa Fe

Early Spanish and Mexican records may have much to tell us about the ancient Southwest. Those records, of course, recount events and conditions of their times, but many also contain startling information apparently relevant to older places like Chaco Canyon and Casas Grandes.

From Villagrà to von Humboldt, Dr. Lekson will review a number of "possible/potential/probable" insights for deeper history found in early colonial documents, and will contextualize these in light of Native accounts and archaeological data.

Our Third Thursday presenter this month is Stephen H. Lekson. He received his PhD from the University of New Mexico in 1988 and held research, curatorial, or administrative positions at the University of Tennessee, Eastern New Mexico University, the National Park Service, the Arizona State Museum, the Museum of New Mexico, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, and the Museum of Natural History, University of Colorado, Boulder.

Dr. Lekson directed more than 20 archaeological projects throughout the Southwest, served as Editor of the journal *Kiva* from 2006-2011, and continues as Contributing Editor for *Archaeology* magazine (2003-present).

His publications include a dozen books, chapters in many edited volumes, and articles in journals and magazines. His most recent books are *A History of the Ancient Southwest* (2009), *The Chaco Meridian: One Thousand Years of Political and Religious Power in the Ancient Southwest* (2015), and *A Study of Southwestern Archaeology* (2018). He curated a dozen exhibits at the CU Museum of Natural History, most recently "A History of the Ancient Southwest" (2014), before retiring in 2018.

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