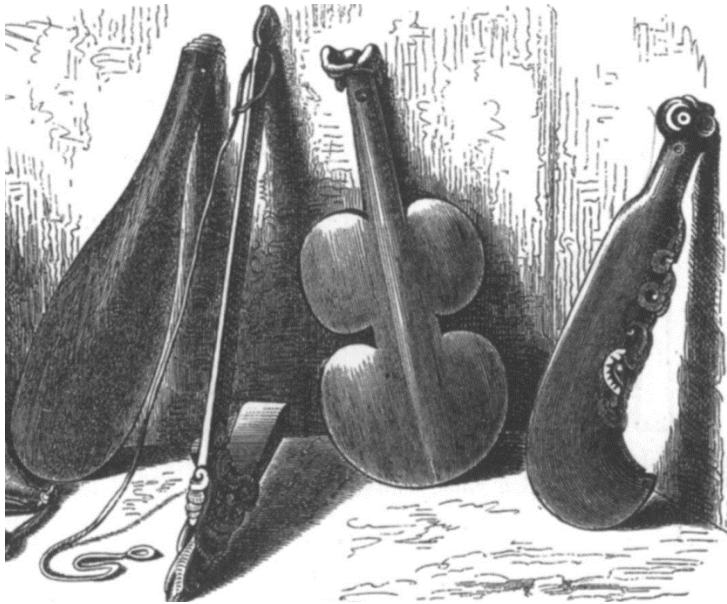


ANTHROPOPHAGY IN THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORD

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Though it is often a fraught topic, anthropologists have been able to demonstrate that, in different places and for different reasons, some societies have made use of anthropophagy, though never the stereotypical “cookpot cannibalism” attributed to them by colonialists. Yet it has been difficult to demonstrate, in the archaeological

record, where, when, and under what circumstances people in pre-contact societies may have resorted to eating parts of the bodies of other humans. Dr. Fontana will explain why it has been difficult, what evidence speaks for or against the presence of cannibalism, and why, in the global context, it is important to be able to assess the presence or absence of this form of consumption.

Dr. Fontana is an archaeological anthropologist specializing in Native American warfare of the pre-contact period, with work focusing on biological anthropology, particularly in its archaeological context. Since receiving her doctorate she has acquired extensive teaching and additional research experience.



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