How can we adapt the lessons of past societies for a more sustainable future?

This class examines how the practices of past civilizations can inform modern strategies of sustainable urban agriculture and food security. We will discuss the innovations, technologies, and organization of ancient agricultural societies, paying special attention to societies that successfully mixed urban settlement with farms and gardens. At the same time, we will investigate modern urban agriculture and sustainability initiatives of the 21st century in a global context. This class will link modern sustainability initiatives to ancient precursors and think critically about the relevance of those ancient strategies to city-dwellers of today. Our principal objective will be to search out and develop intersections between urban sustainability and food security of the past and present.
The human skeleton records many aspects of our life, death, growth, and behavior. Evidence from skeletal remains can be used to understand and reconstruct the lives of the dead, such as health and illness, ancestry, diets, or activities. This course will explore the science behind such work and the tools used to interpret modern, ancient, and fossil remains. In addition to being a crash course in osteology, this class will discuss in-depth topics related to the use of skeletons in science and the ethics of human remains. Course material and skills acquired during lab will be fundamental to future work in such fields as medicine, forensics, dentistry, or anthropology. Students will be equipped with the knowledge to read and interpret evidence written on human bones to understand and appreciate the lives of past individuals.

Please email abstein@umich.edu about questions.
FORECLOSURE!

THE CULTURE OF FINANCIAL COLLAPSE

ANTHRCUL 298

An anthropological investigation of finance and financial collapse in the modern world.
Spring 2018, MW 10-1, Dept. of Anthropology
3 credits
Instructor: Andrew Haxby
Fulfills the Social Science Distribution Requirement
SOCIAL MEDIA WARS

LANGUAGE AND IDENTITY ONLINE

SPRING 2018 | ANTHRCUL 299.101 | TU/TH 10-1

INSTRUCTOR: GEORGIA ENNIS | GENNIS@UMICH.EDU

This course explores how diverse actors are using social media to construct new identities, virtual communities, and emergent forms of interaction. Students will learn to apply anthropological methods to social media research and make their own ethnographic media.

3 credits towards: Anthropology majors and minors; Linguistics majors (cognate); Social Science distribution for non-majors.
archaeology and race

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summer 2018

how can archaeology help us understand colonialism, race, and racism?

how have race and racism influenced the practice of archaeology?

discussion-based seminar
department of anthropology
travis williams, instructor
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THE GHOST IN YOUR GENES: EPIGENETICS

ANTHRBIO 297, SECTION 201 - SUMMER, 2018
MW 10-1

WHY DNA ISN'T YOUR DESTINY
THE NEW SCIENCE OF EPIGENETICS
REVEALS HOW THE ENVIRONMENT AROUND YOU AND THE CHOICES YOU MAKE CHANGE YOUR GENES

3 CREDITS
NATURAL SCIENCE FOR NON-MAJORS
ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR AND MINOR
MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR

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(UN)NATURAL DISASTERS
ANTHROPOLOGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

EXPLORE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HUMAN BEINGS AND THE EARTH'S CLIMATE IN THE PAST, PRESENT, AND THE IMAGINED FUTURE

SUMMER TERM 2018
ANTHRCUL 298 (201) / ENVIRON 242 (201)
M-W 1-4PM / 3 CREDITS
INSTRUCTOR: ALLISON CAINE

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FULFILLS THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DISTRIBUTION FOR NON-MAJORS CROSS-LISTED IN THE PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT (PITE)
Humor allows us to explore unseen, unheard assumptions in social life. What kinds of people we are, the values we share, and the ways we view others are revealed through the study of satire, stand-up, and everyday humor. Fulfills the social science distribution for non-majors.

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