

## **AFRICAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ETHIOPIAN HISTORY**

**Course Description:** The main objective of this class is to provide students in the 2017 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 25 will be taught in a hybrid lecture/symposium format where formal lecture will give way to class discussion(s) of specific issue(s). From February 2 to March 14, 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.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> through Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>: 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. 9-12<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to ~4pm.
  - c. Week 3: Classes Tuesday-Friday Jan. 17-20<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to ~4pm (Monday the 16th is Martin Luther King's Birthday). UF in Ethiopia Reunion Party at the Brandt's Friday night Jan. 20
  - d. Week 4: Classes Monday-Wednesday Jan. 23-25, 10 am to ~4pm

### **Required Texts and Readings**

- Barham, L and P. Mitchell 2009. The First Africans. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Marcus, H. 1994. A History of Ethiopia. Berkeley: University of California Press
- A few articles on Eastern African and Mochena Borago Late Pleistocene Archaeology

## 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 and readings as evidenced by spot quizzes	20 points
2. Participation in Archaeological and Ethnoarchaeological Field Work in Ethiopia	50 points
3. Satisfactory Completion of a Field Report	<u>30 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.