

# Smithsonian Institution's Exploring Human Origins Opening Week Programs



Credit: Smithsonian Institution's Human Origins Program

## **September 8th at 6:00 pm-- Grand Opening Program**

Join Dr. Rick Potts, paleoanthropologist and curator of the traveling exhibit, as he explores the main themes and messages of the traveling exhibit in a program for the general public.

## **September 9th at 8:30 am-- Clergy Tour and Discussion**

This is a dedicated, private time for area clergy members to view the exhibit. Dr. Rick Potts and Dr. Briana Pobiner, Smithsonian paleoanthropologists, will join the clergy in the exhibit space to discuss any questions clergy may have about the exhibit's presentation of the science of human origins. Discussion and reception to follow.

## **September 9th at 3:30 pm-- Educators Workshop**

Dr. Briana Pobiner, who leads the Human Origins Program's education and outreach efforts, and Dr. Connie Bertka, co-chair of the Smithsonian Institution's Broader Social Impacts Committee, will present a workshop on human evolution for science educators. The workshop is for classroom teachers; science, nature center, and museum educators; homeschoolers; and other local educators. It will feature exploration and hands-on practice in presenting the Human Origins Program resources provided for each community.

## **September 10th at 6:00pm-- Community Conversation**

Join Drs. Connie Bertka and Jim Miller, co-chairs of the Smithsonian Institution's Broader Social Impacts Committee, as they encourage a community conversation about human evolution that helps us to understand each other's perspectives, to identify areas of common interest or concern, and to explore the variety of ways human evolution connects to personal meaning.



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