



"How to Unscramble a Dinosaur Egg"

**Presented by Dr. Constance M. Soja, Chair
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Through improbable and extraordinary circumstances, Colgate University came to possess one of the first dinosaur eggs ever discovered. Our 80 million-year-old specimen - found in 1923 in Mongolia's Gobi Desert - was one of 13 whole eggs collected from the first dinosaur nest known to science, thus providing proof of how some dinosaurs reproduced.

This talk will describe Roy Chapman Andrews' legendary expeditions to the Gobi, the history and significance of Colgate's dinosaur egg, and recent faculty-student research on "The Egg." Colgate's dinosaur egg will be on display, and volunteers from the audience will be needed to participate in egg demonstrations.

Dr. Constance Soja received her doctorate in geology from the University of Oregon. She is a paleontologist who teaches courses at Colgate on evolution, history of life, invertebrate paleontology, reefs, the Sixth Extinction, and Darwin in the Victorian age of discovery. She has worked on Paleozoic rocks in Alaska, Australia, Russia, and Mongolia to determine how reef biotas evolved in tectonically active settings. She and Colgate students have also been working on the university's *Oviraptor* egg to explore the conditions that enhanced egg preservation in the geologic record.



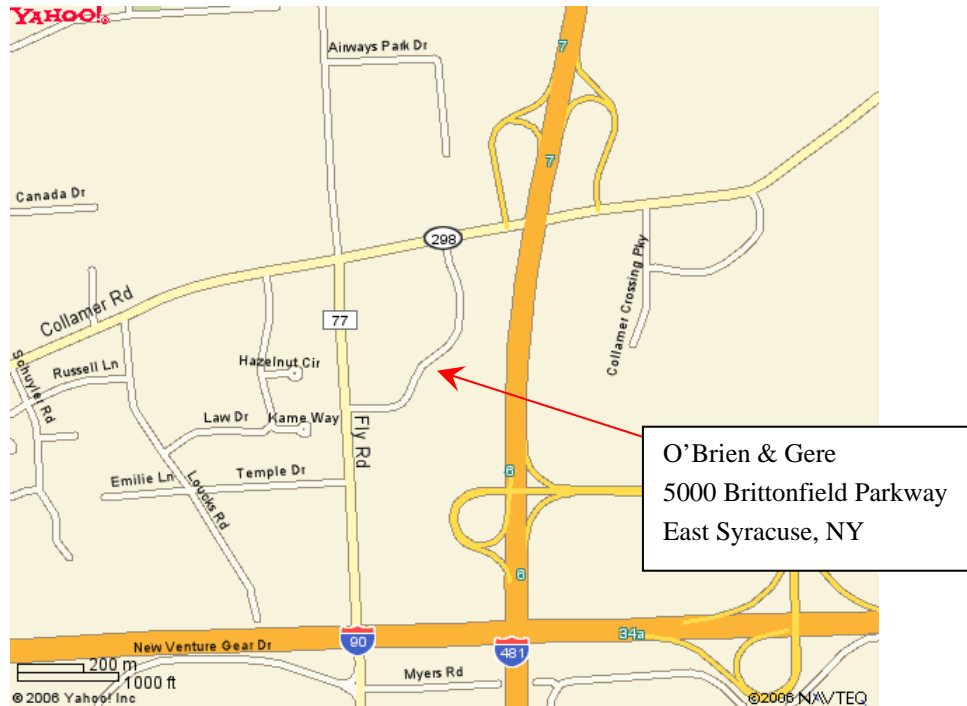
Colgate's Oviraptor Egg



MEETING LOGISTICS: The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 19, 2006 at O'Brien & Gere, 5000 Brittonfield Parkway, East Syracuse, NY 13057.

A social hour will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. The main presentation by Dr. Soja will begin at about 7:30 p.m.

The cost of dinner is \$15 for members, \$17 for non-members. People may also attend the presentation only for a nominal fee of \$3. Please RSVP by Monday, April 16th to Bonnie at Parratt-Wolff via e-mail at bolney@pwinc.com or (315) 437-1429.



Directions To Syracuse Office

- Take I-81 North to 481 South
- Take Exit 7 Bridgeport
- Take a right at the end of the exit Collamer Road
- About 1/4 mile down, turn left onto Brittonfield Parkway
- O'Brien & Gere is the third building on the left, please use Visitor's Parking