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## The OE History Night at the Mission in April

The Oregon Encyclopedia (The OE) continues its monthly series of History Nights at McMenamins pubs with programs at the Mission Theater in partnership with the *Northwest Examiner*. At each History Night, The OE will look back at the people and events that have shaped our communities. Visit [www.oregonencyclopedia.org](http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org) for History Night locations and more details.

**“The Archaeology of the Portland Basin, AD 1400-1830”**

**Presented by Kenneth M. Ames**

**Tuesday, April 3, 2012**

**7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:00 pm**

**McMenamins Mission Theater, 1624 NW Glisan Street, Portland**

**Free and open to the public**

Did you know that 600 years ago the Portland Basin had one of the densest populations in Western North America? By 1830 the valley’s peoples had actively participated in the global fur trade and experienced the devastating effects of epidemics of introduced diseases. What happened to those populations since 1400 has been the focus of archaeologists over the past 30 years. The data archaeologists have uncovered reveals important information that is absent from the general histories of Native Americans of the region. This Oregon Encyclopedia History Night talk summarizes that missing history from the archaeological record.

Kenneth M. Ames is Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at Portland State University and a past-President of the Society for American Archaeology. He has conducted archaeological field research in western North American since 1968 and along the Lower Columbia River since 1984. Principal works include *Peoples of the Northwest Coast, Their Archaeology and Prehistory*, with Herbert Maschner and the 2006 volume, *Household Archaeology on the Northwest Coast* that he co-edited with Elizabeth Sobel and Ann Gahr.

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The OE is an online resource for information on the state’s significant people, places, events, institutions, and biota. Over 1000 entries and essays have been published online and new entries are added every day. For more information visit [www.oregonencyclopedia.org](http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org).

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