

Western Oklahoma Paleontological Discoveries Focus of SWOSU Talk

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SWOSU Professor Emeritus Dr. Henry Kirkland will present a PowerPoint presentation and discussion on paleontological discoveries made in the Weatherford area on Monday, September 24, on the Weatherford campus.

Kirkland will speak at 1 p.m. in the Instruction Room of the Al Harris Library on the SWOSU campus.

Kirkland will present findings made by him and students. While teaching at SWOSU, Dr. Kirkland and his students discovered and studied fossils of a musk ox, several rodents, a camel, and a bison.

He was a professor in the Biology Department at SWOSU from 1972-1996. After his retirement in 1996, he continued working at SWOSU in an adjunct capacity, teaching a paleontology course. He retired from that in 2006 but he continues teaching at Oklahoma State University in Oklahoma City. Dr. Kirkland has published his findings in publications, such as the *Southwestern Naturalist* and the *Oklahoma Academy of Sciences Proceedings*.

Many of the artifacts from Dr. Kirkland's discoveries are currently on display at the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman and several of his publications are on display at the Heartland of America Museum in Weatherford.