

AFRICAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF LITHICS

Course Description: The main objective of this course is to provide students in the 2016 UF in Ethiopia program with the methods that will be used to analyze flaked stone artifacts (lithics) recovered from this season's excavations at Mochena Borago, Ethiopia. The first three weeks through January 25 will be at UF where students will learn how to make and analyze lithics. This will involve both lectures and flintknapping sessions. From February 2 to March 14, sessions will be on an ad hoc basis utilizing lithics from the Mochena Borago excavations as well as collections at the Ethiopian National Museum.

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.

Office Hours and Contacts:

- Office hours: T and Th 12-1pm, B353 or B368 Turlington Hall (or by appointment).
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Lecture Schedule

- In addition to my lectures, I would also like you to attend Dr. Gillespie's Principle of Archaeology class on T per. 7 and Th per. 7 and 8, room number TBA, through January 24.
- Through January 25, 2017: Lectures in a room TBA, but until then B353 Turlington Hall.
 - a. Week 1 - Wednesday, January 4th through Friday the 6th: We will meet from 10am to ~4pm (with a ~ one hour lunch break) in Room B353 Turlington Hall to begin intensive coursework at UF prior to our departure for Ethiopia.
 - i. On Wednesday we will talk about syllabi, visas, flights, vaccinations, further discussions on what to bring, etc. ****On Wednesday please bring your passport, one passport/visa-size picture (it can be your own digitized picture) and \$60 check or cash (or \$70 for a multiple entry visa, which I recommend) for the Ethiopian visa. Download the application form at the following web site and bring it with you for us to fill out together.
<http://www.ethiopianembassy.org/ConsularForms/VisaApplicationForm.pdf>
 - b. Week 2: Classes Monday-Thursday Jan. 9-12th, 10 am to ~4pm.
 - c. Week 3: Classes Tuesday-Friday Jan. 17-20th, 10 am to ~4pm (Monday the 16th is Martin Luther King's Birthday). UF in Ethiopia Reunion Party at the Brandt's Friday night January 20
 - d. Week 4: Classes Monday-Wednesday Jan. 23-25, 10 am to ~4p
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Required Texts and Readings

- Holdaway, S. and N. Stern 2004. *A Record in Stone*. Canberra: Australian Aboriginal Studies.
- Selected articles and book chapters in pdf format uploaded to the ANT 4930 and/or the ANT 4114 site CANVAS.
- Selected videos, web sites and podcasts

Recommended

- Andrefsky, W 2005. *Lithics: Macroscopic Approaches to Analysis*. 2nd Edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Grading

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

1. Satisfactory completion of lectures and readings as evidenced by 3 short spot

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| quizzes in the lab @ 5 points each, graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis until satisfactory completion is achieved | 15 points |
| 2. Three “Homework Assignments in the lab @ 15 points each, graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis until satisfactory completion is achieved | 15 points |
| 3. Satisfactory Participation in Archaeological Field Work in Ethiopia | 50 points |
| 4. Satisfactory Completion of a Field Report, due by April 15, 2017 | <u>20 points</u> |
| | TOTAL 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.