



Anthropology Colloquium: The Geology of Color- Red Pigment in the Midcontinent Dr. Margaret Beck

Native peoples in the U.S. midcontinent have used red pigment or ochre for thousands of years. Despite pigment's importance, archaeologists usually don't study its raw material sources in the same detail with which they investigate other lithic materials (such as chert for flaked stone tools). Here I describe pigment sources, processing, and use based on ethnographic and archaeological data, raw material collection, and experimental work. After this talk, you should know where to find red pigments in our region and how to use them for paint or slip. You should also understand how to identify pigment sources used in the past. You are welcome to stay after the talk to make and use your own watercolor paint!

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