

CIRCUM-CARIBBEAN ARCHEOLOGY

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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

Sauer, Carl. 2008. *The Early Spanish Main*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Helms, Mary. *Ancient Panama: Chiefs in Search of Power* (any edition).

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+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E
4.0	3.67	3.33	3.0	2.67	2.33	2.0	1.67	1.33	1.0	.67	0
100%	91.5	83.25	75	66.75	58.25	50	41.75	33.25	25	16.75	

A complete listing of university policy pertaining to grades may be found at <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html>

Classes (extra reading for graduate students)

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

January 18 & 20. Introduction to the Circum-Caribbean archaeology and historical ecology. Read Steward 1948 and Helms 1984.

January 25 & 27, Circum-Caribbean historical ecology and the conquest. Please read Sauer chapters 1-3 , Helms chapter 1and Fitzpatrick, Scott M. and William F. Keegan. 2007.

February 1 & 3, film. The Conquest process. Please read Sauer chapters 4, 5 & 6. Map quiz. Helms Chapter 2,

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

February 15 & 17, The Chibchas. Read Hoopes 2005. Please read Sauer chapters 11 & 12, Helms chapter 4. **First Exam.**

February 22 & 24, The Chibchas. Read Oyuela-Caycedo 2008. Please read Sauer chapters 13, 14, and Helms chapter 5 & 6.

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).

March 28 & 30. The Caribs. Whitehead 2002. Please read Sauer chapters 13, 14. Map Quiz2,

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

Allaire, Louis. "Archaeology of the Caribbean Region." South America. Eds. Frank Salomon and Stuart B. Schwartz. Cambridge University Press, 1999. Cambridge Histories Online. Cambridge University Press. 29 August 2009 DOI:10.1017/CHOL9780521630757.010

Bonzani, Renee M. and Augusto Oyuela-Caycedo. 2006. The Gift of the Variation and Dispersion of Maize: Social and Technological Context in Amerindian Societies. In *Histories of maize: multidisciplinary approaches to the prehistory, domestication and evolution of maize*, edited by John Staller, Robert Tykot, and Buce Benz, pp. 343-356. London: Elsevier Inc.

Curet, L. Antonio 2003. Issues on the Diversity and Emergence of Middle-Range Societies of the Ancient Caribbean: A Critique. *Journal of Archaeological Research*, 11(1):1-42.

Deagan, Kathleen. 1987. Columbus' Lost Colony. *National Geographic Magazine* 172(5):672-676

Fitzpatrick, Scott M. and William F. Keegan. 2007. Human impacts and adaptations in the Caribbean Islands: an historical ecology approach. *Earth and Environmental Science Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh*, 98, 29-45, 2007

Helms, Mary W. "The Indians of the Caribbean and Circum-Caribbean at the end of the fifteenth century." *Colonial Latin America*. Ed. Leslie Bethell. Cambridge University Press, 1984. Cambridge Histories Online. Cambridge University Press.

Hoopes, John W. 2005. The Emergence of Social Complexity in the Chibchan World of Southern Central America and Northern Colombia, AD 300–600 *Journal of Archaeological Research*, Vol. 13, No. 1-46.

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

Keegan, William. 2006. Archaic Influences in the Origins and Development of Taino Societies. *Caribbean Journal of Science*, 42(1): 1-10.

Keegan, William F., Scott M. Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Sullivan Sealey, Michelle J. LeFebvre, Peter T. Sinelli. 2008. The Role of Small Islands in Marine Subsistence Strategies: Case Studies from the Caribbean. *Hum Ecol*. 36:635–654.

Keegan, William F. 2000. West Indian Archaeology. 3. Ceramic Age. *Journal of Archaeological Research*, Vol. 8, No. 2:135-167.

Keegan, William F. "The Caribbean, Including Northern South America and Lowland Central America: Early History." *The Cambridge World History of Food*. Eds. Kenneth F. Kiple and Kriemhild Coneè Ornelas. Cambridge University Press, 2000. Cambridge Histories Online. Cambridge University Press. 29 August 2009 DOI:10.1017/CHOL9780521402156.018

Kelly, Kenneth G. 2008. Creole Cultures of the Caribbean: Historical Archaeology in the French West Indies. *Int J Histor Archaeol*. 12:388–402.

Lalueza, C., M.T.P. Gilbert, A.J. Martínez-Fuentes, F. Calafell, and J. Bertranpetit. 2003. Mitochondrial DNA from pre-Columbian Ciboneys from Cuba and the Prehistoric Colonization of the Caribbean. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 121(2): 97-108.

Navarrete, Rodrigo. 2008. The Prehistory of Venezuela – Not Necessarily an Intermediate Area. *Handbook of South American Archaeology*, edited by Helaine Silverman and William H. Isbell. Pp. 429-458. Springer, New York.

Oyuela-Caycedo, Augusto. 2008. Late Prehispanic Chiefdoms of Northern Colombia and the Formation of Anthropogenic Landscapes. *Handbook of South American Archaeology*, edited by Helen Silverman and Bill Isbell. pp. 405-428, Springer.

Oyuela-Caycedo, Augusto. 1996. The Study of Collector Variability in the Transition to Sedentary Food Producers in Northern Colombia. *Journal of World Prehistory* 10(1):49-92.

Romero, Aldemaro and Joel Creswell. 2005 In the land of the mermaid: how culture, not ecology, influenced marine mammal exploitation in the southeastern Caribbean. A. Romero and S. E. West (eds.), *Environmental Issues in Latin America and the Caribbean*, 3–30. Springer.

Rostain, Stéphen 2008. Agricultural Earthworks on the French Guiana Coast. *Handbook of South American Archaeology*, edited by Helaine Silverman and William H. Isbell. Springer, New York

Steward, Julian H. Circum-Caribbean Tribes: An Introduction. 1948. *Handbook of South American Indians* Pp1-41. Washington: Smithsonian Institution.

Versteeg, Aad H. 2008. Barranoid and Arauquinoid Mound Builders in Coastal Suriname. *Handbook of South American Archaeology*, edited by Helaine Silverman and William H. Isbell. Springer, New York.

Whitehead, Neil. 2002. Arawak Linguistic and cultural identity throug time: contact, colonialism and creolization. In *Comparative Arawakan Histories*. Edited by Jonathan D. Hill and Fernando Santos-Graneros. Pp. 51-73. University of Illinois, Urbana.

Whitehead, Neil L. "The Crises And Transformations of Invaded Societies: The Caribbean (1492–1580)." *South America*. Eds. Frank Salomon and Stuart B. Schwartz. Cambridge University Press, 1999. Cambridge Histories Online. Cambridge University Press. 29 August 2009
DOI:10.1017/CHOL9780521630757.013

Wilson, Samuel, Harry B. Iceland, and Thomas R. Hester. 1998 Preceramic Connections between Yucatan and the Caribbean. *Latin American Antiquity* 9: 342–52.