Nautical Archaeology of the Americas
Anthropology 318
Spring 2011

Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:10 to 5:25 p.m.
Room HECC 100

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Anthropology 318 Articles and Reviews. Course reading packet at Evans Library (Course Reserves: “Castro”).

Course Schedule

I. Introduction: Nautical Archaeology in the Western Hemisphere.
Reading: Bass, Introduction and Chapter 1.
ANTH318 Articles and Reviews, Part I.
   Class 1 – Introduction to the course.
   Class 2 – Overview: Introduction to Nautical Archaeology.
   Class 3 – Treasure Hunters and Archaeologists.
   Class 4 – Video: Nuestra Señora de Atocha, 1622.

II. Understanding the Ship: Construction, Rigging and Equipment.
Reading: ANTH318 Articles and Reviews, Part II.
   Class 5 – Understanding the Ship I.
   Class 6 – Understanding the Ship II.
III. European Discovery of the Western Hemisphere.
Reading: Bass, Chapters 2-4.
ANTH318 Articles and Reviews, Part III.
   Class 7 – The Earliest Watercraft.
   Class 8 – Columbus.
   Class 9 – Shipwrecks of the Explorers.
   Class 10 – Video: The Basque Whaler San Juan, 1565.

IV. The Spanish Maritime Empire in the New World.
Reading: Bass, Chapter 5.
ANTH318 Articles and Reviews, Part IV.
   Class 11 – The Spanish Empire.
   Class 12 – Spanish Shipwrecks.

Class 13 – Exam #1

V. New Empires: Northern European Exploration and Colonization of the Americas.
Reading: Bass, Chapter 6.
ANTH318 Articles and Reviews, Part V.
   Class 14 – The Northern Exploration.
   Class 16 – The Wicked City of Port Royal.

Reading: Bass, Chapter 7.
ANTH318 Articles and Reviews, Part VI.
   Class 17 – Anglo-French Wars I.
   Class 18 – Anglo-French Wars II.

VII. Shipwrecks of the Revolutionary War.
Reading: Bass, Chapter 8.
ANTH318 Articles and Reviews, Part VII.
   Class 19 – The Revolutionary War!
   Class 20 – Revolutionary War Ships and Shipwrecks.
VIII. Freshwater Navies: The Lake Warships 1812-1815.
Reading: Bass, Chapter 9.
ANTH318 Articles and Reviews, Part VIII.
   Class 21 – The War of 1812.
   Class 22 – Ships and Shipwrecks of the War of 1812.

Class 23 – Exam #2

IX. Transportation Revolution on Inland Waters: Canals, Steamers and Horse boats.
Reading: Bass, Chapter 10.
ANTH318 Articles and Reviews, Part IX.
   Class 24 – Transportation on inland waters: canalmania.
   Class 25 – Steam!

X. American Maritime Enterprise in the Nineteenth Century: Clippers and Whalers.
Reading: Bass, Chapter 12.
ANTH318 Articles and Reviews, Part X.
   Class 26 – The American Maritime Enterprise.

XI. The American Civil War and the Revolution in Naval Technology.
Reading: Bass, Chapter 11.
ANTH318 Articles and Reviews, Part XI.
   Class 27 – The Civil War.

XII. The Future of the Past: Nautical Archaeology in the Next Century.
Reading: Bass, Epilog.
   Class 28 – The Future of Nautical Archaeology.

Exam #3
**Exams and Assignments**

**Examination Schedule:** First Exam, Wednesday, Class of March 2.
Second Exam, Wednesday, Class of April 13.
Final Exam – according to the university schedule.

**Assignments:** Ship in Fragments, Monday, February 14.
First Map, Wednesday, February 16.
Second Map, Monday, March 21.

**Grade Determination**

Each student's grade will be based on three take-home assignments (4 + 3 + 3 = 10%), Two mid semester exams (30% each), and a final exam (30%). Exams will cover both lectures and readings.

**Helpful Hints for Anthropology 318**

My lectures often provide information not covered in the readings, and attendance of all classes and diligent keeping of class notes are both highly recommended. Do not expect to get a good grade if you frequently skip the lectures.

If you are forced to miss a class, copy the notes of a colleague who attended class (or better yet, copy the notes of several colleagues). If you have questions about the material after reviewing the notes, please make an appointment to see me. P.S.: My lecture notes are not available for copying, so please do not ask to borrow them.

If you are confused about material covered in lectures or in the reading, or are concerned about your grade, please make an appointment to see me. The earlier you do this, the more likely it is that we can fix the problem before the end of the semester.

Do not fail to show up for exams (I don't enjoy preparing make-up exams). If some cataclysmic event (asteroid strike, tidal wave, profound illness…) prevents you from getting to an exam, call me on the day of the exam.

**The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

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**Aggie Honor Code**

"An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal or tolerate those who do"

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"On my honor, as an Aggie, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this academic work."

**Webpage**

To follow up on changes and dates in the Syllabus, Questions for the first, second and third exams, Reading list, Class notes, Timeline, Course schedule, and Grades, see:

[http://anthropology.tamu.edu/shiplab/](http://anthropology.tamu.edu/shiplab/)

…and check the Blackboard @ Howdy!