2016 LOVELAND STONE AGE FAIR

BIOGRAPHY

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Jason M. LaBelle is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at Colorado State University and Director of the Center for Mountain and Plains Archaeology (his research lab). He received his BA in Anthropology from CSU and his MA and PhD from Southern Methodist University. Over the past 20 plus years, he has conducted archaeological fieldwork (grants, contracts, and field schools) in Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming, as well as Kazakhstan in Central Asia. He is interested in ancient Native



American foragers inhabiting the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains, with current research spanning several periods over the last 12,000 years. His interests include human ecology, communal hunting, lithic technology, Paleoindians, and the history of archaeology. Over the past ten years he served as advisor to over 25 MA students, directing thesis research on a variety of topics in Colorado prehistory. In addition to teaching and research, he is also the Director of the CSU Archaeological Repository which houses archaeological collections and associated data from academic and contract projects mostly within the Platte and Colorado River Basins, and he also plays a major role in CSU's NAGPRA work. He is the President-elect of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists, former president of the Colorado Archaeological Society, and was a member of the Plains Anthropological Society Board of Directors.

He just received (May 2016) the Graduate Student Council's Advising and Mentorship Award for his contributions to Colorado State University.

Title of Presentation:

Points, Pottery, and Pit Houses: Current Investigation of the Plains Woodland Period in Northern Colorado Prehistory