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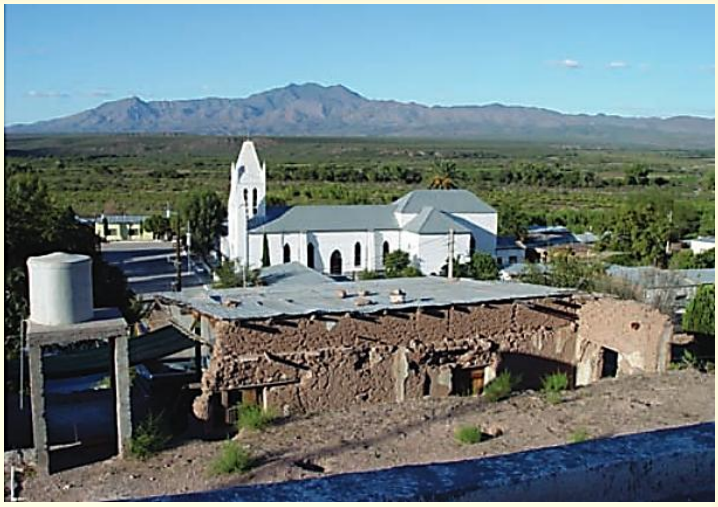
Ópatas, Guarijíos, and their Associates in Northwest Mexico: Who Were They?

By Research Social Scientist David A. Yetman, PhD

When Spanish chroniclers arrived in what is now Sonora, Mexico they noted numerous Indigenous peoples in addition to the well-known Mayos, Pimas, and Yaquis.

Among the others were the Ópatas, who numbered perhaps 60,000, and the Guarijíos, around 2,000.

The more populous Ópatas have disappeared, yet the Guarijíos remain. What happened?



Bavispe, a historic mountain town and municipal seat in the Sierra Madre Occidental of northeastern Sonora, Mexico, established by the Jesuit missionary Cristóbal García in 1645



University of Arizona Research Social Scientist Emeritus Dr. David Yetman will explore this question in this month's "Third Thursday Food for Thought" presentation.

Doña Lupana describes palm weaving to David Yetman in her huuki in Buena Vista de Nácori Chico, Sonora

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This month's guest David Yetman



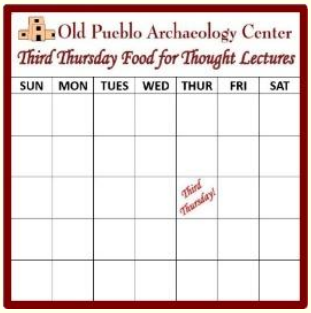
is a Research Social Scientist Emeritus at The Southwest Center of The University of Arizona whose studies have focused on peoples and land of northwest Mexico. He served for nine years as host for the PBS documentary television series "The Desert Speaks" and currently produces and hosts PBS's "In the Americas with David Yetman" series. He has received three Emmy Awards for his documentary television work.

David's research has been directed primarily towards the state of Sonora, its Indigenous people, their history, and how they have incorporated native resources into their lives.

His books include *Sonora: An Intimate Geography* (1996); *Scattered Round Stones: A Mayo Village in Sonora, Mexico* (1998); *Guarijíos of the Sierra Madre: Hidden People of Northwest Mexico* (2002); *Mayo Ethnobotany: Land, History, and Traditional Knowledge in Northwest Mexico* (2002, co-authored by Thomas R. Van Devender); *The Organ Pipe Cactus* (2006); *The Great Cacti: Ethnobotany and Biogeography of Columnar Cacti* (2007); *The Ópatas: In Search of a Sonoran People* (2010); and *The Saguaro Cactus, A Natural History* (2020, co-written with Alberto Búrquez, Kevin Hultine, and Michael Sanderson).

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