

NORTH AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY  
Anthropology 283

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Course Description: Prehistoric cultures of North America are discussed from the peopling of the New World during the late Pleistocene to the occupation of the continent by Europeans. The origin and development of specific cultures is traced in several areas including the Eastern Woodlands, Southwest, West Coast, Great Basin, and Plains.

This course will combine lectures with weekly labs. The objective of the labs is to expose students to original archaeological reports and articles, which will be discussed as group exercises.

Requirements: There are weekly reading assignments from the text that follow the lecture topics. Success in this course will require that you keep up with the readings and attend and take notes at all lectures. The majority of the labs will involve a group discussion of an archaeological report or article that must be read prior to class. These articles will be on E-reserve at the Milner Library (<http://www.mlb.ilstu.edu/ereserves/home.htm>).

Evaluation: There will be two exams, a midterm and a non comprehensive final. In addition, each student will read two monographs (from a list that will be provided) and prepare a 4 to 6 page critique.

Grades will be determined based upon total points from the weekly labs, two exams, and two critiques.

Text: Ancient North America (4th edition), by Brian Fagan.

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## Course Outline

### Week 1 and 2

Course Introduction  
What is North American Archaeology?  
History  
Video: Peopling of the New World

### Reading

Chapters 1-3

### Week 3

First Americans

Chapter 4

LAB 1: Clovis case study

Haury, Sayles, and Walsey

### Week 4

PaleoIndians  
LAB 2: Overkill Hypothesis

Chapter 5  
Martin

### Week 5

Great Plains

Chapter 6

LAB 3: Olsen-Chubbuck  
CRITIQUE 1--DUE

Wheat

### Week 6

West  
Pacific Coast  
Great Basin  
LAB 4: Case study

Chapters 10-12

Bettinger

### Week 7 and 8

Southwest Archaic

Chapter 13

LAB 5: Case Study  
EXAM 1

Roth

### Week 9

SPRING BREAK

### Week 10

Southwest  
Origins of Agriculture  
LAB 6: Why Agriculture

Chapter 14

No reading

Week 11

Southwest

Hohokam, Anasazi and Mogollon

Video: Anasazi and Chaco Canyon

LAB 7: Case study

Chapter 15

Blinman

Week 12

Eastern Woodland

Archaic

LAB 8: Case Study

CRITIQUE 2--DUE

Chapter 16-17

Anderson and Hanson

Week 13

Eastern Woodlands

Early Woodland

Video: Myth of the Moundbuilder

LAB 9: Case Study

Chapter 18

Oetelaar

Week 14

Eastern Woodlands

Middle Woodland

Chapter 19

Week 15

Mississippian

Chapter 20

Week 16

Columbian Consequences

Chapter 22

LAB 10: Case Study

Trigger

Week 17

Exam 2

## Lab Readings

Lab 1: Haury, Sayles and Wasley (1959), Lehner mammoth site, Southeastern Arizona, American Antiquity 25:2-30.

Lab 2: Martin (1973), The discovery of America, Science 197:969-974

Lab 3: Wheat (1967), A Paleo-Indian bison kill, Scientific American 216(1):44-52

Lab 4: Bettinger (1977), Aboriginal human ecology in Owens Valley, American Antiquity 42:3-17

Lab 5: Roth (1992), Sedentary agriculturalists or mobile hunter-gathers? Kiva 57:291-314

Lab 6: No Reading

Lab 7: Blinman (1993), Anasazi pottery, Expedition 35:14-22

Lab 8: Anderson and Hanson (1988), Early Archaic settlement in the southeastern U.S., American Antiquity 53:262-286

Lab 9: Oetelaar (1993), Identifying site structure... American Antiquity 58:662-687

Lab 10: Trigger (1980), Archaeology and the image of the American Indian, American Antiquity 45:662-676

## Critiques

Each student must read two monographs, one from each of the two following lists (List I and List II). For each monograph prepare a 4 to 6 page, typed, critique. After briefly reviewing the contents of the book, a successful critique should address the following questions.

1. What is the author's purpose in writing the book?
2. What contributions does the monograph make to factual knowledge of a particular area?
3. What is the author's methodology?
4. Are there any innovations in methodology?
5. How adequate is the author's methodology to the problem?
6. Can you suggest any changes in emphasis, techniques, or presentation?

List I contains slightly older monographs and List II includes more contemporary archaeological books. These lists are by no means exhaustive and you may make a substitution, but only with the consent of the instructor well in advance of the deadline. Many of the books you will find at Milner Library, but some must be obtained by inter-library loan. You are encouraged to select a book early because inter-library loan can sometimes take from a week to ten days.

### DUE DATES:

Critique I--Thursday, February 16th (Week 5)

Critique II--Thursday, April 6th (Week 12)

List I

Cole, Fay-Cooper and Throne Deul

1937 Rediscovering Illinois: archaeological exploration in and around Fulton County.

Cosgrove, H.S. and C.B. Cosgrove

1932 The Swartz Ruin: a typical Mimbres site in southwestern New Mexico. Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University Papers, Vol 15.

Cotter, John

1958 Archaeological excavations at Jamestown, Virginia. U.S. National Park Service Archaeological Research Series, No. 4., Washington D.C.

Ford, James A. and Clarence H. Webb

1956 Poverty Point: A late Archaic site in Louisiana. Anthropological Papers 46, Part I, American Museum of Natural History.

Griffin, James Bennett

1966 The Fort Ancient Aspect. Anthropological Papers No. 28, Museum of Anthropology. University of Michigan, Ann Arbo.

Haury, Emil

1975 The stratigraphy and archaeology of Ventana Cave, Arizona. University of Arizona Press, Tucson (first printed, 1950).

Jennings, Jesse D.

1957 Danger Cave. Society for American Archaeology, Memoir No. 14.

Larsen, Helge and Frelick Rainey

1948 Ipiutak and the Arctic Whale Hunting Culture. Anthropological Papers, No. 42, American Museum of Natural History, New York.

Martin, Paul S. et al.

1952 Mogollon culture continuity and change. Fieldiana: Anthropology, Vol. 40.

McGregor, John C.

1958 The Pool and Irving Villages: A study of Hopewellian occupation in the Illinois River Valley.

McPherron, Alan L.

1967 The Juntunen Site and the Late Woodland Prehistory of the Upper Great Lakes Area. Anthropological Papers No. 30. Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Phillips, Philip, James A. Ford and James B. Griffin

1951 Archaeological Survey in the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley, 1940-1947. Harvard

\_\_\_\_\_University Papers, Vol 25. Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology.

Webb, William S.

1946 Indian Knoll. Reports in Anthropology Vol. 4 Part 1. University of Kentucky.

Webb, Willam S., and C.E. Snow

1945 The Adena People. University of Tennessee Press, Knoxville.

Wendorf, Fred

1953 Archaeological Studies in the Petrified Forest National Monument. Bulletin No. 27, Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff.

Winters, Howard W.

The Riverton Culture. Reports of Investigations No. 13, Illinois Archaeological Survey, Springfield.

See the reading suggestions at the end of each chapter of your textbook for additional sources

List II

Anyon, Roger and S.A. Leblanc

1984 The Galaz Ruin: A prehistoric Mimbres village in southwestern New Mexico. University of New Mexico Press.

Creamer, Winifred

1993 The Architecture of Arroyo Hondo Pueblo, New Mexico. School of American Research, Santa Fe.

Dincauze, Dena

1976 The Neville site: 8000 years at Anoskeaq, Manchester, New Hampshire. Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Harvard University, Cambridge.

Dumond, Don E. and Rick Minor

1983 Archaeology in the John Day Reservoir: The Wildcat Canyon site 35-GM-9. University of Oregon Anthropological Papers, No. 30. Eugene.

Ferguson, Leland

1992 Uncommon Ground: Archaeology and Early African America. Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, DC

Frison, George C. and Dennis J. Stanford

1982 The Agate Basin Site: A record of PaleoIndian occupation of the northwestern High Plains. Academic Press, NY.

Greber, N'omi B. and K.C. Ruhl

1989 The Hopewell Site. Westview Press, Boulder.

Haury, Emil W.

1976 The Hohokam: Desert farmers and craftsmen. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.

Hayden, Brian

1997 The Pithouses of Keatley Creek: Complex Hunter-gatherers of the Northwest Plateau. Harcourt Brace College Publishers, New York. .

Hill, James N.

1970 Broken K Pueblo: Prehistoric social organization in the American Southwest. Anthropological Papers of the University of Arizona, No. 18.

Lekson, Stephen H.

1999 The Chaco Meridian: Centers of Political Power in the Ancient Southwest. AltaMira Press, London.

Martin, Susan R.

1999 Wonderful Power: The Story of Ancient Copper Working in the Lake Superior

Basin. Wayne State University Press, Detroit.

McNett, Charles W.

1985 Shawnee Minisink. Academic Press, New York.

Mills, Barbara, Sarah Herr, and Scott Van Keuren

1999 Living on the Edge of the Rim. Arizona State Museum Archaeological Series 192. Arizona State Museum, Tucson.

Orser, Charles E.

1988 The material basis of the Postbellum tenant plantation. University of Georgia Press, Athens.

Sassaman, Kenneth E.

1993 Early pottery in the Southeast. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.

Scott, Elizabeth

1994 Those of Little Note: Gender, Race, and Class in Historical Archaeology. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.

Skibo, James M., Eugene B. McCluney, and William H. Walker

2002 The Joyce Well Site: On the Frontier of the Casas Grandes World. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City.

Snow, Dean

1980 The Archaeology of New England. Academic Press, New York.

Steponaitis, Vincas P.

1983 Ceramics, chronology, and community patterns: An archaeological study at Moundville. Academic Press, New York.

Thomas, David Hurst

1983 The archaeology of Monitor Valley, I. Epistemology. Anthropological Papers, Vol 58, part 1. American Museum of Natural History, New York.

Turner, C. G., and J. A.

1999 Man Corn: Cannibalism and Violence in the Prehistoric American Southwest. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City.

Whalen, Michael E.

1994 Turquoise Ridge and the Late Prehistoric Residential Mobility in The Desert Mogollon Region. University of Utah Press Anthro. Papers No. 118. Salt Lake City.

Whalen, M.E., and P. E. Minnis

2001 Casas Grandes and its Hinterland: Prehistoric Regional Organization in Northwest Mexico. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.

Wills, S. H.

Early Prehistoric Agriculture in the American Southwest . School of American Research Press, Santa Fe

Varien, Mark D.

1999 Sedentism and Mobility in a Social Landscape: Mesa Verde and Beyond.  
University of Arizona Press, Tucson.

Yerkes, Richard W.

1987 Prehistoric Life on the Mississippi Floodplain. University of Chicago Press, Chicago.

See the reading suggestions at the end of each chapter of your textbook for additional sources