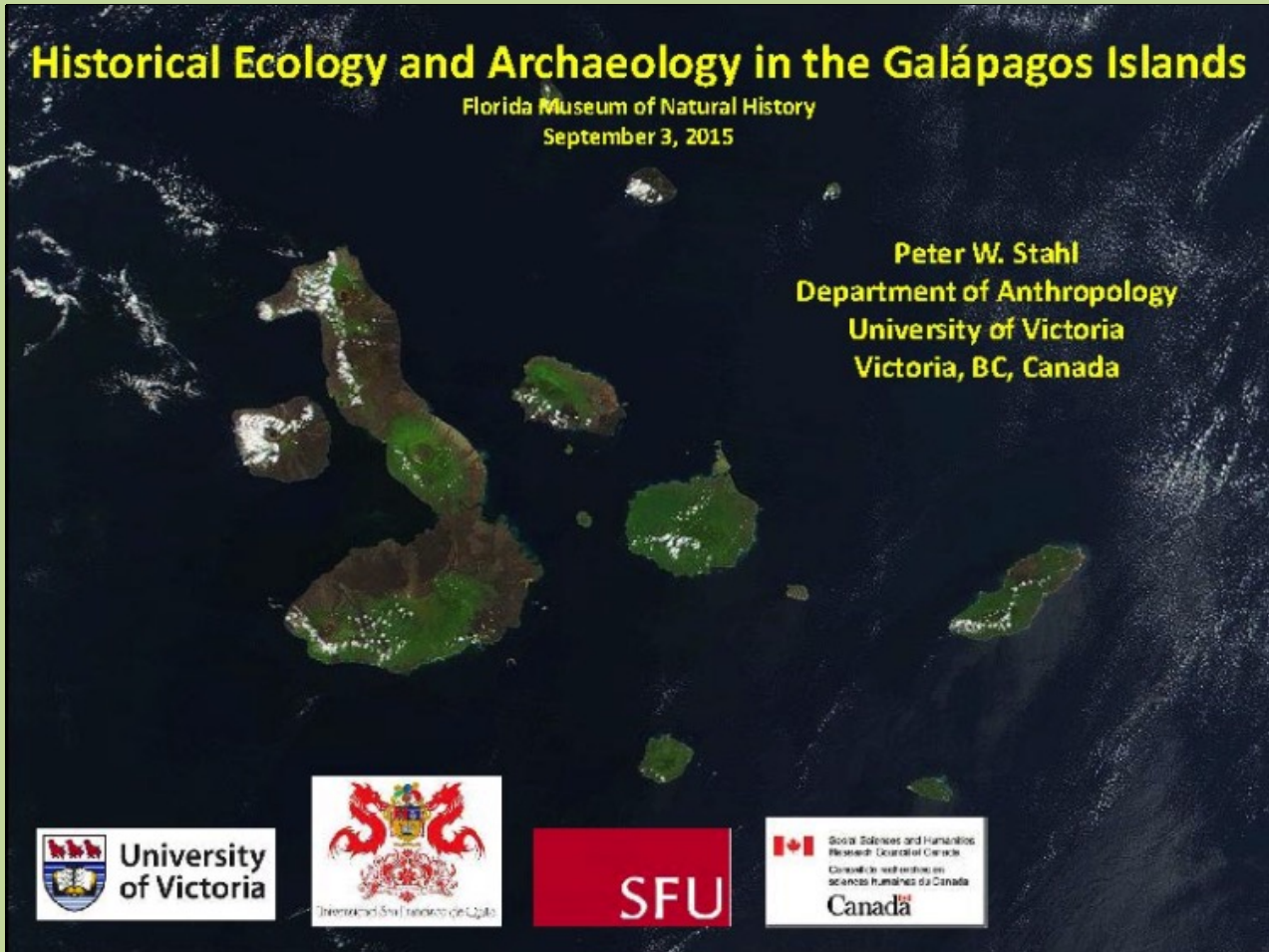


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This presentation explores conservation biology, the emergence of novel ecosystems, and the historic production of humanized landscapes in Ecuador's Galápagos National Park. The development of a unique and internationally renowned biota has led to the inevitable materialization of a "Galápagos Paradox" in which human interest undermines those features of the ecosystem that originally attracted human interest. The image of a people-free natural laboratory for seeing and understanding evolution is essential to the existence of a lucrative ecotourism industry, but in the process it obscures a temporally deeper and more complex association with humans that can be explored through archaeological research.

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