

TOPICS OF DEBATE

ARKY 505 - FALL 2010

W 1:00-3:50 - ES 822

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This course focuses on topics being debated in Archaeology and Bioarchaeology from philosophical, theoretical, and methodological perspectives. ARKY 505 is designed to prepare students for graduate studies, and therefore follows a seminar format. Seminars are a forum in which the students take an active and critical role in academic discussion with their peers in order to develop skills in analysis and debate.

The course will develop in stages, beginning with readings in the philosophical underpinnings of archaeological debate. Following this will be several weeks in which students will read a range of recent theoretical articles selected from *Current Anthropology*, including the critical commentaries. In the second part of the course, additional articles will be assigned with the students expected to write their own critical commentaries and be prepared to defend their positions. Thereafter, students will be required to select theoretical readings relating to their own areas of interest and lead seminar discussion. A final assignment will relate to the theme of 'popular archaeology,' and will revolve around debate over the Kensington Runestone.

TEXTS: *The Kensington Runestone: Approaching a Research Question Holistically*,
Alice Beck Kehoe

Additional required readings will be available on Blackboard

GRADING:

Grades will be based on class participation (30 pts), article critiques (25 x 2 pts each), and a Research Design based on each students' individual topic (20 pts).

Individual grades will be based on total points received:

97-100 = A+ 87-89 = B+ 77-79 = C+ 67-69 = D+

93-96 = A 83-86 = B 73-76 = C 60-66 = D

90-92 = A- 80-82 = B- 70-72 = C-

Less than 60 points = F

COURSE CALENDAR

WEEK 1 (9/13-17) - Introduction: Debates in Archaeology
Reading:

WEEK 2 (9/20-24) - Readings from Current Anthropology

WEEK 3 (9/27-10/1) - Readings from Current Anthropology

WEEK 4 (10/4-8) - Readings from Current Anthropology

WEEK 5 (10/11-15) - THANKSGIVING - Selected Readings

WEEK 6 (10/18-22) - Selected Readings

WEEK 7 (10/25-29) - Selected Readings

WEEK 8 (11/1-5) - Selected Readings

WEEK 9 (11/8-12) - READING DAYS - Selected Readings

WEEK 10 (11/15-19) - Student directed readings

WEEK 11 (11/22-26) - Student directed readings

WEEK 12 (11/29-12/3) - Student directed readings

WEEK 13 (12/6-10) - The Kensington Runestone and popular archaeology

WEEK 14 (4/10-13) - Presentation of research designs

ADDITIONAL READINGS: TBA

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<http://www.ucalgary.ca/drc/node/71>

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<http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/system/files/foip%20overview.pdf>

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The most common are:

- 1) Presenting another student's work as your own
- 2) Presenting an author's work or ideas as you own without proper referencing
- 3) Using work completed for another course

This activity will not be tolerated and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the University Calendar.

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<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2-1.html>

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ADDITIONAL CONTENT OF THE COURSE OUTLINE

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