

Solving a 3.2-Million-Year-Old Mystery: How Lucy Died?

Professor John Kappelman (University of Texas at Austin) will present his recent hypothesis about how Lucy, the most famous fossil on the planet, met her demise 3.2 million years ago. The fossil was discovered over 40 years ago; until now, her cause of death was listed as “undetermined.” Dr. Kappelman and his team conducted high resolution CT scans of Lucy when she was in Texas and they may have solved the “oldest cold case” in human evolution.



Dr. John Kappelman with Lucy

John Kappelman is a Professor in the Departments of Anthropology and Geological Sciences at University of Texas at Austin where he has taught since 1988. He has conducted nearly 40 years of field work across Africa and Asia, with current projects on Middle Stone Age modern humans in northwestern Ethiopia, Oligocene to Miocene monkeys and apes in West Turkana, Kenya, and the geological history of the Ethiopian Plateau. Dr. Kappelman has developed several websites including eLucy.org, eSkeletons.org, eFossils.org, and eAnthro.org. He directs the team studying the high resolution CT scans of Lucy.

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