ANTHRO. 100g  Principles of Human Organization  
University of Southern California  
Dr. G. Cooper  Fall Semester 2007  TTh 11:00-12:20  GFS 106

Syllabus:

Required Texts:  
Abraham Rosman/Paula Rubel, *The Tapestry of Culture*  
Eugene Cooper/Andrei Simic, *Readings in Anthropology*

Readings for the week of:

Aug 27  Overcoming Ethnocentrism  
Tapestry, Ch. 1, 2  
Readings (Barley; Lowy)

Sep 3  Language and Culture  
Sep 10  Tapestry, Ch. 3, 4  
Readings (Cooper-2; Simic-3)

Sep 17  Comparative Social Organization  
Sep 24  Tapestry, Ch. 6, 7  
Oct 1  Readings (Schneider and Gough; Simic-8; Grossmith)

October 4  MIDTERM EXAM
October 9 - Post Mortem - Return Exams and Review

Oct 15  Production and Exchange - the economic dimension  
Tapestry, Ch. 8  
Readings (Bohannan - 10; Bohannan -11; Rosman and Rubel; Piot)

Oct 22  Power and Prestige - the political dimension  
Nov 5  Tapestry, Ch. 9  
Readings (Sahlins; Kirchoff)

Nov 12  Race  
Tapestry, Ch. 15  
Readings (Marks)

November 15  WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT UPDATE - Review of method and theory

November 22  Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov 19  Mythology, Religion, Ideology  
Nov 26  Tapestry, Ch. 5, 10, 11, 12  
Dec 3  Readings (Aycock, Douglas, Levi-Strauss, Cooper-22, Rockoff)

December 4  WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS DUE
SECTIONS:
Sections will meet once a week for discussion of the assignments in Readings in Anthropology, review of the week's lecture material, screening of ethnographic films, questions, exam reviews, etc. Attendance is required.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT:
Read two of the books on the following list (ordered for your convenience at the bookstore), and prepare a report (10 - 15 pages, typed, double spaced) in which you:

1. Compare the societies described in the books, focusing on the habits, customs, beliefs and social institutions of the members of the two societies.

AND

2. Identify and compare the methods employed by each author to gather his/her data, and the theoretical orientations according to which that data is organized and presented, justifying your classifications with appropriate citations from the books.

You may use books which are not on the list (the library is filled with books, and nowadays you might even find some anthropological classics available online). But if you do use books not on this list, you should make certain you have cleared them with Prof. Cooper before you start reading them. Not just any book, anthropological or otherwise, is appropriate for this assignment.

Sharad Chari Fraternal Capital Stanford
Paul Trawick The Struggle for Water in Peru Stanford
John Borneman Syrian Episodes Princeton
Lynn Stephen Zapotec Women Duke
Ladislav Holy Strategies and Norms in a Changing Matrilineal Society Cambridge
Simon Harrison Stealing People’s Names Cambridge
David Anderson Identity and Ecology in Arctic Siberia Oxford
Tamara Hareven The Silk Weavers of Kyoto UC Press
Eugene Cooper The Artisans and Entrepreneurs of Dongyang County M.E. Sharpe

ASSIGNMENT DUE: December 4, 2007 - PENALTIES FOR LATENESS

You will not receive credit for this General Education course if you do not complete the written assignment.

ANYONE FOUND TO BE PRESENTING OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN WORK FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL BE AWARDED AN F FOR THE COURSE!!!