

ANT4930  
Spring 2016  
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## AFRICAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ETHIOPIAN HISTORY

**Course Description:** The main objective of this class is to provide students in the 2016 UF in Ethiopia program with a solid introduction to the importance of Africa in general and Ethiopia in particular for providing critical information on the evolution of modern humans and “modern cultural behavior”. The first three weeks of class through January 29 will be taught in a hybrid lecture/symposium format where formal lecture will give way to class discussion(s) of a specific issue(s). From February 4 to March 15, sessions will be on an ad hoc basis utilizing the excavations at Mochena Borago, the Ethiopian National Museum and other Ethiopian archaeological sites as class settings for discussion of various topics.

**Prerequisites:** You are expected to have taken a course equivalent to ANT 2000 (General Anthropology), and/or ANT 2140 (World Archaeology), and/or another Upper Division archaeology course.

### **Lectures, Office Hours and Contacts:**

- Through January 29, 2016: Lectures on an ad hoc basis in B 353 Turlington.
- Office hours: T and Th 12-1pm, B353 or B368 Turlington Hall (or by appointment).
- Office: 352-294-7599; Lab: 294-7579 email: sbrandt@ufl.edu; web site:

### **Required Texts and Readings**

- Barham, L and P. Mitchell 2009. The First Africans. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Selected articles and book chapters in pdf format uploaded to the ANT 4930 and/or the ANT 41 site on CANVAS.
- Selected videos, web sites and podcasts

### **References**

- Deacon, H.J. and J. Deacon 1999. Human Beginnings in South Africa: Uncovering the Secrets the Stone Age. Walnut Creek: Altamira Press.
- Phillipson, D. 2005. African Archaeology. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 3rd Edition.
- Schmidt, P. and R. McIntosh 1996. The Plundering of Africa's Past. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

### **Grading**

Final Grades will be based on the accumulation of 100 points, allocated as follows:

1. Satisfactory completion of lectures, readings and assignments 20 points
2. Participation in Archaeological and Ethnoarchaeological Field Work in Ethiopia 50 points

### 3. Satisfactory Completion of a Field Report

TOTAL      30 points  
100 points

A	94-100 points
A-	90-93
B+	87-89
B	84-86
B-	80-83
C+	77-79
C	74-76
C-	70-73
D+	65-69
D	60-63
E	<60%

**Attendance:** Attendance is mandatory. Failure to attend lectures without an official excuse (see below) will result in the loss of points, as follows:

- 1 missed      0 points subtracted from total points
- 2 missed      10 points subtracted from total points
- 3rd missed    30 points subtracted from total points
- 4th missed    **Automatic E for the course**

### **Official UF, Medical Or Religious Absences And Make-Up Exams**

Except for medical/disability reasons, religious reasons or official university business, there will be **no** makeup exams or excused absences. A letter signed by a physician or a university official must be obtained **before** a makeup exam will be scheduled or an absence excused. Likewise, any religious reason for missing an exam or section must also be discussed with the professor and/or TA **before** a makeup exam will be scheduled or an absence excused. If you have a disability that could affect your class performance, please discuss this with the professor or TA during the first week of class.

### **Cheating**

Needless to say, cheating in any way will not be tolerated and will result in a 0 exam score and/or possible dismissal from the course.

### **Mobile Phones, Laptops and Tablets**

Mobile phones must be turned off or set to “Airplane/Vibrate only” mode during lectures and discussions. Laptops and tablets can only be used to take class notes, and with my permission to look something up.