

NORTH AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

Anthropology 150

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Hours: Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 pm, and by appointment (email or call 962-3846)

Course Description: This course will survey the archaeology of North America, with an emphasis on the eastern and southwestern United States.

Course Structure: There will be two lectures per week. Films and guest lectures will be scheduled at various times during the semester.

Required Text: Brian M. Fagan, *Ancient North America* (4th edition).

Course Requirements: In addition to the assigned readings, course requirements will include the following: a midterm exam (25%, taken in class on 10/11), a 10-12 page term paper (30%, due on 12/8), and a final exam (40%, taken at 4 p.m. on 12/15). Note that you must also submit a term-paper prospectus (due 10/4) and a term-paper progress report (due 11/8), each no more than a page long; these assignments will constitute the remaining 5% of your grade.

Course Web Site: The course web site contains not only the information in this syllabus, but also web versions of slide shows pertinent to the class and links to other relevant web sites. It can be found at <<http://www.unc.edu/courses/2005fall/anth/150/006/>>. The course web site will be continually updated throughout the semester. Note also that all the assigned and optional articles published in *Science* and *Annual Review of Anthropology* are available on the web from JSTOR at <www.jstor.org>. JSTOR can be accessed from any campus computer; to access this site from home, you must do so through UNC's proxy server (for instructions see <<http://proxy.lib.unc.edu/setupinfo.html>>).

LECTURE SCHEDULE AND READINGS

8/30 Introduction.

Fagan, chapters 2-3 (skim).

9/1 Peopling of the Americas.

Fagan, chapter 4.

Irving and Harrington (1973). Upper Pleistocene Radiocarbon Dated Artifacts from the Northern Yukon. *Science* 179:335-340.

Nelson et al. (1986). New Dates on Northern

Yukon Artifacts: Holocene Not Upper Pleistocene. *Science* 232:749-751.

Nemecek (2000). Who Were the First Americans? *Scientific American* 283(3). [available at <<http://www.sciam.com/>>].

OPTIONAL:

Adovasio et al. (1978). Meadowcroft Rockshelter 1977: An Overview. *American Antiquity* 43:632-651.

9/6-9/22 Paleoindian cultures.

Fagan, chapter 5.

Gramly (1981). Eleven Thousand Years in Maine. *Archaeology* 34(6):32-39.

Graham et al. (1981). Kimmswick: A Clovis-Mastodon Association in Eastern Missouri. *Science* 213:1115-1116.

Webb et al. (1984). A *Bison Antiquus* Kill Site, Wacissa River, Jefferson County, Florida. *American Antiquity* 49:384-392.

Clausen et al. (1979). Little Salt Spring, Florida. *Science* 203:609-614.

OPTIONAL:

Haynes (1966). Elephant Hunting in North America. *Scientific American* 214(6):104-112.

Wheat (1967). A Paleo-indian Bison Kill. *Scientific American* 216(1):44-52.

Wilmsen (1974). *Lindenmeier: A Pleistocene Hunting Society*.

Anderson (1995). Recent Advances in Paleoindian and Archaic Period Research in the Southeastern United States. *Archaeology of Eastern North America* 23:145-176.

Mosimann and Martin (1975). Simulating Overkill by Paleoindians. *American Scientist* 63(3):304-313.

Grayson (1987). Death by Natural Causes. *Natural History* 5/87.

9/27-10/6 Eastern Archaic cultures.

[*Termpaper prospectus due 10/4*]

Fagan, chapters 16, 17.

OPTIONAL:

Smith (1989). Origins of Agriculture in Eastern North America. *Science* 246:1566-1571.

Steponaitis (1986). Prehistoric Archaeology in the Southeastern U.S. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 15:363-378.

Yarnell and Black (1985). Temporal Trends Indicated by a Survey of Plant Food Remains *Southeastern Archaeology* 4(2):93-106.

10/11 Midterm Examination (in class).

10/13-10/25 Early -Middle Woodland cultures.

Fagan, chapters 18,19, 20 (through p. 461).

OPTIONAL:

Steponaitis (1986). Prehistoric Archaeology in the Southeastern U.S. *Annual Review of*

Anthropology 15:378-383.

10/27-11/3 Mississippian cultures.

Fagan, chapter 20 (pp. 461-488).

OPTIONAL:

Steponaitis (1986). Prehistoric Archaeology in the Southeastern U.S. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 15:383-393.

11/8 Late Woodland cultures.

[*Termpaper progress report due 11/8*]

Fagan, chapter 21.

11/10 The Great Plains.

Fagan, chapters 6-7.

11/15-11/17 North Carolina Archaeology.

Ward and Davis (1999). *Time Before History: The Archaeology of North Carolina*, pp. 229-247.

OPTIONAL:

Davis, Livingood, Ward, and Steponaitis (1998). *Excavating Occaneechi Town: Archaeology of an Eighteenth-Century Indian Village in North Carolina*. CD-ROM. [available at <http://www.ibiblio.org/dig>]

11/22-12/6 The Southwest.

Fagan, chapters 13, 14, 15.

OPTIONAL:

Plog (1997). *Ancient Peoples of the American Southwest*.

12/8 European incursions: Norse settlements.

[*Termpaper due 12/8*]

Fagan, chapters 1 (pp. 17-22), 22.

OPTIONAL:

Ingstad (1971). Norse Sites at L'Anse aux Meadows. In *Quest for America*, edited by Geoffrey Ashe, pp. 175-198.

McGhee (1984). Contact between Native North Americans and the Medieval Norse: A Review of the Evidence. *American Antiquity* 49:4-26.

12/15 Final Examination (4:00 pm).

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