



Hosted by: Oscoda-Ausable Chamber of Commerce
www.oscodachamber.com/bigfoot/

Meet the Speakers

Ranae Holland

The Skeptical Scientist & Research Biologist



Research biologist Ranae Holland was born and raised in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. There she was first introduced to the Bigfoot craze in the 1970s by her father. They forged a special connection while watching movies and television shows, and reading about Bigfoot. In 2011, Ranae became a co-host of the Animal Planet show, "Finding Bigfoot." Though Ranae is not a member of the BFRO and does not believe in Bigfoot, she is fascinated by the phenomenon and excited to

have found a way to combine her scientific knowledge, fieldwork skills and love of the wilderness to investigate alleged sightings. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences at the University of Washington, where she was selected for and worked with the distinguished Alaska Salmon Program. For over a decade, Ranae has conducted fisheries research throughout the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. She continues with her efforts as a dedicated field biologist and regularly works for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), as well as private entities. She enjoys teaching and lecturing to students about critical thinking, science, conservation, and of course, her search for Bigfoot.

Jeff Meldrum

Sasquatch Scientist and Anthropology



Since 1993, Jeff Meldrum, PhD., has been a Full Professor of Anatomy & Anthropology at Idaho State University. He teaches graduate-level human anatomy and researches in part and especially the emergence of modern human bipedalism. Examining in 1996 15-inch tracks attributed to a Washington sasquatch, Dr. Meldrum's interest piqued. Today his lab houses well over 300 footprint casts attributed to this mysterious primate. As part of his work, Dr. Meldrum conducts collaborative

laboratory and field research throughout North America, and the world (e.g. China, Russia), and has spoken about his findings in numerous popular and professional publications, interviews, television and radio appearances, public and professional presentations. He is author of "Sasquatch: Legend Meets Science" (Tom Doherty Publishers), which explores his and other scientists' evaluations of contemporary evidence, while deferring to tribal people's traditional knowledge of this subject. He has also published two field guides, one focusing on sasquatch, the second considering the potential of relict hominoids around the world (Paradise Cay Publishing). Dr. Meldrum is editor-in-chief of the scholarly refereed journal, "The Relict Hominoid Inquiry."

Charlie Raymond

Founder of the Kentucky Bigfoot Research Organization



In 1997, Charlie Raymond founded the Kentucky Bigfoot Research Organization in an effort to document all credible Bigfoot encounters in the state of Kentucky. For over three decades he has interviewed witnesses, conducted investigations and held expeditions in the hopes of one day proving the creature's existence. Charlie believes Bigfoot to be a "flesh and blood" unidentified hominin, very closely related to humans. One day he hopes to establish laws in Kentucky to protect these magnificent creatures. Charlie is also a BFRO Investigator for the state of Kentucky. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from

the University of Florida. He is also the author of Bluegrass Bigfoot: Encounters with the Kentucky Wildman.” Charlie can be found online at www.kentuckybigfoot.com.