ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT: By examining linguistic, biological and archaeological evidence in combination with the oral traditions of Native Americans, this paper seeks to prove that the colonization of the Americas occurred not only through multiple terrestrial migrations, but via watercraft. Through archival research various sources of information regarding the linguistic similarities and differences between modern Native American groups, biological data supporting a genetic link between Native American populations and populations in Asia, as well as archaeological data from three different continents stands as evidence for the watercraft migration hypotheses. Numerous Native American oral traditions suggest that at one point in their history watercraft were used as a means by which they could have traveled from one continent to the other.