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## Media Advisory

**WHAT:** Forensic Fridays at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History

**WHEN:** Friday, April 24; 11 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m.  
Friday, May 22; 1 - 5 p.m.  
Friday, June 26; 1 - 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History  
10th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W.  
Forensic Anthropology Lab in the "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake" exhibition, second floor

### EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

On Forensic Fridays, visitors can join Smithsonian forensic anthropologists Doug Owsley and Kari Bruwelheide as they study new cases from America's historic past. This is a rare opportunity to observe first-hand the basic methods used for documenting human remains recovered from archaeological investigations and ask forensic anthropologists questions.

To kick off the first Forensic Friday April 24, the museum will show the History channel documentary film, "Written in Bone," in the Baird Auditorium, 11 a.m. - noon. The film, part of the channel's popular "Save Our History" series, provides an excellent introduction to the "Written in Bone" exhibition and the forensic work of Owsley and Bruwelheide. The film will be introduced by Owsley and Bruwelheide, co-curators of the exhibition.

The Forensic Anthropology Lab, part of the "Written in Bone" exhibition, offers an opportunity for visitors to handle actual human bones and learn to identify and describe gender, age, injuries and maybe even the cause of death of the individuals.

Additional forensic programs are offered for school groups through May 29 and will start again in October. They require reservations and special logistical considerations. For more information, visit [www.writteninbone.si.edu](http://www.writteninbone.si.edu) or [www.mnh.si.edu/education](http://www.mnh.si.edu/education) and click on "New! Forensic Anthropology Lab." Public hours in the Forensic Anthropology Lab are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 1 - 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. No reservations are required for public hours and the activities are self-directed.

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