

OSTEOBIOGRAPHIES

The Discovery, Interpretation and Repatriation of Human Remains

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Osteobiographies: The Discovery, Interpretation, and Repatriation of Human Remains contextualizes repatriation, or the transfer of authority for human skeletal remains, from the perspective of bioarchaeologists and evolutionary biologists. It approaches repatriation from a global perspective, touching upon the most well-known Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) legislation of the United States, while also covering Canada and African countries.

This book focuses on the stories behind human skeletons, analyzing their biological factors to determine evolution patterns. It begins with an overview of anatomy, genomics, and stable isotopes from dietary and environmental factors, and how to identify these in skeletal remains. The book then goes on to discuss European-origin, North American, and African paleopathology; ancient DNA links; and cultural issues and implications around repatriation. It includes case studies to show how information from archaeologically derived skeletons is vital to understanding human evolution and providing respectful histories of the people represented by the remains.

This book is an ideal resource for bioarchaeologists, evolutionary biologists, and anthropologists. Students in advanced undergraduate or graduate courses in such disciplines will also benefit from the cutting-edge knowledge and data provided in this text.

Key Features

- Offers research and perspectives on the importance of skeletal remains on a global scale
- Identifies and distinguishes how genomics, biological factors, and burial methods can be used to trace human evolution through bones
- Addresses structural challenges to repatriation of human remains, through cases involving Europe and Africa

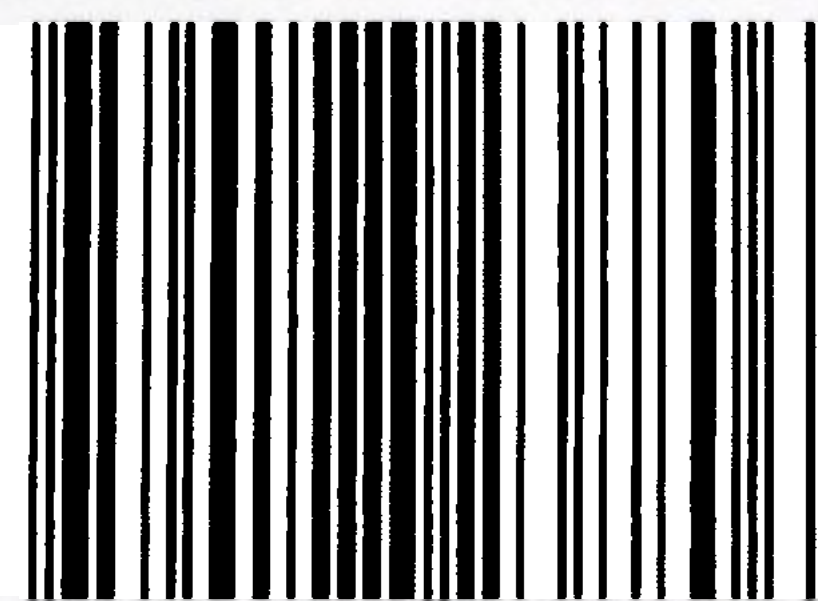


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