ANTHROPOLOGY

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Anthropology at Columbia is the oldest department of anthropology in the United States. Founded by Franz Boas in 1896 as a site of academic inquiry inspired by the uniqueness of cultures and their histories, the department fosters an expansiveness of thought and independence of intellectual pursuit.

Cross-cultural interpretation, global socio-political considerations, a markedly interdisciplinary approach, and a willingness to think otherwise have formed the spirit of anthropology at Columbia. Boas himself wrote widely on pre-modern cultures and modern assumptions, on language, race, art, dance, religion, politics, and much else, as did his graduate students including, most notably, Ruth Benedict and Margaret Mead.

In these current times of increasing global awareness, this same spirit of mindful interconnectedness guides the department. Professors of anthropology at Columbia today write widely on colonialism and postcolonialism; on matters of gender, theories of history, knowledge, and power; on language, law, magic, mass-mediated cultures, modernity, and flows of capital and desire; on nationalism, ethnic imagininations, and political contestations; on material cultures and environmental conditions; on ritual, performance, and the arts; and on linguistics, symbolism, and questions of representation. Additionally, they write across worlds of similarities and differences concerning the Middle East, China, Africa, the Caribbean, Japan, Latin America, South Asia, Europe, Southeast Asia, North America, and other increasingly transnational and technologically virtual conditions of being.

The Department of Anthropology traditionally offered courses and majors in three main areas: sociocultural anthropology, archaeology, and biological/physical anthropology. While the sociocultural anthropology program now comprises the largest part of the department and accounts for the majority of faculty and course offerings, archaeology is also a vibrant program within anthropology whose interests overlap significantly with those of sociocultural anthropology. Biological/physical anthropology has shifted its program to the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology. The Anthropology Department enthusiastically encourages cross-disciplinary dialogue across disciplines as well as participation in study abroad programs.

Sociocultural Anthropology

At the heart of sociocultural anthropology is an exploration of the possibilities of difference and the craft of writing. Sociocultural anthropology at Columbia has emerged as a particularly compelling undergraduate liberal arts major. Recently, the number of majors in sociocultural anthropology has more than tripled.

Students come to sociocultural anthropology with a wide variety of interests, often pursuing overlapping interests in, for example, performance, religion, writing, law, ethnicity, mass-media, teaching, language, literature, history, human rights, art, linguistics, environment, medicine, film, and many other fields, including geographical areas of interest and engagement. Such interests can be brought together into provocative and productive conversation with a major or concentration in sociocultural anthropology. The requirements for a major in sociocultural anthropology reflect this intellectual expansiveness and interdisciplinary spirit.

Archeology

Archeology study the ways in which human relations are mediated through material conditions, both past and present. Particular emphases in the program include the development of ancient states and empires, especially in the indigenous Americas; the impact of colonial encounters on communities in the American Southwest, the Levant and Africa; and human-animal relations in prehistory, religion and ritual, and the archaeology of the dead.

Themes in our teaching include the political, economic, social, and ideological foundations of complex societies; and archaeological theory and its relationship to broader debates in social theory, technology studies, and philosophy. Faculty members also teach and research on questions of museum representations, archaeological knowledge practices, and the socio-politics of archaeology. The program includes the possibility of student internships in New York City museums and archaeological fieldwork in the Americas and elsewhere.

Advising

Majors and concentrators should consult the director of undergraduate studies when entering the department and devising programs of study. Students may also seek academic advice from any anthropology faculty member, as many faculty members hold degrees in several fields or positions in other departments and programs at Columbia. All faculty in the department are committed to an expansiveness of thought and an independence of intellectual pursuit and advise accordingly.

Senior Thesis

Anthropology majors with a minimum GPA of 3.6 in the major who wish to write an honors thesis for departmental honors consideration may enroll in ANTH UN3999 SENIOR THESIS SEM IN ANTHROPOLOGY. Students should have a preliminary concept for their thesis prior to course enrollment. Normally no more than 10% of graduating majors receive departmental honors in a given academic year.

Professors

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Partha Chatterjee, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology
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Zoe Crossland
Terence D’Altroy
Ralph L. Holloway, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology
Claudio Lomnitz
Mahmood Mamdani
Brinkley Messick
Sociocultural Focus
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Biological/Physical Focus
Students interested in studying this field should refer to the major in evolutionary biology of the human species in the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology.

Concentration in Anthropology
The anthropology concentration requires 20 points in the Department of Anthropology.

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Biological/Physical Focus
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**Anthropology**

**Fall 2023**

**Sociocultural Anthropology**

ANTH UN1002  **THE INTERPRETATION OF CULTURE. 3.00 points.**
The anthropological approach to the study of culture and human society. Case studies from ethnography are used in exploring the universality of cultural categories (social organization, economy, law, belief system, art, etc.) and the range of variation among human societies.

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**ANTH UN2004  INTRO TO SOC # CULTURAL THEORY. 3.00 points.**
This course presents students with crucial theories of society, paying particular attention at the outset to classic social theory of the early 20th century. It traces a trajectory of writings essential for an understanding of the social: from Saussure, Durkheim, Mauss, Weber, and Marx, to the structuralist ethnographic elaboration of Claude Levi-Strauss and the historiographic reflections on modernity of Michel Foucault. We revisit periodically, reflections by Franz Boas, founder of anthropology in the United States (and of Anthropology at Columbia), for a sense of origins, an early anthropological critique of racism and cultural chauvinism, and a prescient denunciation of fascism. We turn as well, also with ever-renewed interest in these times, to the expansive critical thought of W. E. B. Du Bois. We conclude with Kathleen Stewart’s A Space on the Side of the Road—an ethnography of late-twentieth-century Appalachia and the haunted remains of coal-mining country—with its depictions of an uncanny otherness within dominant American narratives.

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**ANTH UN3040  ANTHROPOLOGICAL THEORY. 4.00 points.**
Open to majors; all others with instructor’s permission.

Prerequisites: an introductory course in anthropology. Comprehensive and in-depth engagement with foundational and contemporary theoretical concepts and texts in Anthropology. Required of all Barnard students majoring in Anthropology (including specialized tracks). Permission of instructor required for non-majors. Not open to First Year students. Prerequisite: an introductory (1000 level) course in Anthropology.

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**ANTH UN3091  Disability. 4.00 points.**
This course centers disability in its many manifestations and meanings—as an embodied, social, and cultural experience, as an organizing discourse in local and global contexts, as an analytic framework, and as a position from which to approach, think about, and engage in the world. Together, we will seek to understand disability in diverse settings and contexts through ethnographic texts, autobiography, documentary film, and essays, drawing primarily from works in anthropology but also more broadly from the interdisciplinary traditions known as (Critical) Disability Studies. Throughout the semester, we will move between considering disability in more and less specific and categorical terms. We will ask what the stakes are—intellectually, socially, politically— for different ways of doing, thinking, and representing disability. What becomes apparent when we consider, say, the experiences of deaf young adults in India working together to learn Indian Sign Language, or physically disabled adults in the United States whose disabilities must be situated within histories of racialized poverty and urban neglect? What happens— what are the resonances and the tensions— when we put these settings into conversation? Through our engagements with materials analyzing these and many other instances, we will think together about what it means to study and think with disability from different disciplinary perspectives, different methods, and different media.

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**ANTH UN3321  INFRASTRUCTURES. 4.00 points.**
Infrastructures are the built networks moving goods, commodities, people, energy, waste organizing human action in modern societies. This course critically examines the work of infrastructures globally. It examines issues of urbanism, racial infrastructures, infrastructural breakdown and emergency, postcolonial infrastructures, climate change, and extraction.

**ANTH UN3605  Against Dystopia. 4.00 points.**
Ideas of dystopian futures haunt present-day imaginings of the climate crisis. Such futures are typically characterized by worsening inequality, disastrous weather effects, and deeply disrupted social relations. Apocalyptic imaginaries also tend to invoke an individualist politics oriented around struggle over scarce resources. But what about those for whom the present is already post-apocalyptic? What about political configurations that insist on solidarity, mutuality, care, and justice to create liberatory futures? Just solutions to the climate crisis are only as capacious as the imagination of what the problems are, how the present came into being, who is most affected, and who gets to decide what futures are created. This interdisciplinary course engages ethnographic work alongside theorizations of contemporary life and other world-building genres, including climate fiction, visual art, and poetry. In doing so, the course offers an argument against the fatalism of dystopia and seeks to imagine what reparative methods centering climate justice could look like.
ANTH BC3808 Punishment Culture. 4.00 points.
What is punishment, and what might attention to punitive practices teach us about the cultures in which they are used? Modern American culture is so saturated with punishment that it is difficult to know where to begin such an investigation. From childhood education to mass incarceration and from the crafting of financial futures to the training of horses and dogs, punishment is ubiquitous and often unquestioned. In many cases, punishment is the thread that connects allegedly disparate institutions and produces allegedly unforeseen forms of violence. In this course we will question both the practice and its prevalence, combining a genealogy of the concept with case studies in its modern use

ANTH UN3823 ARCH ENGAGE: PAST IN PUB EYE. 4.00 points.
Enrollment limited to 15. Enrollment Priorities: Seniors and Juniors in ARCH or ANTH

This course provides a panoramic, but intensive, inquiry into the ways that anthropology and its methods for understanding the world have been marshaled for debate in issues of public interest. It is designed to examine claims to knowledge of the past through the lenses of alternative epistemologies and a series of case-based problems that range from the academic to the political, legal, cultural, romantic, and fraudulent.

ANTH BC3871 SENIOR THESIS SEMINAR I. 4.00 points.
Prerequisites: Limited to Barnard Anthropology Seniors. Offered every Fall. Discussion of research methods and planning and writing of a Senior Essay in Anthropology will accompany research on problems of interest to students, culminating in the writing of individual Senior Essays. The advisory system requires periodic consultation and discussion between the student and her adviser as well as the meeting of specific deadlines set by the department each semester. Limited to Barnard Senior Anthropology Majors

ANTH UN3879 THE MEDICAL IMAGINARY. 4.00 points.
Enrollment limited to 15. Instructor’s permission required. Non anthropology majors require instructor’s permission.

How might we speak of an imaginary within biomedicine? This course interrogates the ideological underpinnings of technocratic medicine in contexts that extend from the art of surgery to patient participation in experimental drug trials. Issues of scale will prove especially important in our efforts to track the medical imaginary from the whole, fleshy body to the molecular level. Key themes include everyday ethics; ways of seeing and knowing; suffering and hope; and subjectivity in a range of medical and sociomedical contexts. Open to anthropology majors; non-majors require instructor’s permission. Enrollment limit is 15
ANTH UN3997 SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH. 2.00-6.00 points.
Prerequisite: the written permission of the staff member under whose
supervision the research will be conducted

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ANTH UN3999 SENIOR THESIS SEM IN ANTHROPOL. 4.00 points.
Enrollment limited to 15. Open to CC and GS majors in Anthropology only.

Prerequisites: The instructor’s permission. Students must have declared
a major in Anthropology prior to registration. Students must have a
3.6 GPA in the major and a preliminary project concept in order to be
considered. Interested students must communicate/meet with thesis
instructor in the previous spring about the possibility of taking the course
during the upcoming academic year. Additionally, expect to discuss
with the instructor at the end of the fall term whether your project has
progressed far enough to be completed in the spring term. If it has not,
you will exit the seminar after one semester, with a grade based on the
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project has progressed far enough to be completed in the spring term.
If it has not, you will exit the seminar after one semester, with a grade
based on the work completed during the fall term. This two-term
course is a combination of a seminar and a workshop that will help
you conduct research, write, and present an original senior thesis in
anthropology. Students who write theses are eligible to be considered
for departmental honors. The first term of this course introduces a variety
of approaches used to produce anthropological knowledge and writing;
encourages students to think critically about the approaches they take
to researching and writing by studying model texts with an eye to the
ethics, constraints, and potentials of anthropological research and writing;
and gives students practice in the seminar and workshop formats
that are key to collegial exchange and refinement of ideas. During the first
term, students complete a few short exercises that will culminate in a
substantial draft of one discrete section of their senior project (18-20
pages) plus a detailed outline of the expected work that remains to be
done (5 pages). The spring sequence of the anthropology thesis seminar
is a writing intensive continuation of the fall semester, in which students
will have designed the research questions, prepared a full thesis proposal
that will serve as a guide for the completion of the thesis and written a
draft of one chapter. Only those students who expect to have completed
the fall semester portion of the course are allowed to register for the
spring; final enrollment is contingent upon successful completion of
first semester requirements. In spring semester, weekly meetings will
be devoted to the collaborative refinement of drafts, as well as working
through issues of writing (evidence, voice, authority etc.). All enrolled
students are required to present their project at a symposium in the late
spring, and the final grade is based primarily on successful completion
of the thesis/ capstone project. Note: The senior thesis seminar is open
to CC and GS majors in Anthropology only. It requires the instructor’s
permission for registration. Students must have a 3.6 GPA in the major
and a preliminary project concept in order to be considered. Interested
students should communicate with the thesis instructor and the director
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ANHS GU4001 THE ANCIENT EMPIRES. 3.00 points.
CC/GS/SEAS: Partial Fulfillment of Global Core Requirement

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Fall 2024: ANHS GU4001
Course Number Title Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
ANHS 4001 001/10516 M W 11:40am - 12:55pm Room TBA Terence D'Altroy 3.00 0/120

ANTH GU4196 Mexico’s Disappeared Practicum. 4.00 points.

This practicum is an exercise in engaged pedagogy. The academic work we do will be conducted for the benefit of the cause of Mexico’s now over 110,000 disappeared persons. Students will be engaged in a sustained research effort to development a “context analysis” of disappearances in the state of Zacatecas (Mexico)—an exercise in social study that focuses on the economic, political, social, and criminological context in which disappearances occur. Research is done in coordination with Mexico’s National Commission for the Search of the Disappeared. Alongside the practical, real-world, objective, this Practicum is designed to perfect research skills in the social sciences PREREQUISITE: Spanish language comprehension is compulsory for 60% of those enrolled.

Fall 2024: ANTH GU4196
Course Number Title Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
ANTH 4196 001/10794 M 2:10pm - 4:00pm Room TBA Claudio Lomnitz 4.00 0/18

ANTH GU4282 ISLAMIC LAW. 3.00 points.

ANTH GU4653 Art beyond Aesthetics: Decolonizing approaches to representation. 4.00 points.

This course is a combination of lectures, seminar participation, and group practicums which probes the possibility of a decolonial art research practice. This course introduces students to western approaches to politics and art through a sustained engagement with critical Indigenous and anticolonial theories of human relations to the more-than-human world. It is a mixture of lectures, class discussion, and individual practicums which lead to final projects that combine image and text.

Fall 2024: ANTH GU4653
Course Number Title Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
ANTH 4653 001/10397 T Th 11:40am - 12:55pm Room TBA Brian Boyd 3.00 0/35

Archaeology

ANTH UN1007 THE ORIGINS OF HUMAN SOCIETY. 3.00 points.

An archaeological perspective on the evolution of human social life from the first bipedal step of our ape ancestors to the establishment of large sedentary villages. While traversing six million years and six continents, our explorations will lead us to consider such major issues as the development of human sexuality, the origin of language, the birth of “art” and religion, the domestication of plants and animals, and the foundations of social inequality. Designed for anyone who happens to be human.

Fall 2024: ANTH UN1007
Course Number Title Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
ANTH 1007 001/00005 T Th 11:40am - 12:55pm Camilla Sturm 3.00 0/100

ANTH UN2031 Corpse Life: Anthropological Histories of the Dead [Previously Archaeologies of Death and . 4 points.

CC/GS/SEAS: Partial Fulfillment of Global Core Requirement

The awareness of mortality seems to be a peculiarly human affliction, and its study has been a key theme of 20th century philosophy. This class will address the question of human finitude from outside of the western philosophical tradition. Anthropologists have shown that humans deal with the challenge of death in diverse ways, which nevertheless share some common themes. During the semester we’ll look at case studies from across the world and over time and also explore the ethics and politics of disturbing the dead. The evidence of past human mortuary assemblages will provide some of our key primary texts. We’ll analyze famous burials such as those of Tutankhamun, the Lord of Sipan, and Emperor Qin’s mausoleum, containing the celebrated terracotta warriors, but we’ll also consider less well-known mortuary contexts. We will also critically examine the dead body as a privileged site for anthropological research, situating its study within the broader purview of anthropological theories of the body’s production and constitution.

ANTH UN3007 ARCHAEO BEFORE THE BIBLE. 3.00 points.

Please note that this is not a class on “biblical archaeology”. It is a course about the politics of archaeology in the context of Israel/Palestine, and the wider southwest Asia region. This course provides a critical overview of prehistoric archaeology in southwest Asia (or the Levant - the geographical area from Lebanon in the north to the Sinai in the south, and from the middle Euphrates in Syria to southern Jordan). It has been designed to appeal to anthropologists, historians, and students interested in the Ancient Mediterranean and Middle Eastern Studies. The course is divided into two parts. First, a social and political history of archaeology, emphasizing how the nature of current theoretical and practical knowledge has been shaped and defined by previous research traditions and, second, how the current political situation in the region impinges upon archaeological practice. Themes include: the dominance of “biblical archaeology” and the implications for Palestinian archaeology, Islamic archaeology, the impact of European contact from the Crusades onwards, and the development of prehistory.

Fall 2024: ANTH UN3007
Course Number Title Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
ANTH 3007 001/10397 T Th 11:40am - 12:55pm Brian Boyd 3.00 0/35
ANTH UN3151 Living with Animals: Anthropological Perspective. 4 points.
This course examines how humans and animals shape each other’s lives. We’ll explore the astounding diversity of human-animal relationships in time and space, tracing the ways animals have made their impact on human societies (and vice-versa). Using contemporary ethnographic, historical, and archaeological examples from a variety of geographical regions and chronological periods, this class will consider how humans and animals live and make things, and the ways in which humans have found animals “good to think with”. In this course, we will also discuss how knowledge about human-animal relationships in the past might change contemporary and future approaches to living with animals.

ANTH BC3234 Indigenous Place-Thought. 4.00 points.
This seminar considers what it means to be of a place and to think with and be committed to that place—environmentally, politically, and spiritually. After locating ourselves in our own particular places and place-based commitments, our attention turns to the Indigenous traditions of North America, to accounts of tribal emergence and pre-colonial being, to colonial histories of land dispossession, to ongoing struggles to protect ecological health and land-based sovereignty, to the epistemological and moral systems that have developed over the course of many millennia of living with and for the land, and to the contributions such systems might make to our collective future. The seminar’s title is borrowed from an essay on “Indigenous place-thought” by Mohawk/Anishinaabe scholar Vanessa Watts

ANTH UN3663 The Ancient Table: Archaeology of Cooking and Cuisine. 4.00 points.
Prerequisites: None
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ANTH UN3823 ARCH ENGAGE: PAST IN PUB EYE. 4.00 points.
Enrollment limited to 15. Enrollment Priorities: Seniors and Juniors in ARCH or ANTH
This course provides a panoramic, but intensive, inquiry into the ways that archaeology and its methods for understanding the world have been marshaled for debate in issues of public interest. It is designed to examine claims to knowledge of the past through the lenses of alternative epistemologies and a series of case-based problems that range from the academic to the political, legal, cultural, romantic, and fraudulent.

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ANTH GU4175 WRITING ARCHAEOLOGY. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: the instructor’s permission.
Like fiction archaeology allows us to visit other worlds and to come back home again. In this class we’ll explore different genres of archaeological texts. How do writers contribute to the development of narratives about the past, what are the narrative tricks used by archaeologists, novelists and poets to evoke other worlds and to draw in the reader? What is lost in the translation from the earth to text, and what is gained? There is an intimacy to archaeological excavation, an intimacy that is rarely captured in archaeological narratives. What enlivening techniques might we learn from fictional accounts, and where might we find narrative space to include emotion and affect, as well as the texture and grain of encounters with the traces of the past? How does archaeological evidence evoke a particular response, and how do novels and poems work to do the same thing? What is the role of the reader in bringing a text to life? Enrollment limit is 15. Priority: Anthropology graduate students, archaeology senior thesis students.
ANTH GU4345 NEANDERTHAL ALTERITIES. 3.00 points.
Enrollment priorities: Graduate students, and 3rd & 4th year undergraduates only

Using The Neanderthals partly as a metaphorical device, this course considers the anthropological, philosophical and ethical implications of sharing the world with another human species. Beginning from a solid grounding in the archaeological, biological and genetic evidence, we will reflect critically on why Neanderthals are rarely afforded the same reflexive capacities, qualities and attributes - agency-as anatomically modern humans, and why they are often regarded as lesser or nonhuman animals despite clear evidence for both sophisticated material and social engagement with the world and its resources. Readings/materials are drawn from anthropology, philosophy, ethics, gender studies, race and genetics studies, literature and film

Physical Anthropology
Spring 2024

Sociocultural Anthropology

ANTH UN1002 THE INTERPRETATION OF CULTURE. 3.00 points.
The anthropological approach to the study of culture and human society. Case studies from ethnography are used in exploring the universality of cultural categories (social organization, economy, law, belief system, art, etc.) and the range of variation among human societies

ANTH UN1008 THE RISE OF CIVILIZATION. 3.00 points.
CC/GS/SEAS: Partial Fulfillment of Global Core Requirement Mandatory recitation sections will be announced first week of classes. $25.00 laboratory fee.

Corequisites: ANTH V1008
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ANTH UN2005 THE ETHNOGRAPHIC IMAGINATION. 3.00 points.
Introduction to the theory and practice of "ethnography"—the intensive study of peoples’ lives as shaped by social relations, cultural images, and historical forces. Considers through critical reading of various kinds of texts (classic ethnographies, histories, journalism, novels, films) the ways in which understanding, interpreting, and representing the lived words of people—at home or abroad, in one place or transnationally, in the past or the present—can be accomplished. Discussion section required

ANTH UN2028 THINK LIKE AN ARCHAEOLOGIST. 4.00 points.
$25 mandatory lab fee.

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to methods and theory in archaeology – by exploring how archaeologists work to create narratives about the past (and the present) on the basis on the material remains of the past. The course begins with a consideration of how archaeologists deal with the remains of the past in the present: What are archaeological sites and how do we ‘discover’ them? How do archaeologists ‘read’ or analyze sites and artifacts? From there, we will turn to the question of how archaeologists interpret these materials traces, in order to create narratives about life in the past. After a review of the historical development of theoretical approaches in archaeological interpretation, the course will consider contemporary approaches to interpreting the past

ANTH BC3223 Gender Archaeology. 4.00 points.
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Practices like veiling, gendered forms of segregation, and the honor code that are central to Western images of Muslim women are also contested issues throughout the Muslim world. This course examines debates about gender, sexuality, and morality and explores the interplay of political, social, and economic factors in shaping the lives of men and women across the Muslim world, from the Middle East to Europe. The perspective will be primarily anthropological, although special attention will be paid to historical processes associated with colonialism and nation-building that are crucial to understanding present gender politics. We will focus on the sexual politics of everyday life in specific locales and explore the extent to which these are shaped by these histories and the power of representations mobilized in a global world in the present and international political interventions. In addition to reading ethnographic works about particular communities, we read memoirs and critical analyses of the local and transnational activist movements that have emerged to address various aspects of gender politics and rights.
This is an undergraduate seminar that takes up primary and secondary sources and reflections to: a) provide students with an historical overview of Native American issues and representational practices, b) provide students with an understanding of the ways in which land expropriation and concomitant military and legal struggle have formed the core of Native-State relations and are themselves central to American and Native American history and culture, and c) provide students with an understanding of Native representational practices, political subjectivity, and aspiration.

Prerequisites: Open to undergrad majors; others with the instructor’s permission.

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This course investigates the social history of nuclear arms in the context of World War II and the Cold War, exploring their ramifications for subjects and societies. We consider historical, ethnographic, medical and psychiatric accounts of the bomb’s invention and fallout, including the unknowable bodily injuries caused by radiation and the ecological contamination inflicted on indigenous communities where atomic weapons were tested. Throughout the course, we investigate government propaganda designed to produce political subjects who both endorse and fear nuclear imperatives; who support expanding militarization and funding for weapons development; and who abide escalating political rhetorics of nuclear aggression

As the site of the 7th century revelation of the Quran and the present day location of the sacred precincts of Islam, Arabia is the direction of prayer for Muslims worldwide and the main destination for pilgrimage. Arabia also provides a frame for diverse modes of thought and practice and for cultural expression ranging from the venerable literature of the 1001 Nights to the academic disciplines of Islam and contemporary social media, such as Twitter. We thus will approach Arabia as a global phenomenon, as a matter of both geographic relations and the imagination. While offering an introduction to contemporary anthropological research, the course will engage in a critical review of related western conceptions, starting with an opening discussion of racism and Islamophobia. In the format of a Global Core course, the weekly assignments are organized around English translations of Arabic texts, read in conjunction with recent studies by anthropologists.
ANTH 3935 ARABIA IMAGINED-DISC. 0.00 points.

ANTH 3939 ANIME EFFECT: JAPANESE MEDIA. 4.00 points.
Culture, technology, and media in contemporary Japan. Theoretical and ethnographic engagements with forms of mass mediation, including anime, manga, video, and cell-phone novels. Considers larger global economic and political contexts, including post-Fukushima transformations. Prerequisites: the instructor's permission

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ANTH 3947 TEXT, MAGIC, PERFORMANCE. 4.00 points.
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ANTH 3998 SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH. 2.00-6.00 points.
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ANTH 3999 Senior Thesis Seminar in Anthropology. 4.00 points.
Enrollment limited to 15. Open to CC and GS majors in Anthropology only.

Prerequisites: The instructor's permission. Students must have declared a major in Anthropology prior to registration. Students must have a 3.6 GPA in the major and a preliminary project concept in order to be considered. Interested students must communicate/meet with thesis instructor in the previous spring about the possibility of taking the course during the upcoming academic year. Additionally, expect to discuss with the instructor at the end of the fall term whether your project has progressed far enough to be completed in the spring term. If it has not, you will exit the seminar after one semester, with a grade based on the work completed during the fall term.

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ANTH GU4108 Film at Low Temperatures: Cinemas of the Arctic. 4.00 points.
This seminar explores the screen cultures of the Indigenous peoples of the Polar and Circumpolar regions of Canada, The United States, Russia, Scandinavia, and Greenland as they exist at the unstable boundary between cinematic object and creative subject. View work by Indigenous filmmakers, we will draw on from Indigenous Studies, Cultural Anthropology, and Film Studies to examine the complicated role of film in the Arctic

ANTH GU4116 Sympathy, Librilm, # Conduct of Care. 3.00 points.
. This seminar examines the distribution and obligations of care under late liberalism. We work from classical approaches to human sentiment (e.g. Hume, Adam Smith) to explore the relationship of forms of care (management, empathy) to different modes of statecraft. In particular we examine links between imperial colonialism and liberal democracy in terms of different techniques of administering social difference (e.g. race, multiculturalism, class, population, ...). We critically investigate the role of the discipline of anthropology within this rubric and read several ethnographies that dwell on the interrelation of care and vulnerability. Across the course, we scrutinize what types of subjects care, for whom, and to what effect

ANTH GU4123 Historical Anthropology. 4.00 points.
This is an introduction to the interdisciplinary approaches of historical anthropology, in sources, methods and conceptualizations. Taking studies of differing Muslim societies by leading anthropologists as examples, we will examine the possibilities of this mode of inquiry. Students will give seminar presentations on the readings and complete a semester paper
ANTH GU4221 Community-Based Archaeology, Heritage, and Public Engagement. 4.00 points.
What is community-based archaeology? What constitutes a community, and what are the stakes of making claims to community? How does a community come into being around archaeological sites or contested heritage? In what ways does community archaeology align with or differ from public archaeology? How has public engagement been imagined in relation to descendant communities? Can collaborative research designs, foundational to community-based research, be developed in public archaeology? This seminar will explore the methodological boundaries of public and community-based archaeology and heritage. Using case studies from New York City and elsewhere, we will consider the ways in which concepts such as dialogue, process, flexibility, collaboration, activism, and sustainability are essential to an engaged and community responsive archaeology. We will also examine a diversity of methodological approaches that facilitate the integration of these ideas in on-the-ground practice.

Spring 2024: ANTH GU4221
Course Number Section/Call Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
ANTH 4221 001/14750 F 10:10am - 12:05pm 963 Ext Schermerhorn Hall Jessica MacLean 4.00 14/20

Archaeology
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Spring 2024: ANTH UN1008
Course Number Section/Call Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
ANTH 1008 001/14757 M W 11:40am - 12:55pm 614 Schermerhorn Hall Terence O’Altroy 3.00 96/120

ANTH BC2012 LAB METHODS ARCHAEOLOGY. 4.00 points.
Only the most recent chapters of the past are able to be studied using traditional historiographical methods focused on archives of textual documents. How, then, are we to analyze the deep history of human experiences prior to the written word? And even when textual archives do survive from a given historical period, these archives are typically biased toward the perspectives of those in power. How, then, are we to undertake analyses of the past that take into account the lives and experiences of all of society’s members, including the poor, the working class, the colonized, and others whose voices appear far less frequently in historical documents? From its disciplinary origins in nineteenth century antiquarianism, archaeology has grown to become a rigorous science of the past, dedicated to the exploration of long-term and inclusive social histories. “Laboratory Methods in Archaeology” is an intensive introduction to the analysis of archaeological artifacts and samples in which we explore how the organic and inorganic remains from archaeological sites can be used to build rigorous claims about the human past. The 2022 iteration of the course centers on assemblages from two sites, both excavated by Barnard’s archaeological field program in the Taos region of northern New Mexico: (1) the Spanish colonial site of San Antonio del Embudo founded in 1725 and (2) the hippie commune known as New Buffalo, founded in 1967. Participants in ANTH BC2012 will be introduced to the history, geology, and ecology of the Taos region, as well as to the excavation histories of the two sites. Specialized laboratory modules focus on the analysis of chipped stone artifacts ceramics, animal bone, glass, and industrial artifacts. The course only demands participation in the seminars and laboratory modules and successful completion of the written assignments, but all students are encouraged to develop specialized research projects to be subsequently expanded into either (1) a senior thesis project or (2) a conference presentation at the Society for American Archaeology, Society for Historical Archaeology, or Theoretical Archaeology Group meeting ANTH UN2028 THINK LIKE AN ARCHAEOLOGIST. 4.00 points.
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ANTH 2028 001/10856 M W 10:10am - 11:25am 310 Fayerweather Hannah Chazin 4.00 77/90

Fall 2024: ANTH UN2028
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ANTH 2028 001/10347 M W 10:10am - 11:25am Room TBA Hannah Chazin 4.00 0/60
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ANTH 3223  001/00131  W 12:10pm - 2:00pm  L018 Milstein Center  Camilla Sturm  4.00  13/12

ANTH GU4346 LAB TECHNIQUES IN ARCHAEOLOGY. 3.00 points.
“Laboratory Methods in Archaeology” is an intensive introduction to the analysis of archaeological artifacts and samples in which we explore how the organic and inorganic remains from archaeological sites can be used to build rigorous claims about the human past. In 2023, this course will focus on pre-contact and post-contact assemblages from the New York-metro area, including materials from the legacy collections of Ralph Solecki. Participants will be introduced to the history, geology, and ecology of the New York area and specialized laboratory modules focus on the analysis of chipped stone artifacts, ceramics, animal bone, glass, and a range of post-contact artifacts. The course only demands participation in the seminars and laboratory modules and successful completion of the written assignments, but all students are encouraged to develop specialized research projects to be subsequently expanded into either (1) a thesis project or (2) a conference presentation at the Society for American Archaeology, Society for Historical Archaeology, or Theoretical Archaeology Group meeting.

Physical Anthropology
ANTH GU4148 HUMAN SKELETAL BIOLOGY II. 3.00 points.
Enrollment limit is 12 and Instructor’s permission required.
Recommended for archaeology and physical anthropology students, pre-meds, and biology majors interested in the human skeletal system. Intensive study of human skeletal materials using anatomical and anthropological landmarks to assess sex, age, and ethnicity of bones. Other primate skeletal materials and fossil casts used for comparative study.

Of Related Interest
Anthropology (Barnard)
ANTH BC3868 ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELD RESEARCH IN NYC

Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race
CSER UN3904 Rumor and Racial Conflict
CSER UN3924 Latin American and Latina/o Social Movements
CSER UN3990 SENIOR PROJECT SEMINAR

Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology
EEEB GU4700 RACE: TANGLED HIST-BIOL CONCEPT

Women’s and Gender Studies
WMST UN1001 INTRO-WOMEN # GENDER STUDIES