Anthropology 117P: Lithic Technology and Analysis
UCLA Spring Quarter 2005
Mondays 2-4:50 PM in Fowler A312
Class Website: http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/05S/anthro117p-1/
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Class Description:
This class explores lithic technology from a life-history perspective. We will examine the theories, methods and forms of empirical evidence that have been used to infer strategies of: (1) stone raw material procurement and transport; (2) the manufacture of cores and tools; (3) stone tool use; (4) maintenance and recycling of cores and tools; (5) the discard of stone technologies; and (6) the post-depositional transformation of stone assemblages. Class meetings will consist of lecture, seminar-style discussions and hands-on laboratory work with stone technologies.

Class Requirements and Grading:
Students will be graded for the class based on: (1) attendance and participation in class (10% of final grade); (2) leading discussion of assigned papers (2 papers per student over the course of the quarter; 10% of grade); and (3) a 15-20 page research paper (80% of final grade). The research paper is due in class on June 7, 2004. The paper topic must relate to the analysis and interpretation of stone technologies and must be chosen in consultation with Professor Brantingham. Writing and formatting guidelines will be handed out in class and will be strictly enforced. No late papers will be accepted. There are no formal exams for this class.

Grades will be assigned using the standard percentage cutoffs for UCLA (i.e., As = 90% and up; Bs = 80-89%; Cs = 70-79%; Ds = 60-69%) unless otherwise indicated.

Required Text:

Required Readings:
Available for download from class website. See the lecture schedule for the list of readings.

Ground Rules:
This is a reading intensive course involving on average between 100-150 pages of reading per week. Making sure that you are prepared by completing all of the readings assigned BEFORE you come to class is essential. If you cannot attend class, cannot complete the readings by the dates assigned, and/or cannot be sure that you can hand in the paper on the due date, please drop the class now.

No cheating or plagiarism will be tolerated. Cheating and plagiarism come with serious costs including potential dismissal from the University. You will receive a score of zero on any assignments where it has been shown that cheating or plagiarism is involved.