"The Pleistocene peopling of the Americas: what we know, don’t know, and argue about endlessly"

It’s quite certain people reached the Americas in Ice Age times. Yet, questions remain about who the first Americans were, where they came from, how and when they made it here, whether there was one or more migratory pulses, what they did once they reached this vast, diverse and then-unfamiliar landscape, how they responded to geologically-rapid climate changes, what impact they may have had on the native fauna. The good news is we have plenty of answers to those questions. The bad news is we can’t say which answers are right. Evidence from archaeology, genetics and geology helps clarify where we stand on certain issues, removes ambiguity in others, and points the way toward resolution of some still-disputed matters.

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