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New Exhibit Honors and Synthesizes 30 Years of Archaeological Research

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(University of Arizona, Tucson) — A new exhibit set to open on December 9 at Arizona State Museum (ASM) will honor and synthesize more than 30 years of archaeological research conducted by the Homol'ovi Research Program (HRP), and the career of the program's director, Dr. E. Charles Adams.

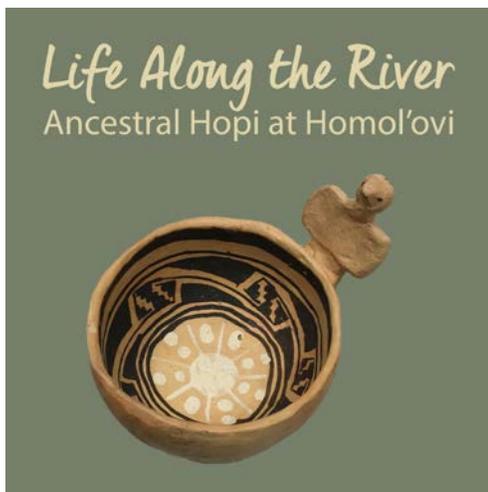
Life Along the River: Ancestral Hopi at Homol'ovi will tell the story of the people who lived in seven villages along the Little Colorado River near Winslow, Arizona in the 1300s, and, through artifacts, maps, and the voices of present-day Hopi, share how collaborative, multidisciplinary research with descendant communities can increase our understanding of the past and enhance the interpretation of archaeological resources.

HRP's director, Dr. E. Charles Adams, will be retiring at the end of the year—wrapping up 32 years at ASM and 48 years as a professional archaeologist. The research he has directed has revealed a timeline for life at Homol'ovi, the relationships among the area's inhabitants, and the importance of the river in their lifeways.

“Since I first visited the Hopi villages in 1969, I have been focused on combining archaeology with ethnography in a meaningful way. HRP provided that opportunity,” said Adams, who was recruited by ASM in 1985 specifically to direct HRP. “The original goal of the program was to determine if the archaeological record was still intact enough to tell the story of the people who lived at Homol'ovi and, if so, to do our best to let the archaeological record speak about their lives. We found the record remarkably intact and fully able to tell the stories of the place. It is my hope that HRP's collections and databases will continue to provide generations of researchers opportunities for more research and publication.”

Present-day Hopi refer to the settlements as Homol'ovi, “place of little hills,” in reference to the geography of the area which has many small raised buttes. The area became Arizona's first archaeological state park in 1986, in recognition of the importance of the archaeological resources there and as a result of a great partnership among state agencies, the Hopi people, the governor's office, local civic leaders, avocational archaeologists, and the general public.

“The work of the Homol'ovi Research Program has resulted in invaluable new knowledge about the archaeological record of the Little Colorado River Valley,” said ASM Director Dr. Patrick D. Lyons. “Chuck himself has published nine books and nearly 100 articles and book



**Opens December 9, 2017
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**Exhibit Preview, Panel
Discussion, and Celebration**

Friday, December 8
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Join us for a panel discussion about the exhibit, a preview of it, and to fete Dr. Adams on the occasion of his retirement at the end of the month.

Pubic Opening Festivities

Saturday, December 9
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come see the new exhibit and enjoy a host of accompanying activities: gallery tours, pottery and piiki demonstrations, musical performances, talks, hands-on activities.



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chapters. Over the years, the army of researchers Chuck and HRP's assistant director Rich Lange trained in the field and in the laboratory has produced additional scores of books, articles, master's theses, and doctoral dissertations—mine among them.”

In addition to directing summertime field schools at Homol'ovi and teaching anthropology courses at the University of Arizona during the school year, Adams has led public tours of the site and through the Four Corners region for decades. He and his HRP assistant director Rich Lange pioneered the museum's longest-running travel tour, which they ran successfully for 24 years, raising funds to support their research.

“Chuck has a talent for making complex information accessible,” said Lyons. “Sharing insights about Homol'ovi and the prehistory of the Four Corners region is one of his greatest joys. His valedictory public program at ASM, *Life Along the River: Ancestral Hopi at Homol'ovi*, will be another great example of Chuck sharing the stories of the lives along the river, including his own, over the past 30 years.”

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