

Michigan Archaeological Society Lecture

Paleoindian Bifaces and Mobility: Questioning Assumptions

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Description:

Bifaces, often beautifully fashioned out of high-quality exotic flint, are hallmarks of the Paleoindian period. Most archaeologists view these bifaces as light-weight, flexible core-tools that allowed Paleoindians to exploit distant areas where the availability of suitable local flint was uncertain. This view is likely wrong...