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.


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.

OPTIONAL:
9/6-9/22  Paleoindian cultures.
Fagan, chapter 5.

OPTIONAL:

9/27-10/6  Eastern Archaic cultures.
[Term paper prospectus due 10/4]
Fagan, chapters 16, 17.

OPTIONAL:

10/11  Midterm Examination (in class).

10/13-10/25  Early-Middle Woodland cultures.
Fagan, chapters 18, 19, 20 (through p. 461).

OPTIONAL:

10/27-11/3  Mississippian cultures.
Fagan, chapter 20 (pp. 461-488).

OPTIONAL:

11/8  Late Woodland cultures.
[Term paper progress report due 11/8]
Fagan, chapter 21.

11/10  The Great Plains.
Fagan, chapters 6-7.


OPTIONAL:

11/22-12/6  The Southwest.
Fagan, chapters 13, 14, 15.

OPTIONAL:

12/8  European incursions: Norse settlements.
[Term paper due 12/8]
Fagan, chapters 1 (pp. 17-22), 22.

OPTIONAL:

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