

**Archaeology 621: Problems in Ethnoarchaeology
Fall 2010**

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Office hours: Thursday 11am until noon or by appointment.

Lecture: Thursdays 3:30-6:30pm in ES 859

This seminar will explore the role of ethnoarchaeology in the development of archaeological interpretation of the relationship between people and material culture. Weekly seminar topics will include a set of topics and readings that will be provided by the instructor and those that will be selected base on the interests of the student participants.

Topics set by the instructor:

In the first weeks of the course we will discuss the role of ethnoarchaeology in archaeological interpretation and its limitations. A weekly reading list will be provided on blackboard. Students are expected to read all of the articles and to be prepared to contribute to lively discussion.

Topics:

1. Archaeological explanation and the use of analogy
2. Ethnographic and ethnoarchaeological method
3. Ethical approaches to ethnoarchaeology and its application in interpretation

Topics set by the students:

Each student will select a topic that is relevant to their own area of research and will provide a list of readings in consultation with the instructor that will form the basis of one week's discussion (or a half-week discussion depending on the number of participants). These topics will be determined in the first week's seminar.

Evaluation:

Student participation in seminar discussions: 50%

Students will be evaluated each week on their preparedness and contribution to discussions.

Paper: 25% (Due in week 9)

Each student will provide a critical evaluation of the contribution of ethnoarchaeological research to one area of research that is of interest to their own studies (e.g. bio-anthropology; ceramic analysis; culture history; human origins). This interest can be broad if you find that there is little ethnoarchaeology in your geographic research area). The paper should be 12-15 pages in length not including references cited).

Summaries: 25% (Due the week following the weekly topic selected)

Each student will provide 5 separate one-page summaries of five of the weekly topics. This summary should demonstrate that you have read the readings provided and can provide a critical evaluation of the topic.

Writing Across the Curriculum

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, instructors can and may use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

Academic Accommodation Policy

The purpose of academic accommodation is to provide students with documented disabilities

equal opportunity to master the essentials of a post-secondary education. Students with disabilities at the University of Calgary have met all admission requirements but may have done

so with the use of accommodations. Similarly, they are expected to meet all academic and non-

academic requirements. Adaptive technology and other academic accommodations do not relieve students of their responsibility to develop the essential skills and abilities expected of all students.

Please refer to the following web link for detailed information:

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

Disability Resource Centre Accommodations

It is the responsibility of the student to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at (403)220-8237.

Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. Students are also required to discuss their needs with the instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of the course.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The University of Calgary is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals who work and study at the University or who otherwise interact with the University in accordance with the standards set out in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Please refer to the following link for detailed information:

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

Academic Misconduct

Academic dishonesty is an unacceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section of the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. 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.

For detailed information on what constitutes academic misconduct, please refer to the following link:

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

Emergency Evacuation Assembly Points

In the event of an emergency that requires evacuation, please refer to the following link to become familiar with the assembly points for the class:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

Safewalk Information

Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at (403) 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security Officer will accompany you to your campus destination.

Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation

Student Union Vice President – Academic

Phone: (403) 220-3911

Email: suypaca@ucalgary.ca

Student Union Faculty Representative

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Student Ombudsman's Office

<http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/services/student-services/students-rights.html>