Course Outline
Picturing the Past
Anthropology 19-2; Fall Term, 2007

Professor: Russell Thornton     Classroom: 314 Haines Hall
Office: 306 Haines Hall     Day: Thursdays
Office Hours: 1:00-3:00 Tuesdays     Time: 12:00-12:50
(and by appointment)

Description
The seminar will consider the pictographic calendars (winter counts) of the Plains Indians, particularly the Lakota Sioux. Special attention will be devoted to a newly rediscovered winter count.

Readings
Candace Greene and Russell Thornton, eds., The Year the Stars Fell (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2007).

Grading
Course grading will be based on class attendance and participation.

Topics
One: Overview and introduction
Two: Recording the Past
Three: American Indian Winter Counts
Four: The Sioux
Five: The Rosebud Winter Count: Rediscovery
Six: The Rosebud Winter Count: Technical Analysis
Seven: Interpreting the Rosebud Winter Count–I
Eight: Interpreting the Rosebud Winter Count–II
Nine: Interpreting the Rosebud Winter Count–III
Ten: Interpreting the Rosebud Winter Count–IV