

Kramer Hall to Host 'Remember When Dinosaurs Walked the Earth' for Third Thursday May 19

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Galloway, NJ – Stockton University's Kramer Hall will host "Remember When Dinosaurs Walked the Earth" for Hammonton's Third Thursday on **Thursday, May 19**, from 6 - 8 p.m. The event will be held at 30 Front St. in Hammonton, N.J., and is free and open to the public.

Stockton's Associate Professor of Biology Matthew Bonnan, a vertebrate paleontologist, will discuss his newly published book on the evolution of the skeleton, "The Bare Bones."

Bonnan, who has helped discover and describe three new species of dinosaurs with colleagues in South Africa, uses everyday objects to explain the emergence and adaptation of the vertebrate skeleton, highlighting the fascinating twists and turns of evolution over more than 540 million years.

During the presentation, he will discuss evolution and the way that fossils help us to understand how the tree of life has grown over long periods of time. He will present in detail the new species of dinosaur he helped discover, the largest animals to ever walk on land. He will also look at the commonalities the human skeleton has with dinosaurs, reptiles and all back-boned animals.

Since his elementary school days, Bonnan has been fascinated by dinosaurs and reconstructing life of the past. His research focuses on the changes that occurred in the legs of dinosaurs and mammals as they evolved from small creatures into giants on land.

Bonnan, an Illinois native, received his A.S. in Earth Sciences from the College of DuPage, his B.S. in Geological Sciences from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and his Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from Northern Illinois University. He currently lives in Hammonton with his wife Jess Bonnan-White, assistant professor of Criminal Justice at Stockton, their two children, Quinn and Max, two cats, and a small dog.

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“The Bare Bones” has been praised by paleontologists and publishers alike for its engaging text and illustrations. Copies will be available for purchase at the event and can also be found on [Amazon](#). Light refreshments will be served.

For more information about Kramer Hall, which offers classes and hosts community events, visit Stockton.edu/hammonton.

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