

**FALL 2011 – Dr. Beth O’Leary**  
**ANTHROPOLOGY 201: INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY**  
MWF 12:30 – 1:20 (MO2) Classroom: Hardman 206



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**Required Texts: TO BE PURCHASED \***

1. 2011 Anthropology: The Human Challenge, 13th Edition by Haviland, Prins, Walrath and McBride, California, Thompson Wadsworth .
2. Annual Editions Anthropology Edition 11/12 Edited by E. Angeloni . Iowa, McGraw- Hill Duskin

**NOTE** - Editions 08/09 through 11/12 may be also used. They all contain the same articles required to be read. Referred to as (AE) in syllabus

3. **FIVE REQUIRED ARTICLES IN BOOK ON RESERVE IN LIBRARY**  
(Make yourself a Xerox copy ) The following chapters in the book Ever Since Darwin by Stephen J. Gould:  
Ch. 1 – “Darwin’s Delay”  
Ch 11 – “Of Bamboo, Cicadas and the Economy of Adam Smith”  
Ch 16 – “The Great Dying”  
Ch 5 – “A Matter of Degree”  
Ch 29 – “Why we should not name human races”

**REQUIRED 4 ARTICLES ON-LINE IN LIBRARY DATABASE (Pdf files) \***

- (1) Charles Darwin “Theory of Natural Selection;”
- (2) Peter Grant, “Natural Selection and Darwin’s Finches”
- (3) Maureen Schwarz, “The Explanatory and Predictive Power of History: Coping with the Mystery Illness”

**\*NB all required texts are also on 2 hour reserve in Zuhl library at reserve desk**

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**REQUIRED ARTICLE – GO DIRECTLY TO THIS WEBSITE**

(4) P.J. Capelotti “Space the final [Archaeological] Frontier” *Archaeology Magazine* Nov/Dec 2004 Vol 5 (6)

<http://www.archaeology.org/0411/etc/space.html> (Go directly to this site)

## **\* INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING ON-LINE ARTICLES in Library database**

To access articles *ON-LINE* go to:

<http://liberes.nmsu.edu/eres/courseindex.aspx?page=search>

For course TYPE: anth 201

Choose OLeary and download and print each file (titles above) as pdf's

When a password is needed TYPE: anthro

If you have problems visit the Zuhl Library Reserves Desk and ask for Kimberly Miller - Phone: 646 - 4441

## **Introduction to Anthropology**

**Course Description:** This course is a general introduction to Anthropology. The objective is to think about what it means to be human. The course will cover the sub-disciplines of biological/physical, cultural, archaeological and linguistic anthropology. We will explore the origins of humans, evolutionary theories, the biological diversity of peoples in the past and the present. We will look at what culture is and compare different cultures in the world. The format will be lectures, readings and videos. The course outline and reading assignments and grading policy are on this syllabus.

**Grading:** Your grade will be based on 5 quizzes (the lowest grade will be dropped for a total of 4 quizzes), a midterm and a final exam. The quizzes, midterm and final exam will be multiple choice, true/false and essay. All tests will be based on the lectures, readings and videos. There will also be in class and take home assignments which will count towards your grade.

**NB: THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUPS FOR QUIZZES.** When you fail to take a quiz it will be graded as a zero. Each quiz is worth 25 points for a total of 100 points

**Grades:** Your final grade will be based on 300 total possible points.

- A. 100 points from your top 4 scores out of 5 quizzes. The lowest quiz will be dropped.
- B. 200 points from the midterm and final exam (100 points each exam). These exams will be multiple choice, short answer and short essay. Study guides will be given for the midterm and final a few days before the exam.
- C. Extra Credit: The **only** extra credit will be on questions on the quizzes, midterm or final.

**NB:** Only documented personal, medical or family emergencies will be considered as an excusable absence from a midterm or final and must be by permission of the professor prior to the exam date. It is the student's responsibility to contact the professor.

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**Course Withdrawal:** Responsibility for withdrawal from the course is solely on the student. Students are expected to conform to the Student Code of Conduct in the NMSU Student Handbook.

**Disabilities:** If you believe you have a disability, you may wish to identify yourself. You can do so by providing documentation to SSD in Corbett Center (646-6840). Appropriate accommodations may then be provided to you. If you have a condition which may affect your ability to exit safely from the class in an emergency or may cause an emergency during class you are encouraged to discuss this, in confidence, with your professor and SSD.

**LIBRARY RESERVE:** Copies of **all** the required textbooks and Ever Since Darwin articles by Stephen Jay Gould for this class are on two hour reserve in Zuhl Library at the Circulation Desk under "O'Leary Anthropology 201." The other 4 required articles are ONLINE (see above instructions). Also recommended extra reading is encouraged. Please share with the professor any good relevant articles or anthropological news you may find during the semester.

## **SCHEDULE OF READINGS, QUIZZES AND EXAMS**

### **I. Anthropology and Evolution**

**Aug 19 - Introduction to Class**

**Aug 22 – What is Anthropology?** – READ Anthropology, ch 1 The essence of anthropology

**Aug 24 - History of Natural Selection** READ Anthropology, ch 2; –

**Aug 26 –** READ “ Theory of Natural Selection” by Charles Darwin- *ON- LINE*; READ “Darwin’s Delay” by Stephen Jay Gould in Ever Since Darwin - On Reserve

### **TAKE HOME ASSIGNMENT DUE – WHAT IS ANTHROPOLOGY?**

**Aug 29 -** READ “ Of Bamboo and Cicadas and the Economy of Adam Smith” by Stephen Jay Gould in Ever Since Darwin - On Reserve

**Aug 31 -** READ “ Natural Selection and Darwin’s Finches” by P. Grant *ON- LINE*

**\*\*\* Sept 2-- QUIZ 1**

**Sept 5 – NO CLASS LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

**Sept 7 – DNA**

**Sept 9 – DNA**

**Sept 12 Extinction** - READ “ The Great Dying” by Stephen Jay Gould in Ever Since Darwin – On Reserve,

### **II. Primates**

**Sept 14 -Living Primates - - chimpanzees** READ Anthropology ch 3and 4;

**Chimpanzees** – READ – “A Matter of Degree” by Stephen Jay Gould in Ever Since Darwin - On Reserve

**Sept 16 – Jane Goodall**

**Sept 19 –** “Among the Wild Chimpanzees”

**\*\*\* SEPT 21- QUIZ 2**

- **Early Primates** - READ Anthropology, Ch 6

**SEPT 23 - The First Biped: The Australopithecines**– READ Anthropology, Ch 7

**SEPT 26 - Brains, Bipedalism and Birth**

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**SEPT 28- Homo habilis, Homo erectus, Homo sapiens- READ Ch 8, Anthropology**

**Sept 30 - Homo erectus**

**Oct 3 - Neandertals**

**Oct 5 - Origin of Homo sapiens, the Paleolithic READ ch 9, Anthropology**

**\*\*\* Oct 7 – QUIZ 3**

**Hominids and Art**

**III. Human Variation and Race, Nutrition and Disease**

**Oct 10 – Race – READ ch 12 Anthropology - Human diversity**

**Oct 12 - READ “Why we should not name human races” by Stephan Jay Gould in Ever Since Darwin – On Reserve ;**

**Oct 14 – What we eat : READ “The Inuit Paradox”(AE)**

**Oct 17 - READ “Arrow of Disease”(AE); READ Ch. 13 Anthropology**

**Oct 19 - Epidemics – Influenza 1918**

**Oct 21 - Influenza 1918**

**Oct 24 - Hantavirus – READ “The Explanatory and Predictive Power of History: Coping with the Mystery Illness” by Maureen Schwarz – *ON LINE***

**Oct 26 - Hantavirus –REVIEW**

**\*\*\*\*OCTOBER 28 – MIDTERM EXAM**

**IV. Cultural Anthropology**

**Oct 31 Being a cultural anthropologist – READ Ch 14 Anthropology; READ“Body Ritual Among the Nacirema” (AE);**

**Nov 2 READ “Eating Christmas in the Kalahari” (AE)**

- Southern Tutchone culture– Klu é el ma and the Southern Tutchone People of the Yukon Territory, Canada

**Nov 4 -- Living with Mother Earth**

**Nov 7- -- Living with Mother Earth**

**V. Language and Culture**

**Nov 9 - READ ch 16 Anthropology Language and Communication**

**Nov 11- - READ “Shakespeare in the Bush”(AE)**

**\*\*\*Nov 14 \*\*\* QUIZ 4**

**VI. Archaeology**

**Nov 16 - How to be a real archaeologist not Indiana Jones, READ ch 5, Anthropology**

**Nov 18 - Fundamentals of Archaeology, methods of doing archaeology**

**NOV 21 – 25 THANKSGIVING BREAK**

**Nov 28 - Cultural Resource Management Laws and regulations**

**\*\*\* Nov 30 – QUIZ 5**

Lunar Archaeology or the Archaeology of Outer Space

READ “Space the Final [Archaeological] Frontier” by P.J Capelloti – ON LINE

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**Dec 2 – REVIEW FOR FINAL**

**FRIDAY DEC 9 \*\*\* FINAL EXAM - begins at 1:00 PM \*\*\***