CIRCUM-CARIBBEAN ARCHEOLOGY

SPRING 2012

ANT 4930 (Section 06DE)
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Location: FLO 0100
Exam: 3C (12:30-2:30 W, MAY 2)

The Circum-Caribbean area is the landscape occupied by different societies around the Caribbean Sea, which include the coastal continental areas of Colombia, Venezuela, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, and the Yucatan Peninsula as well as the islands of the Greater Antilles and the Lesser Antilles. The objective of the course is that students become familiar with the state of research on Circum-Caribbean archaeology. In this course emphasis is placed on the relationship between prehistoric societies and the Caribbean Sea. The Circum-Caribbean area is one of the most culturally diverse areas where sea connections were relevant in exchange systems of beliefs and economic resources. In this course the students should grasp some basic understanding of the development and interactions of these societies, what they shared, how they were affected by the conquest process, and what aspects continue to exist from the past up to the present. The class will focus on specific issues such as the origins of Circum-Caribbean populations, interaction with Caribbean and circum-Caribbean societies, subsistence variability, exchange network systems, political organizations, and religious system variability. The course will be conducted as a seminar with an introductory lecture on the topics of the weeks by the professor, followed by class discussions of the readings and topics. The discussion of theoretical issues will be linked to pertinent archaeological data relevant to the different weekly topics.

REQUIRED READINGS:

Most of these can be downloaded as PDF files from library services. In some cases you will have to copy them from the library journals at the main library. Please be prepared with the reading assigned for each week. You are responsible for all of the readings. It always helps to write a review on each article or chapter that you read, and have notes on the topics that are relevant for the discussion, as well as questions on the aspects that you do not understand.
Books


Disclaimer: Some adjustments may be made in the schedule and course requirements during the semester. All changes will be announced.

EVALUATION:

Evaluation will be based on the accumulation of points up to 100 (100 points =100 %).

- Research paper: 20%
- Paper presentation: 10%
- Group presentations: 10%
- Participation: 20%
- Maps quizzes: 10%
- First exam: 10%
- Second exam: 10%
- Final exam: 10%

GRADE SYSTEM:

Grading Scale Grades will be awarded according to the following scale in effect by the university:

- A
- A-
- B+
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A complete listing of university policy pertaining to grades may be found at [http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html](http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html)

Classes *(extra reading for graduate students)*

*January 11 & 13*, Introduction to the Circum-Caribbean archaeology.


February 8 & 10. Linguistic families of the Circum-Caribbean: dispersion and processes of expansion. Please read Sauer chapters 7 & 8 and Helms 3


February 29 & March 2, The Arawaks. Please read Sauer Chapter 9, 10.

March 3-11. Spring break

March 21 & 23,. The Arawaks. Please read Sauer Chapter 15, 16, 17, (Mike Heckenberg talks).


April 4 & 6. Other linguistic groups.

April 11 & 13. Paper presentations. Second Exam

April 18 & 20. Paper presentations. Deadline paper graduate students

April 25. Reading days

Final Exam May 2.

Optional readings


Hoopes, John W Sorcery and the Taking of Trophy Heads in Ancient Costa Rica.


