

Life in the Ancient Southwest

ANTH 3318

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SCOPE OF COURSE

This course is an introduction to some of the major research questions and topics in the archaeology of the American Southwest. A basic knowledge of anthropological archaeology is very helpful, but not a requisite, for the course. Though the major objective of the course is to cover the primary prehistoric culture areas of the Southwest, emphasis will be placed on research into the ancestral Pueblo peoples in the northern Southwest. Our understanding of the prehistoric context of southwestern culture change is driven by questions such as:

- What have been the major cultural changes over the past 15,000 years in the societies occupying the American Southwest?
- How sophisticated have our attempts been in relating the prehistoric record to the contemporary Native American societies of the Southwest? How have these comparisons of prehistoric and present-day societies colored our vision of the pre-Columbian SW?
- How valid have the attempts been to trace the major changes in the social organization of prehistoric Southwestern societies through the use of archaeological remains?
- To what extent might complex sociopolitical systems have developed in the American Southwest?

CLASS PREPARATION

A few selected readings besides the required textbook (C & M and McBrinn) will be on reserve in the SMU in Taos Library. Class discussion and participation are important to the success of the course. You are responsible for having completed the readings listed for each lecture period BEFORE coming to class.

GRADING

Your final grade will be based upon your level of excellence on the Midterm Exam (35% of grade) and Final Exam (35% of grade), and on the required term paper (20% of grade) of 8-10 pages due on the departure day. The paper must address a research problem in SW archaeology, introduce various points of view, and draw conclusions based upon the relevant materials. Attendance and participation in class discussions and exercises accounts for the final 10% of your final grade

READINGS

In addition to the required text (C & M and McBrinn) there are selected articles and chapters from other books. All of the boldface readings are required to be completed before class. Most should be available in electronic format on the Canvas course website. Copies of the readings can also be checked out on short-term reserve (3 hrs) from SMU in Taos Library. In addition there are a number of recommended readings listed that elaborate on the topic listed. These are not required but will add to your understanding of the topics.

Required Text:

Cordell, Linda and Maxine McBrinn. **Archaeology of the Southwest**, 3rd Edition. Left Coast Press, 2012.

**OUTLINES OF TOPICS BY CLASS PERIOD
READINGS IN BOLDFACE ARE REQUIRED
OTHER READINGS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

JANUARY

7	Mon	<p><u>Introduction to course topics and requirements</u></p> <p><u>Defining the SW: Physical Landscape and Climate</u> C & M (Cordell and McBrinn) 41-60; Dean, et al. 1985:537-554</p> <p><u>Defining the SW: Modern Cultural Landscape.</u> C & M 17- 40</p> <p><u>Chronological Tools for Understanding later SW Prehistory</u> C & M 61-73</p> <p><u>History of SW Archaeological and Anthropological Research</u> C & M 73-95</p> <p><u>History of SW Research: Pecos Conference and Classification of SW Cultures</u> Kidder 1962 (originally 1924): 323-351</p>
8	Tu	<p><u>Culture History in the Southwest: the 3 Archaeological Culture Areas</u></p> <p><u>What's in a Name? Critiques of Archaeological Culture Areas in the Southwest</u> Speth 1988</p> <p><u>Paleoindians and the Entrance of Humans into North America</u> C & M 97-122</p> <p><u>The Archaic Cultures in the Southwest</u> C & M 97-122</p> <p><u>The Adoption of Agriculture in the SW</u> C & M 129-154; Wills 1988</p>
9	Wed	<p><u>Pottery in the Southwest: What Mean These Sherds?</u> C & M 156-158; In Class Laboratory Exercise in pottery analysis</p> <p><u>Basketmaker Peoples of the Northern SW - Anasazi</u> C & M 170-175</p> <p><u>Pueblo I: Experiments in Village Life</u> C & M 175-184</p> <p><u>Ritual and Integration in the Early Villages</u> Adler and Wilshusen 1990; Adler 1993</p>
10	Thurs	Midterm Exam in Class exam, 8:30-10:00 am

The Pueblo Pioneers: The Unit Pueblo and Pueblo Expansion

Pioneering Agriculturalists Elsewhere: Mimbres and Hohokam
C & M 177-182, 202-208

Field Trip to Taos Pueblo Thursday 2-5 pm

11 F From Pioneer to Power System: Chaco Canyon and its beginnings
C & M 185-196

Chaco Canyon, the Chaco Phenomenon and Chacoan Outliers
C & M 197-202

Chaco Canyon: the Fall of the Empire

From Village to Town: Population Aggregation in the Southwest
C & M 208-219; Adler, Van Pool, and Leonard 1996

The Great Diaspora: Population Migration in the Southwest
C & M 223 - 245

The Other Side of Migration: Understanding Settlement Abandonment in the Southwest
Cameron 1993

14 M Towns of the Rio Grande: Pot Creek Pueblo as Case Study
Adler TBD

Towns of the South: Classic Hohokam and Mogollon
C & M 247-251; Gumerman and Haury 1979: 75-90.

Towns and Trade: The Question of Mesoamerican Influence
Plog 87-92; 173-176; C & M 273-278

Trouble Comes to Town: Conflict, Warfare and Cannibalism in the Southwest
Wilcox and Haas 1994; LeBlanc 1999 Chapter 1

15 Tu Ancestral Pueblos
Adler 1996

Esteban's Folly and Coronado's Helmet: History Meets the Southwest
C & M **279-302**

Pueblos Rule: The Pueblo Revolt of 1680
Sando 1979: 194-8

Back to the Future: Directions in SW Archaeology
C & M 303-308

16 Wed FINAL EXAM Noon – 3 pm

Required and Supplemental Readings

Adams, E. Charles

1991 **The Origins and Development of the Katsina Cult**. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.

Adler, Michael

1993 Why is a Kiva? New Interpretations of Prehistoric Social Integrative Architecture in the Northern Rio Grande Region of New Mexico. **Journal of Anthropological Research**, 49:319-46.

1996 'The Great Period:' The Pueblo world during the Pueblo III period, A.D. 1150 to 1350, in Adler, M. (ed.), **The Prehistoric Pueblo World, A.D. 1150-1350**, University of Arizona Press, Tucson, pp. 1-10.

Adler, M., T. Van Pool, and R. Leonard

1996 Ancestral Pueblo Population Aggregation and Abandonment in the North American Southwest. **Journal of World Prehistory** 10(3):375-438.

Adler, Michael, and Richard Wilshusen

1990 Large-Scale Integrative Facilities in Tribal Societies: Cross-Cultural and Southwestern US Examples. **World Archaeology** 22(2):133-146.

Basso, Keith

1979 History of Ethnological Research. In **Handbook of North American Indians**, Vol. 9: Southwest, edited by A. Ortiz. Smithsonian Inst., Washington D.C., pp. 14-21.

Cameron, Catherine

1993 Abandonment and archaeological interpretation. In Cameron, C., and Tomka, S. (eds.), **Abandonment of Settlements and Regions: Ethnoarchaeological and Archaeological Approaches**, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, pp. 3-10.

Dean, Jeffrey S.

1970 Aspects of Tsegi Phase Social Organization. In **Reconstructing Prehistoric Pueblo Societies**, edited by William Longacre. Univ. of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, pp. 140-174.

1978 Tree-Ring Dating in Archaeology. **Univ. of Utah Anthropological Papers** 24 99:129-163.

1992 Environmental Factors in the Evolution of the Chacoan Sociopolitical System. In **Anasazi Regional Organization and the Chaco System**, edited by David E. Doyel, pp. 35-43. Maxwell Museum of Anthropology Anthropological Papers no. 5. Albuquerque.

Dean, Jeffrey S., R.C. Euler, G.J. Gumerman, et al.

1985 Human Behavior, Demography, and the Paleoenvironment of the Colorado Plateaus. **American Antiquity** 50: 5367-554.

Eggan, Fred

1979 Pueblos: Introduction. In **Handbook of North American Indians**, Vol. 9: Southwest, edited by A. Ortiz. Smithsonian Inst., Washington D.C., 224-235.

1983 Comparative Social Organization. In **Handbook of North American Indians**, Vol. 10: Southwest, edited by A. Ortiz. Smithsonian Inst., Washington D.C. pp. 723-42.

Ferguson, William M. and Arthur Rohn

1987 **Anasazi Ruins of the Southwest in Color**. Univ. of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque.

Frazier, Kendrick

1986 **People of Chaco: a Canyon and its Culture**. W.W. Norton, New York.

Gumerman, George and Emil Haury

1979 Prehistory: Hohokam. In **Handbook of North American Indians**, Vol. 9: Southwest, edited by A. Ortiz. Smithsonian Inst. Press, Wash D.C., pp. 75-90.

Haury, Emil W.

1962 HH-39: Recollections of a Dramatic Moment in Southwestern Archaeology. **Tree-Ring Bulletin** 24(3-4):11-14 (reprinted in Haury's **Prehistory of the American SW**)

Irwin-Williams, Cynthia

1979 Post-Pleistocene Archaeology. In **Handbook of North American Indians**, Vol. 9: Southwest, edited by A. Ortiz. Smithsonian Inst. Press, Wash D.C, pp.31-42.

Kidder, Alfred Vincent

1962 **An Introduction to the Study of Southwestern Archaeology**, with an introduction by Irving Rouse. (Originally published 1924 without introduction). Yale University Press, New Haven.

- LeBlanc, Steven
 1999 Prehistoric Warfare in the American Southwest. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City.
- Meltzer, David J.
 1989 Why Don't We Know When the First People Came to North America? **American Antiquity** 54:471-490.
- Ortiz, Alfonso, editor
 1979 **Handbook of North American Indians**, Vol. 9: Southwest. Smithsonian Inst., Washington D.C.
 1983 **Handbook of North American Indians**, Vol. 10: Southwest. Smithsonian Inst. Press, Washington, D.C.
- Sando, Joe
 1979 The Pueblo Revolt, In **The Handbook on North American Indians**, Vol. 9, edited by A. Ortiz, pp. 194-8. Smithsonian Press, Washington.
- Schroeder, Albert
 1979 History of Anthropological Research. In **Handbook of North American Indians**, Vol. 9: Southwest, edited by A. Ortiz. Smithsonian Inst. Press, Wash D.C, pp. 5-13.
- Speth, John D.
 1988 Do we need concepts like "Mogollon", "Anasazi", and "Hohokam" today? a cultural anthropological perspective. **Kiva Vol**
- Steward, Julian H.
 1955 Lineage to Clan: Ecological Aspects of Southwestern Society. In **Theory of Culture Change**, edited by Julian Steward, pp. 151-172. Univ. of IL Press, Urbana.
- Wilcox, D. R., and Haas, J.
 1994 The scream of the butterfly: Competition and conflict in the prehistoric Southwest. In Gumerman, G. (ed.), **Themes in Southwest Prehistory**, School of American Research Press, Santa Fe, pp. 211-238.
- Wills, W.H.
 1988 Early Agriculture and Sedentism in the American Southwest: Evidence and Interpretations. **Journal of World Archaeology** 2:445-488.
- Wills, W.H. and Thomas C. Windes
 1989 Evidence for Population Aggregation and Dispersal During the Basketmaker III Period in Chaco Canyon, New Mexico. **American Antiquity** 54:347-369.
- Woodbury, Richard B.
 1979 Prehistory: Introduction. In **Handbook of North American Indians**, Vol. 9: Southwest, edited by A. Ortiz. Smithsonian Inst., Washington D.C., pp. 22-30.