



Priscum

November 2025



- Thank you to everyone who contributed through Clash of the Clades during October! We had a surprise winner of **Clash of the Clades: Seth Finnegan** (brachiopod aficionado)! **Mollusks** took the cake for the most money raised.
- In 2025, the Society committed more than \$258,000 to programs that support our students and early career members. Please consider making the **Paleontological Society** one of your beneficiaries on **Giving Tuesday** by supporting these essential programs that benefit paleontologists throughout their careers. Complete information on our funds and a link to the donation page can be found at: <https://www.paleosoc.org/donate>. Thank you for your support of the Paleontological Society!

UPCOMING EVENTS



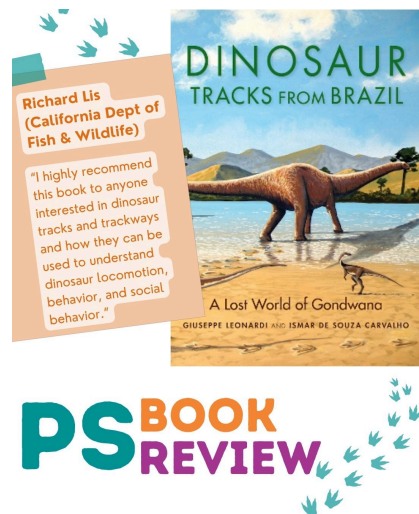
Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- Make sure to submit your abstracts for **2026 GSA section meetings**! Abstracts for all are due Jan. 13, 2026, and there are multiple paleontology-related sessions!
- **Palaeoverse** virtual lecture series focused on software development and methodological approaches in palaeontology aims to promote the use of new tools in the field and to give researchers a platform to showcase their work. The format is intended to be flexible but will generally include a short seminar followed by a demonstration of the speaker's software toolkit and/or method, and will conclude with a group discussion. The lectures will be held on the last Thursday of each month. The next talk will be:
 - November 20, 2025 – Dr Carrie Tyler, University of Nevada (USA): “The high fidelity of trophic structure in ancient marine ecosystems: from functional diversity to food webs”
 - If you are interested in joining for the series, please register here: <https://palaeoverse.org/lectures>

- **"Tipping Points in Earth's History Webinar Series":** Universitat Hamburg is hosting a webinar series this year with speakers each Tuesday at 16:15 CEST/CET to give a presentation on their research looking at tipping points in the past and what that may mean for our future. Please register via this link: <https://www.geo.uni-hamburg.de/en/geologie/forschung/palaeoecology-sedimentology/kurse.html>. This link will also give you access to all of the previous webinar series.
 - Next speaker: Erin Saupe: "The correlates of extinction on long timescales," November 18, 2025
- Mark your calendar! The **7th International Palaeontological Congress (IPC7)** will be held in Cape Town, South Africa on Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2026.

Have you renewed your PS Membership for 2025?

Latest PS News



- Richard Lis (California Dept of Fish & Wildlife) reviews [Leonardi and Carvalho's new book on Brazilian dinosaur traces](#), appreciating their thorough analysis of dinosaur tracks and trackways. The authors are especially applauded for their concise manner in demonstrating how paleontologists can use traces to understand ancient locomotion and the broader community in which the tracemakers exist.
- [Interested in reviewing a book for *Priscum*](#)? Reviewers receive a free review copy of newly published and forthcoming titles, in exchange for writing informative and informal reviews for our membership. Check here for the list of available books and contact Book Reviews Editor Phil Novack-Gottshall (pnovack-gottshall@ben.edu) if interested in reviewing one or more.
- **PS is now on LinkedIn!** Follow our page and tag us: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/paleosoc>

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How is PS working for you?

- Do you know someone who has impacted the field of paleontology through their research, teaching, or service? Please consider nominating them as a 2026 PS fellow! **Fellow nominations** are due February 28, 2026. You can find more information about nominations at <https://www.paleosoc.org/fellows-of-the-paleontological-society>.
- The Paleo Society is exploring how we recruit and retain members and what membership benefits and programming most appeal to the broader paleontological community. Please share your experiences with us through the **2025 Membership & Participation survey!**
- The **PS Collections Committee** is gathering responses from those working in paleontological/geological collections about the status of funding for digitization and curatorial projects in the US. The **survey** can be finished in as little as 5-10 min and submitted anonymously as well. Thank you for your valuable input! <https://forms.gle/6C5E5GS4MZ58dqxUA>
- **Have you heard there's a newly-formed PS Sustainability Planning Committee?** Feel free to reach out directly to members of the Committee (or Chair Arnie Miller) with any thoughts or advice or to join!

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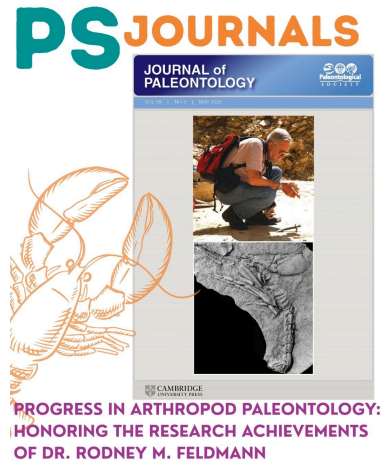
- **Have YOU been awarded a PS grant anytime in the past?** Please take a couple minutes to fill out this **short survey** to help us understand who is benefiting from PS

grants and how we can reach even more paleontologists in the future. We would love to share YOUR story!

- *To support paleontologists like those featured here and on our social media, please consider donating to the Paleontological Society:*

<https://www.paleosoc.org/donating-to-the-paleontological-society>

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What's New in PS Journals?

- **Progress in arthropod paleontology: honoring the research achievements of Dr. Rodney M. Feldmann:**
This volume honors the life work of Rod Feldmann and includes papers on both crustaceans and chelicerates. Included works address alpha taxonomy, biogeography, stratigraphy, taphonomy, and paleoecology, all areas of special interest to Rod and in which he made a significant contribution. A broad range of crustacean taxa are represented in these papers, ranging from clam shrimp and extinct Paleozoic forms to his personal favorite, the lobsters. This diverse array of articles is a fitting tribute to Rod's broad interest and endless curiosity in all areas of paleontology.

Journal of Paleontology

- [Latest issue](#) of ***Journal of Paleontology***: Volume 99 - Supplement S99 - October 2025 (Keep up with the latest in [FirstView articles!](#))

Paleobiology

- [Latest issue](#) of ***Paleobiology***: Volume 51 - Issue 3 - August 2025 (Keep up with the latest in [FirstView articles!](#))
- ***Paleobiology is now a fully Gold Open Access journal!***
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Elements of Paleontology

As always, *Elements* are free to publish for authors. Please see additional benefits to publishing [HERE](#).

Submit to Priscum!

We invite submissions of short items for the above newsletter sections to be considered for Priscum! Please [send submissions](#) to our Paleo Society Communications team, due by the 1st of each month. Priscum is focused on sharing very brief announcements, key dates, and links to other pages with relevant resources, to streamline and improve communication with our membership.

Submit your fieldwork or museum [fossil and paleontologist photos for #FossilFriday!](#) Follow @PaleoSoc social media accounts for the most up-to-date announcements, opportunities, event details, and more on our [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Bluesky](#), and [Blog](#).

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