**Anth 1450**
Spring Semester, 2009

**World Archaeology**
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 1:10 PM - 2:00 PM
Classroom Building, Room 214

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**Subject Matter**
Anatomically modern humans, people who look like you and I, have existed for at least 200,000 years, but more than 95% of our time in existence as a species was not, until very recently, documented in written form. Written history, therefore, only tells us of the last few moments of the human experience. The only direct source of information concerning our deep history is found in the archaeological record, artifactual clues scattered in geologic contexts across the globe. Without archaeological evidence of human prehistory, we would know nothing of our origins as a species and very little about the path we have taken to arrive at our current state. In this course, we examine the human journey, the spatio-temporal journey from tropical ape to a globally distributed highly cultural species.

**USP Fulfillment**
This course fulfills the CS and G University Studies Program requirements. CS courses are “Cultural Context” classes with a social science component, and G courses fulfill the “Global Awareness” requirement.

**Course Structure:**
The class is scheduled to meet three times per week. This course is a general survey of global prehistory from early hominids to the rise of states. The course is divided into three sections: 1) Human evolution and global colonization; 2) Intensification and the origins and spread of food production; 3) The rise of complex societies. PDFs of instructor PowerPoints will be made available on the course website on WyoWeb.

**Readings:**
All readings for the course are mandatory. The main text for the course is *The Human Past*, edited by Chris Scarre (2005, Thames and Hudson). PDFs of instructor PowerPoints will be made available on the course website on WyoWeb. To access the site, open WyoWeb, and go to your “Student” tab. On the upper left, there should be a frame labeled “My Courses”. In that frame, click on “Course Sites”. Open the site for World Archaeology, and select the “Files” Link on the left side.
Grading:
Undergraduates will have three in-class midterm exams and one final exam. All exams will contribute equally to your grade:

- Midterm Exam 1: 25%
- Midterm Exam 2: 25%
- Midterm Exam 3: 25%
- Final Exam: 25%

The Final exam is cumulative and will be held Wednesday, May 6, from 1:15 to 3:15.

Policy on Make-Up Exams
Under most circumstances, no make-up exams will be administered. If you know you will not be able to attend class on the day of an examination, you should take the exam prior to the rest of class.

Disabled Students
If you have a physical, learning, or psychological disability and require accommodations, please let me know as soon as possible. You will need to register with and provide documentation of your disability to University Disability Support Services (UDSS) in Room 330 of Knight Hall.

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### Schedule of Topics, Readings, and Important Dates

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Week 3  The First "Humans"  Text Chap. 3
Jan 26, 28, & 30  *Homo erectus* and Neandetals

Week 4  Modern Humans and the Text Chap. 4
Feb 2, 4, & 6  Upper Paleolithic

Week 5  The colonization of Australia and the Americas Text Chap. 4 (154-156, 166-171)
Feb 9, 11, & 13  2/13 1st midterm exam

Week 6  Domestication and the First Farmers Text Chap. 5 & 6
Feb 16, 18, & 20  in Southwest Asia

Week 7  The rise of agriculture in East Asia Text Chap. 7 & 9
Feb 23, 25, & 27  and the Americas

Week 8  The early farmers of Europe & Text Chap. 8, 11
Mar 2, 4, & 6  The archaeology of the Pacific

Week 9  The rise of states: Mesopotamia Text Chap 12
Mar 9, 11, & 13  3/13  2nd midterm exam

March 16-20  Spring Break- No Class

Week 10  African States: Text Ch. 10
Mar 23, 25, & 27  Nubia, Egypt, and Sub-Saharan Africa

Week 11  Early Asian States Text Ch. 14 & 15
Mar 30, Apr 1 & 3  Harappa, Shang, and Angkor

Week 12  Mediterranean States Text Ch. 13
Apr 6, 8, & 10  Greece and Rome

Week 13  Mesoamerican States: Text Ch. 16
Apr 13, 15, & 17  Olmec, Maya, and Aztec

Week 14  South American States: Inca and Moche Text Ch. 17
Apr 20, 22, & 24  4/24 3rd midterm exam

Week 15  Complex Societies of North America Text Ch. 18
Apr 27, 29, & May 1  Hopewell, Chaco, and Cahokia

May 6  Final Exam May 6, 1:15- 3:15, Classroom Building Rm. 214