

ANTHROPOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Although a course in General Anthropology had been offered at the University of Florida for several years, an expanded program was begun in July, 1948, with the bringing to the University of a full-time anthropologist. At the same time the Department of Sociology was broadened to a Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

During the academic year 1948-49, courses in General Anthropology, Peoples and Cultures of Latin America, and Principles of Archaeology were offered. Enrollment was gratifying. In the first semester of the 1949 summer session a Summer Field School offered training through excavations conducted near Gainesville in two early ceramic and preceramic sites.

In addition to the academic offerings a research program, aided by a grant from The Viking Fund, Inc., has attacked certain neglected areas in the field of archaeology. This continuing program has included excavations in the Everglades, a surface survey of parts of Central Florida, and excavations at a British trading post of the early Seminole period.

Further courses were added in the academic year 1949-50, and offerings in the Latin American field were improved through the addition of a new staff member to the department, Dr. T. Lynn Smith, who is best known for his Brazilian sociological work. Plans for 1950-51 include more scheduled courses with the addition of another anthropologist and a continuation of the Summer Field School.

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