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Education

2001 University of Kansas, PhD
1983 University of Nebraska, B.A.
1975 University of Nebraska, B.A.

Employment

2001 – Present Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Curator of Archaeology,
1999 – 2001 USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, State
Archaeologist and Tribal Liaison
1991 – 1999 University of Nebraska State Museum, Research Assistant
Professor and Public Archaeologist
1989 – 1991 University of Kansas Museum of Anthropology, Research
Archaeologist
1984 – 1989 Dawson County Museum, Director
1979 – 1984 Nebraska State Historical Society, Curator of Anthropology

Research Goals

My research investigates the question: when did humans first migrate to North America and how did these early humans adapt to climate change and the extinction of several of their most important prey species? The Denver Museum of Nature & Science has a long history of research in this area with the discovery of the Folsom Site in 1927 that demonstrated humans were in North America much earlier than previously thought.

Current Research Projects**Bureau of Reclamation Research Project**

This long-term project investigates late Pleistocene archaeological and paleontological sites at Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs in the central Great Plains. Evidence from research at two of these reservoirs indicates that humans were present on the Great Plains more than 20,000 years ago.

Early Humans in the Americas Project

This project conducts field research and museum collections research to find evidence for the earliest humans in the Americas. Recent projects have been undertaken in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and California.

Recent scientific publications:

Holen, S.R.

2009 The Plunkett Site: A 1930s Goshen Discovery in Northwest Nebraska. *Central Plains Archaeology* 11(1):1-7.

Holen, K. and **S.R. Holen**

2009 A Beveled Bone Rod from the Cody Component of the Lindenmeier Site. *Current Research in the Pleistocene* 26:75-77.

Holen, S.R., M. P. Muñiz, and B. Patten

2008 A Comment on Howard's Authentication Analysis of the Angus Nebraska Fluted Point. *Plains Anthropologist* 53(207):357-366.

Holen, S.R.

2007 The age and Taphonomy of mammoths at Lovewell Reservoir, Jewell County, Kansas, USA. *Quaternary International* 169-170:51-63.

Holen, S.R.

2006 Taphonomy of Two Last Glacial Maximum Mammoth Sites in the Central Great Plains: A Preliminary Report. *Quaternary International* 142-143:30-44.

Five of your most recent/or best loved popular-science publications:

Holen, K., and **S. R. Holen**, eds.

2009 *Great Plains Paleoindian Research Newsletter*. Vol. 3, No. 1:1-8.

2008 *Great Plains Paleoindian Research Newsletter*. Vol.2, No. 1:1-8.

2007 *Great Plains Paleoindian Research Newsletter*. Vol. 1, No. 1:1-8.

Lister, A. and P. Bahn

2007 *Mammoths*. Boxtree Limited, London (2nd edition).

Bardoe, C.

2010 *Mammoths and Mastodons: Titans of the Ice Age*. Abrams Books for Young Readers, New York.