



Casting of Remains Information & Form

Please accept our thanks for considering the donation of your skeletal remains to the Maxwell Museum's Laboratory of Human Osteology. Your contribution to our Museum would help in providing valuable information on human variation to future scientific research in human skeletal biology. In response, we can assure all of our skeletal remains will be treated with respect and dignity.

The human skeletal remains curated by the Laboratory of Human Osteology are used by researchers from around the world. Research projects have included: documenting secular trends in contemporary human growth and development; investigating the level of skeletal robusticity associated with physical activities; analyzing the degree of degenerative changes associated with aging; and skeletal comparisons of modern humans to Neandertals and/or other fossil hominins.

The Lab has an agreement to cast some portions of the specimens in our collection. Casts would only be available for sale to researchers and educators at other universities to further study and to help train anthropologists and other scientists of the future. Additionally, casts are completely anonymous and there is no way for anyone outside the Laboratory of Human Osteology to know whom each reproduction represents. While there is a risk of damage to the bones during the casting process, it is no greater than the risk associated with normal study and everyday research.

The Lab would receive a royalty fee for each cast purchased, about \$10-\$40 per cast. The funds brought in through this program would be invested in much needed equipment for the Lab and for funding graduate student employment and research.

Please check one of the boxes below and sign. We would be happy to answer any questions or address any concerns you have. Feel free to call us at (505) 277-3535. You can also email the lab manager Carmen Mosley at cmosley@unm.edu

I have considered your request to allow casting of remains donated by me or my family member to your lab. I understand that cast reproductions would be available for sale only to universities, with the intent of furthering research and education. I also understand the Laboratory of Human Osteology would receive funds based on the sale of these casts. These funds would be used to purchase laboratory equipment and to fund student employment and research.

Please check one of the boxes below:

- I give my permission for casting my remains or my relative's remains.
- I do not give my permission for casting of my remains or my relative's remains.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please print your name: _____

Relationship to donor: _____