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ANTHROPOLOGY 603: ARCHAEOLOGICAL THEORY, MONDAY, 2:00 - 4:50 PM, WASHINGTON 304

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This graduate-level seminar considers the principal interpretive frameworks that influence archaeological practice in the Anglo-American world. The course begins with a brief overview of archaeology's intellectual history that addressing the social and disciplinary contexts giving rise to the anthropological and social archaeology of the last forty years. The remainder of the course considers the diverse themes that shape archaeological discourse today. The readings and class discussions emphasize notable statements of theoretical perspective and applications of different interpretive frameworks to archaeological data.

REQUIREMENTS

1) Review papers

Students will choose eight of the assigned topics for review papers which will consist of a short (approximately six page or 1500 word) paper summarizing core elements of the assigned readings. The papers are due at the beginning of class. By the end of the course, the accumulated review papers should provide a useful (and pithy) reference covering important themes in archaeological theory. Review papers should address the following questions:

- a) Where does the topic of the session fit within the intellectual history of archaeology?
- b) Who were / are the key theorists? Include references to significant publications.
- c) What are the most salient themes, questions, and / or debates tied to the topic?
- d) How effectively are these ideas applied in one of the case studies covered in this session?

Where appropriate, students may include lists of bulleted points in order to answer these questions pithily.

2) Archaeologist's Bio

Students will present in class a 10-20 minute summary of the research and theoretical contributions of one of the "highlighted archaeologists" listed below. The presentations should address the researchers' most important theoretical contributions to the discipline, their place in archaeology's intellectual history (i.e. what interpretive frameworks influenced and were influenced by their work), and their intellectual genealogy (i.e. their professors and students). The presentations should be accompanied by a one page handout summarizing this information and listing the researcher's most important publications.

3) Position paper

The final paper for the class will entail a detailed consideration of one of the class' topics. These will be modeled after the position papers required of graduate students seeking admission to PhD candidacy in the Department. Position papers required by the Department center on key theoretical concerns, methodological issues, and archaeological / ethnographic / historical data to be addressed in a student's dissertation research. The position papers for this seminar will emphasize theoretical concerns and a review of relevant literature. Students may choose to discuss the applicability of these ideas to a regional / temporal context.

4) Class participation: Regular participation in the class is required. Come ready to rumble.

GRADING

Review papers (collectively):	25%	Archaeologist's bio:	20%
Position paper:	30%	Class participation:	25%

REQUIRED TEXTS

Johnson, Matthew
1999 *Archaeological Theory: An Introduction*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers

Gosden, Chris
1999 *Anthropology and Archaeology: A Changing Relationship*. London: Routledge.

Whitley, David S.
1998 *Reader in Archaeological Theory: Post-processual and Cognitive Approaches*. London: Routledge.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

Bawden, Garth
2003 *Readings in American Archaeological Theory: Selections from American Antiquity 1962-2002*.
Washington DC: Society for American Archaeology

Alice Beck Kehoe
1998 *The Land of Prehistory: A Critical History of American Archaeology*. New York: Routledge.

CLASS SCHEDULE AND READING LIST

Assigned readings not included in one of the required text will be distributed on CD ROM.

AUG 30 THE LOGICS OF CONTEMPORARY ANTHROPOLOGICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Required reading

Johnson ch 1
Gosden ch 1
Whitley ch 1

Further Reading

Clarke, David
1973 Archaeology: the Loss of Innocence. *Antiquity* 47: 6-18.
Schiffer, Michael B.
1988 The Structure of Archaeological Theory. *American Antiquity* 53:461-485.
Hodder, Ian
2003 *Reading the Past: Current Approaches to Interpretation in Archaeology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, chapter 1.
1999 *The Archaeological Process: An Introduction*. Oxford: Blackwell, chapter 1.
Wylie, Alison
2002 Heavily Decomposing Red Herrings: Middle Ground in the Anti-/Postprocessualism Wars. In *Thinking from Things: Essays in the Philosophy of Archaeology*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

SEPT 6 A CRITICAL HISTORY THROUGH 1960

Required reading

Gosden ch 2 - 4
Kehoe ch 1 - 6

Skim for interpretive framework

Griffin, James B.
1967 Eastern North American Archaeology: A Summary. *Science* 156:175-191.
Steward, Julian H.
1937 Ecological Aspects of Southwestern Society. *Anthropos*. 32:87-104.
Childe, V. Gordon
1972 The Urban Revolution. In *Contemporary Archaeology*, edited by M. Leone, pp. 43-51.

Highlighted archaeologist: Alfred V. Kidder

Further reading

Trigger, Bruce G.
1989 *A History of Archaeological Thought*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
Schnapp, Alain.
1997 *The Discovery of the Past*. Harry N. Abrams, New York.

SEPT 13 THE NEW ARCHAEOLOGY: SCIENCE, FUNCTION, AND SYSTEM

Required reading

Johnson ch 2 – 5
Bawden ch 1 – 4

Skim for interpretive framework

Flannery, Kent V.
1968 Archaeological Systems Theory and Early Mesoamerica. In *Anthropological Archaeology in the Americas*, ed. by B. J. Meggers, pp. 67-87. Washington, Anthropological Society of Washington.
Plog, Fred
1974 *The Study of Prehistoric Change*. New York, Academic Press, chapter 13.

Highlighted archaeologist: Lewis Binford

Further Reading:

Wylie, Alison
2002 The Conceptual Core of the New Archaeology. In *Thinking from Things: Essays in the Philosophy of Archaeology*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
Kehoe ch 7 – 8

SEPT 20 SOCIAL EVOLUTION'S SECOND ACT: APPLICATIONS AND CRITIQUES

Required reading

Johnson ch 9

Johnson, Allen W. and Timothy Earle

2000 Introduction in *The Evolution of Human Societies: From Foraging Group to Agrarian State*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Earle, K. Timothy

1987 Chiefdoms in Archaeological and Ethnohistorical Perspective. *Annual Review of Anthro.* 16:279-308.

Flannery, Kent V.

1972 The Cultural Evolution of Civilizations, *Annual Review of Ecology and Semantics.* 3:399-426

Yoffee, Norman

1993. Too many chiefs? (or, Safe Texts for the '90s). In, Norman Yoffee and Andrew Sherratt (eds.), *Archaeological Theory: Who Sets the Agenda?* Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Whitley ch 14

Highlighted archaeologist: Kent Flannery

SEPT 27 THE POST-PROCESSUAL CRITIQUE

Required Reading

Johnson ch 7

Bawden ch 10, 13

Shanks, Michael and Christopher Tilley

1992 Re-constructing archaeology: Theory and Practice. London: Routledge, chapters 5 - 7.

Hodder, Ian

1995 The Domestication of Europe. In *Theory and Practice in Archaeology*, edited by I. Hodder, pp. 241-253. Routledge, London.

Highlighted archaeologist: Ian Hodder

Further reading:

Bender, Barbara

1978 Gatherer-hunter to Farmer: A Social Perspective. *World Archaeology* 10: 204-222.

VanPool, Christine and Todd VanPool

1999 The Scientific Nature of Postprocessualism. *American Antiquity* 64(1):33-53.

Hodder, Ian

2003 *Reading the Past: Current Approaches to Interpretation in Archaeology*. Cambridge: Cambridge U. Pr., chapter 9.

1995 Symbols in Action. In *Theory and Practice in Arch.*, edited by I. Hodder, pp. 241-253. London: Routledge.

1984 *Burials, Houses, Women and Men in the European Neolithic*. In *Ideology, Power, and Prehistory*, edited by D. Miller and C. Tilley, pp. 51-68. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, England.

OCT 4 RECOVERING MIND: STRUCTURAL, COGNITIVE, AND CRITICAL APPROACHES

Required reading

Johnson ch 6

Bawden ch 11

Whitley ch 2, 7

Shanks, M. and C. Tilley

1982 Ideology, Symbolic Power and Ritual Communication: A Reinterpretation of Neolithic Mortuary Practices. In *Symbolic and Structural Archaeology*, ed. by I. Hodder, pp. 129-154. Cambridge: Cambridge U Press.

Pearson, Michael Parker

1982 Mortuary Practices, Society and Ideology: An Ethnoarchaeological Study. In *Symbolic and Structural Archaeology*. Edited by I. Hodder. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Leone, Mark P.

1988 The Georgian Order as the Order of Merchant Capitalism in Annapolis, Maryland. In *The Recovery of Meaning Historical Archaeology in the Eastern United States*, edited by M.P. Leone and P.B. Potter pp. 235-261. Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC.

Highlighted archaeologist: Colin Renfrew

Further reading

Wylie, Alison

2002 Epistemological Issues Raised by Symbolic and Structuralist Archaeology. In *Thinking from Things: Essays in the Philosophy of Archaeology*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

- 2002 Putting Shakertown Back Together: Critical Theory in Archaeology. In *Thinking from Things: Essays in the Philosophy of Archaeology*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Hodder, Ian
2003 *Reading the Past: Current Approaches to Interpretation in Archaeology*. Cambridge: Cambridge Univ Press.
- Kohl, P.
1985 Symbolic, Cognitive Archaeology: A new Loss of Innocence. *Dialectical Anthropology* 9:105-117.

OCT 11 FALL BREAK

OCT 18 MARX, CAPITALISM, AND COMMODITY

Required reading

- Patterson, Thomas C.
2003 *Marx's Ghost: Conversations with Archaeologists*. Oxford: Berg, chapter 1.
- McGuire, Randall H.
1992 *A Marxist Archaeology*. San Diego: Academic Press, chapter 4, 7.
- Leone, Mark P., Parker B. Potter, and Paul A. Shackel
1987 Toward a Critical Archaeology. *Current Anthropology* 28:283-302.
- Gilman, Antonio
1984 "Explaining the Upper Paleolithic Revolution." In *Marxist Perspectives in Archaeology*, edited by M. Spriggs, 115-126. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984.
- Paynter, Robert
1988 "Steps to an Archaeology of Capitalism: Material Change and Class Analysis," in M. Leone and P.B. Potter, Jr. (eds) *The Recovery of Meaning: Historical Archaeology in the Eastern United States*, Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, D.C., pp. 407-433.
- Kopytoff, Igor
1986 The Cultural Biography of Things. In *The Social Life of Things*. Edited by A. Appadurai. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Highlighted archaeologist: Randall McGuire

Further reading

- Marx, Karl
1989 *Karl Marx: The Essential Writings*. edited by Frederic L. Bender. Boulder: Westview Press.

OCT 25 PRACTICE AND AGENCY

Required reading

- Dobres, M.-A. and C.R. Hoffman
1994 Social Agency and the Dynamics of Prehistoric Technology, *Journal of Arch. Method and Theory* 1: 211–58.
- Dobres, Marcia-Anne and John E. Robb
2000 Agency in Archaeology: Paradigm or Platitude? In *Agency in Archaeology*. Edited by Marcia-Anne Dobres and John E. Robb. London: Routledge.
- Pauketat, Timothy
2001 Practice and Theory in Archaeology. An Emerging Paradigm. *Anthropological Theory* 1 (1): 73-97.
- Dietler, M. and I. Herbich
1998 Habitus, Techniques, Style: An Integrated Approach to the Social Understanding of Material Culture and Boundaries, in M.T. Stark (ed.) *The Archaeology of Social Boundaries*, pp. 232–63. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press.
- Hendon, J.A.
1996 Archaeological Approaches to the Organization of Domestic Labor: Household Practice and Domestic Relations, *Annual Review of Anthropology* 25: 45–61.

Skim for principle arguments:

- Bourdieu, Pierre
1990 Structures, *Habitus, Practices*. In *The Logic of Practice*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
- Giddens, Anthony
1984 Elements of a Theory of Structuration, In *The Constitution of Society*. Berkeley: Univ of California Press.

Highlighted archaeologist: Marcia-Anne Dobres

NOV 1 HISTORY, ETHNOHISTORY, AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Required reading

Johnson ch 10

Braudel, Fernand

1980 "Preface from The Mediterranean," and "History and the Social Sciences: The Longue Duree. In *On History*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Sahlins, Marshall.

1985 *Islands of History*. Introduction and chapter 4. Chicago: U of Chicago Press.

McGlade, James

1999 The Times of History: Archaeology, Narrative and Non-Linear Causality. In *Time and Archaeology*, ed. by Tim Murray, pp.139-163. New York: Routledge.

Whitley ch 9-10

Lightfoot, Kent G., Antoinette Martinez, and Ann M. Schiff

1998 Daily practice and Material Culture in Pluralistic Social Settings: An Archaeological Study of Culture Change and Persistence from Fort Ross, California. *American Antiquity* 63(2):199-222.

Highlighted archaeologist: Kent Lightfoot

Further reading

Nassaney, Michael S.

2001 The Historical-Processual Development of Late Woodland Societies. In *The Archaeology of Traditions: Agency and History Before and After Columbus*. Gainesville: Univ. Press of Florida, 2001. (15)

Duke, Philip

1996 Braudel and North American Archaeology: An Example from the Northern Plains. In *Contemporary Archaeology in Theory*, edited by R. Preucel and I. Hodder, pp. 240-257. Blackwell, Oxford.

Bailey, G. N.

1983 Concepts of Time in Quaternary Prehistory. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 12:165-192.

Bintliff, John

1991 The Contribution of an Annaliste/Structural History Approach to Archaeology. In *The Annales School and Archaeology*, ed. by John Bintliff, pp. 1-33. Leicester: Leicester University Press.

Knapp, A. Bernard

1992 Archaeology and Annales: Time, Space, and Change. In *Archaeology, Annales, and Ethnohistory*, ed. by A. Bernard Knapp, pp. 1-21. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

NOV 8 LANDSCAPE AND SPATIALITY

Required reading

Bourdieu, Pierre

1970 The Berber House or the World Reversed. *Social Science Information* 9:151-70.

Ingold, Tim

1993 The Temporality of the Landscape. *World Archaeology* 25:152-74.

Smith, A. T.

2003 *The Political Landscape: Constellations of Authority in Early Complex Polities*. University of California Press, Berkeley. Introduction and chapter 1.

Tilley, Christopher Y.

1994 A Phenomenology of Landscape: Places, Paths, and Monuments. Oxford: Berg., chapter 1

Kealhofer, Lisa

1999 Creating Social Identity in the Landscape: Tidewater, Virginia 1600-1750. In *Archaeologies of Landscape* edited by W. Ashmore and B. Knapp, pp. 58-82. Blackwell, Oxford.

Buikstra, Jane E., and Douglas K. Charles

1999 Centering the Ancestors: Cemeteries, Mounds, and Sacred Landscapes of the Ancient North American Midcontinent, In *Archaeologies of Landscape*. Edited by W. Ashmore and B. Knapp, pp. 201-228. Blackwell, Oxford.

Highlighted archaeologist: Christopher Tilley

Further reading

Ucko, Peter J. and Robert Layton, eds.

1999 *The Archaeology and Anthropology of Landscape: Shaping your Landscape*. London: Routledge.

Bender, B, Hamilton, S & Tilley, C

1997 Leskernick: Stone Worlds; Alternative Narratives; Nested Landscapes, *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society*, 63, 147-178

NOV 15 BODILY IDENTITIES AND GENDER

Required reading

Johnson ch 8, Gosden ch 6

Gatens, Moira

1992 Power, Bodies, and Difference. In *Destablising Theory: Contemporary Feminist Debates*. Edited by M. Barrett and A. Phillips. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Moore, Henrietta

1994 Bodies on the Move: Gender, Power and Material Culture. In *A Passion for Difference*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Tringham Ruth

1994 Engendered Places in Prehistory. In *Gender, Place and Culture* 2:169-203.

Spector, Janet

1996 What this Awl Means. In *Contemporary Archaeology in Theory*, edited by R. Preucel and I. Hodder, pp. 240-257. Blackwell, Oxford.

Highlighted archaeologist: Janet Spector

Further reading

Whitley ch 11

Wylie, Alison

2002 The Constitution of Archaeological Evidence: Gender Politics and Science. In *Thinking from Things: Essays in the Philosophy of Archaeology*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

NOV 22 BEHAVIORAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND EVOLUTION'S THIRD ACT

Required reading

Bawden ch 14-16, 18-20

Schiffer, Michael B.

2001 The Ceramics of Broken K. Pueblo: A Reanalysis. In *Formation Processes of the Archaeological Record*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press.

Highlighted archaeologist: Robert C. Dunnell

Further reading

O'Brien, Michael J.

1996 *Evolutionary Archaeology: Theory and Application*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press.

Maschner, Herbert Donald Graham, ed.

1996 *Darwinian Archaeologies*. New York: Plenum Press.

Schiffer, Michael B.

1995 *Behavioral Archaeology: First Principles*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah Press.

1999 *The Material Life of Human Beings: Artifacts, Behavior, and Communication*. London: Routledge.

NOV 29 POSTCOLONIAL ARCHAEOLOGY: IDENTITY, REPRESENTATION, AND DESCENDANT COMMUNITIES

Required reading

Johnson ch 11, Gosden ch 8

Jones, Sian

1996 Discourses of Identity in the Interpretation of the Past. In *Cultural Identity and Archaeology: The Construction of European Communities*. London: Routledge.

Deagan, Kathleen

1996 Colonial transformation: Euro-American cultural genesis in the early Spanish-American colonies. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 52(2):135-160.

Horning, A.J.

2000 Archaeological Considerations of 'Appalachian' Identity in *The Archaeology of Communities: a New World Perspective*. Edited by Marcello Canuto and Jason Yaeger. Routledge Press.

Gable, Eric and Richard Handler

2000 Public History, Private Memory: Notes from the Ethnography of Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. *Ethnos* 65[2].

LaRoche, Cheryl J., and Michael L. Blakey

1997 Seizing Intellectual Power: The Dialogue at the New York African Burial Ground. *Historical Archaeology* 31(3):84-106.

Further reading

Whitley ch 15

Lightfoot, Martinez, and Schiff.

1998 Daily Practice and Material Culture in Pluralistic Settings. *American Antiquity* 63(2):199-222.