ANTHRO 8: ARCHAEOLOGY: INTRODUCTION
FALL 2008
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Discussion Sections (all in Fowler A312)
1A M 2-2:50PM 1D T 9-9:50AM 1G F 11-11:50AM 1J W 8-8:50AM
1B M 3-3:50PM 1E T 10-10:50AM 1H F 12-12:50PM 1K W 9-9:50AM
1C M 4-4:50PM 1F T 11-11:50AM 1I F 1-1:50PM 1L W 11-11:50AM

Course Goals
• Learn about archaeological methods, theories, and evidence as they are used to examine past societies
• Understand the trajectory and pace of long-term changes in human societies from our earliest hominin ancestors through the rise of civilization across the globe
• Examine key issues and events in human history, including modern human origins, the peopling of the world, the origins of agriculture, and the rise of complex societies
• Understand how archaeology and archaeological sites contribute to our cultural heritage

Readings
Readings should be done before you come to class on the day they are assigned. Required readings include a textbook and supplemental readings posted on the course website.

Required Textbook: Scarre, Chris (editor)

New and used copies available at the UCLA bookstore. Copies are also on 2-hour reserve at College Library. There is an online study guide associated with the textbook that may be helpful for reviewing topics at http://thamesandhudsonusa.com/web/humanpast/

Readings available on the class website
Selected articles, including those needed for papers, will be available to registered students as PDF files from the Readings section of the website.
Grading & Other Expectations of Students

Your grade for this course will be based upon the following:

Weekly discussion section 10%
Paper 1 (Due: Friday, October 24) 15%
Mid-term (Friday, October 31) 25%
Paper 2 (Due: Monday Nov. 24) 15%
Final (Tuesday, Dec. 9 3:00PM) 35%

Exams in this class draw heavily from lecture. You are unlikely to perform well in this class if you do not attend lectures regularly. Review of posted lecture slides is not a substitute for attendance.

Discussion section: Grading for discussion section will be based on attendance, participation, and completion of discussion activities. During Week 2, discussion sections will attend a session on the use of ISI Web of Science in College Library Room 238. This session will help you complete the required papers.

Papers: Students will be responsible for two 4-5 page, typed, double-spaced papers on assigned topics during the quarter. The papers will entail comparing two archaeological research articles covering similar topics. Papers are due by 4PM on the assigned due dates. NO PAPERS MAY BE TURNED IN VIA EMAIL. NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Papers turned in outside of class must be time-stamped and turned in at the Anthropology Department Office (341 Haines Hall).

Exams: Multiple-choice exams will cover information from readings, lecture, and discussion. Make-up exams will only be given under extreme circumstances and must be approved PRIOR to the regular exam date by the instructor. Make-up exams may be essay format at the instructor's discretion.

General Class Rules: If something arises that affects your performance in class, please notify the teaching assistant who leads your discussion section first, then contact the instructor directly if necessary.

Incomplete grades will not be granted except under truly extraordinary circumstances approved by the instructor.

Cheating and Plagiarism are unethical and represent serious violations that will be dealt with as harshly as UCLA policies permit. You will receive a zero on assignments where it has been determined that you are guilty of plagiarism or cheating. Cheating is presenting the work of others as your own. Plagiarism is using information and/or original wording in your writing without giving proper credit to the source. If you utilize an author’s argument, paraphrase a sentence closely, quote a source directly, or use a source to obtain an uncommonly known fact, you must provide a citation to the publication including author, date, and page number (e.g., Smith 1970:376). If you use a direct quote, even in an assignment, you must use quotation marks and a page number citation for each quoted sentence or phrase. If you have any questions about the necessity of, or proper form for, a citation, please ask the TAs or professor before turning in an assignment. An excellent explanation of plagiarism written for college students can be found on the following website: http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml

Information about UCLA’s policies on plagiarism, and tips to avoid it, can be found at: http://unitproj.library.ucla.edu/col/bruinsuccess/03/01.cfm
Course Calendar
(subject to change)
NOTE: WEEKS FOR THIS CLASS RUN FRIDAY TO WEDNESDAY EXCEPT FOR WEEK 10

Week 1
F Sept 26: Course Introduction
M Sept 29: Origins of Archaeology as a Social Science (Scarre pp. 25-43)
W Oct 1: The Development of Anthropological Archaeology in the USA

Week 2 (Discussion sections this week in College Library 238)
F Oct 3: The Archaeological Record – From Stones, Bones, Pottery, & Ruins to Culture
M Oct 6: Archaeological Fieldwork
W Oct 8: Dating & the Archaeologist (Scarre Boxes on pp. 74-75, 119, 157, 696)

Week 3 (Watch documentary at www.becominghuman.org)
W Oct 15: Neanderthals & Early Homo sapiens I – Out of Africa Again (Scarre pp. 124-152)

Week 4
M Oct 20: Migration to the New World and Australia (Scarre pp. 166-173, 265-279)
W Oct 22: The Archaeology of Hunter-Gatherers

Week 5
M Oct 27: Origins of Agriculture & Domestication of Animals II-New World (Scarre pp. 313-349)
W Oct 29: The Spread of Farmers: Austronesians & Early Europeans (Scarre pp. 279-294, 393-399)

Week 6
F Oct 31: MID-TERM
M Nov 3: Life in a Neolithic Village-Human Societies Before Cities (Scarre pp. 212-225, 400-419)
W Nov 5: Introduction to Complex Societies & Urbanism (Scarre pp. 190-199)

Week 7 (Tuesday discussion sections may attend Friday, Wednesday, or Monday sections this week due to Veteran’s Day on 11/11-Sign up sheets available during Week 4 sections)
F Nov 7: Mesopotamia & the Near East I – The Origins of the State (Scarre pp. 432-442)
M Nov 10: Mesopotamia & the Near East II (Scarre pp. 442-463)

W Nov 12: The Rise of the State in Ancient China (Scarre pp. 553-574)

**Week 8**
F Nov 14: Africa: Connectivity, Migration, & the Social Context of Archaeology (Scarre pp. 351-391)

M Nov 17: Mesoamerica I – The Formative Period (Scarre pp. 594-612)

W Nov 19: Mesoamerica II – Teotihuacán & the Maya (Scarre pp. 612-639)

**Week 9**
F Nov 21: The Andes (Scarre pp. 640-668)

M Nov 24: Collapse – Why Do Things Fall Apart? And Why Does an Archaeologist Usually Assume They Did?

SECOND PAPER DUE

W Nov 26: Eastern North America – Do Archaeologists Measure Complexity Objectively? (Scarre pp. 679-691)

F Nov 28: THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

**Week 10**
M Dec 1: Western North America – Do Different Types of Complexity Go Together? (Scarre pp. 692-709)

W Dec 3: How Does Archaeology Really Work?

F Dec 5: Summary and review

T Dec 9 3:00-6:00PM FINAL EXAM