

Medical Museum Science Café

Bugs, Bones and Dirt: Human Decomposition Ecology and Postmortem Microbiology

When:
Tuesday, January 22,
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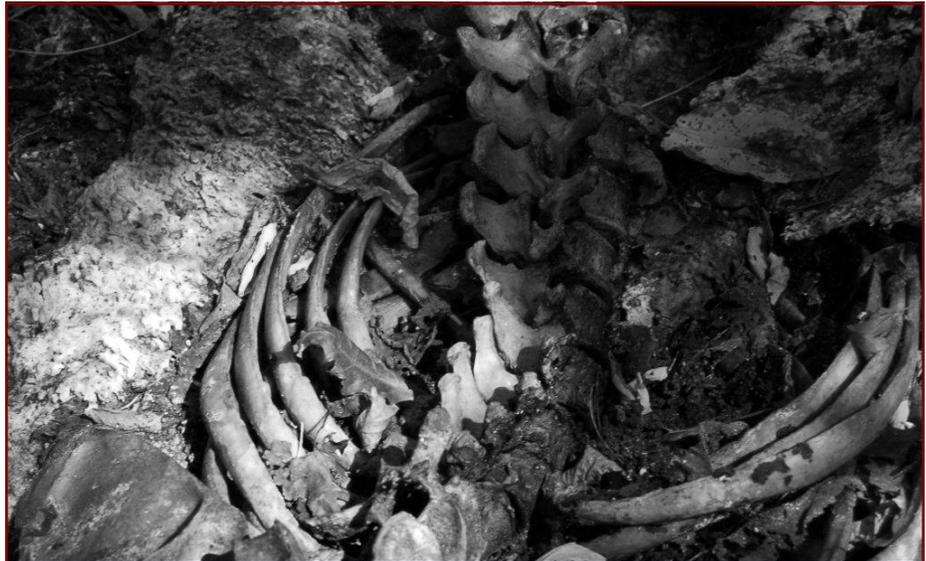
6-7 p.m.

Where:
Silver Spring Civic
Building
Fenton Room
1 Veterans Place
Silver Spring, MD
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Pictured above: Late stage decomposition with complete skeletonization.

Human decomposition is dependent on the environment—how our bodies end up depends on how a person was interred; the decomposer community, such as insects and animals; the number of bacterial cells in the body; and more. Join forensic anthropologist Franklin Damann, Ph.D., for a discussion about how studying the microbial community can help provide an estimate of the time since death. Additionally, he will share information about his current research as well as case studies from the University of Tennessee Anthropology Research Facility, also known as “The Body Farm.”

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