University Professors Challenge Conventional Belief on the History of World Trade

Book Debunks Popular Claim That Transoceanic Voyages Started in 1492

Provo, Dec 10, 2018 (Issuewire.com) - Provo, Utah. “A large number of plant and animal species were transported across the ocean to or from the Americas before 1492.” This is the assertion discussed in depth by John L. Sorensen and Carl L. Johannessen in their book World Trade and Biological Exchanges Before 1492. Sorensen and Johannessen challenge the conventional belief that 1492 is the crucial year when the Old and New Worlds diverged. They also contend that long before Columbus, non-European explorers were already making vast intercontinental and transatlantic exchanges.

To support their claim, the authors provide a long and comprehensive list of plants and animals taken and translocated from the Americas to the Old World. Each species is explained with a substantial quotation from sources and citation of archaeological and anthropological proof. There are also pages of appendices, an extensive bibliography, and illustrations as proof of the distribution of flora and fauna between the Old and the New World.

"The only plausible explanation for these findings is that a considerable number of transoceanic voyages across both major oceans in both directions were completed between the seventh millennium B.C.E. and the European Age of Discovery," Sorensen and Johannessen attest.

After reading this book, readers may have to reconsider their beliefs and be open to the notion that trade, translocation, and diffusion happened long before the navigation and explorations of Columbus.

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