Solving Mummy Mysteries

Buried alive? Murdered by hanging? For generations, Guanajuato citizens passed down legends to explain the mysteries surrounding more than 100 bodies exhumed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, mummified in the dry, Central Mexican climate, and displayed in the city’s Museo de las Momias. Thanks to Dr. Jerry Melbye, anthropology professor and director of Texas State’s Forensic Anthropology Center, scientific conclusions can now put local lore to rest. Guanajuato’s mayor invited Melbye, a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Anthropology—one of 56 in the world—to examine the mummies for clues about their past. Melbye’s discoveries will not only wrap up Guanajuato’s mummy mysteries, they will make this stellar educator’s anthropology courses all the more fascinating.

For more information on Dr. Jerry Melbye visit www.txstate.edu