

# Biography



Jay Stock was born in Canada, where he studied at Trent University (BA, 1994), the University of Guelph (MSc, 1998), and the University of Toronto (PhD, 2002).

Since 2002 he has been a Lecturer in Human Evolution and Development at the University of Cambridge, in the Leverhulme Centre for Human Evolutionary Studies. He is also a Fellow of Downing College, Cambridge.

He is an evolutionary morphologist and archaeologist whose research has primarily focused on the relationship between evolution and plasticity in determining human variation, through the study of variability in the human fossil record. In this context, Jay has studied fossil and subfossil human remains from South Africa, Kenya, Libya, Algeria, Egypt, the Levant, Australia, Southeast Asia, Siberia, North and South America, and throughout Europe.

Through his research on human variation, Jay has become particularly interested in the interface between culture and biology, and the ways in which the human cultural environment and habitual behaviour relate to biological adaptation and selection. Jay is currently directing an archaeological project, funded by the AHRC-UK, investigating the behaviour and ecology of foraging societies in Azraq Basin of Jordan, approximately 14,000 years ago, a period that is critical to understanding the environmental and behavioural precursors of the earliest development of agriculture.