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## History on Tap 2021 Season Opens March 11

*Adaptation: The Open Secret Of Humanity's Origins, Global Diversity, And Distant Future*

**Vancouver, WA** – The Clark County Historical Museum (CCHM) will open its 2021 History on Tap Season with "Adaptation: The Open Secret Of Humanity's Origins, Global Diversity, And Distant Future" presented by Dr. Cameron Smith. The event will stream live on YouTube March 11 at 7 p.m.

Now entering its third season, History on Tap looks at how the past influences our present and informs the future. It's built on the premise that history didn't end on some dusty date on the calendar but is a dynamic story where every person is an active participant. In this year's opening event, professor, author, and Pacific Spaceflight co-founder, Dr. Cameron Smith, explores evolution, indigenous perspectives, and how it informs our distant future.

"We're excited to have Dr. Smith open our 2021 History on Tap season." said CCHM programs and marketing manager, April Buzby, "His archeological research in the region, particularly around Cathlapotle and the Wapato Valley project, have done much to grow our understanding of our Indigenous communities pre-European contact. His application of those lessons to a future where humans look beyond Earth as home highlight how the stories of our past can inform our future."

Cameron M. Smith, PhD, is a prehistorian at the Department of Anthropology, Portland State University, Oregon. He has been conducting archeological fieldwork for the past 3 decades, including work on the Wapato Valley Research project at the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge, and has been teaching human evolution and prehistory courses since 1999. Dr. Smith has in recent years been steadily building and publicizing an anthropological approach to the issues of human biological and cultural evolution beyond the boundaries of Earth. His work on building a cheaper, better spacesuit has been featured on the TEDx stage and in the media both in the US and internationally. He is the author of several books including *Principles of Space Anthropology: Establishing a Science of Human Space Settlement*, *Emigrating Beyond Earth: Human Adaptation and Space Colonization*, and *Atlas of Human Prehistory*.

Tickets are \$10 for a virtual showing and includes a 32-oz Crowler from Barlow's Brewery. Tickets for all History on Tap events can be purchased online through the Kiggins Theatre or Clark County Historical Museum. A private link will be sent to ticket holders prior to the show.

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