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LANDSCAPE ARCHAEOLOGY

ANTHROPOLOGY 445/545 (CRN 15703/15712)

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Texts:

Packet: Landscape Archaeology, W. S. Ayres (syllabus, introduction).
Ashmore, Wendy, and E. Bernard Knapp, eds. 1999 *Archaeologies of Landscape*. Oxford/Malden: Blackwell. (text 1)
Tilley, Christopher, 1994 *A Phenomenology of Landscape*. Oxford: Berg. (text 2)

Suggested reading from:

Space, Time, and Archaeological Landscapes. J. Rossignol and L. Wandsnider, eds. New York: Plenum. 1992
Landscape: Politics and Perspectives. B. Bender, ed., Berg. 1995.
Materiality of Stone. C. Tilley Berg. 2004
The Interpretation of Archaeological Spatial Patterning. E. Kroll and T. Price, eds., Plenum. 1991

Content:

This class focuses on relationships between archaeology and landscape concepts represented in the past and the present. Archaeologists have long studied space and landscapes and, most characteristically, archaeological studies have addressed settlement patterns and other spatial aspects of archaeological data in terms of ecology and geoarchaeology. Landscape has become viewed as an entity that exists by virtue of its being perceived, experienced, and contextualized by people. These aspects of landscape archaeology and their relationships to ethnoarchaeology form the main content of the class. The following will be addressed: 1) examining theoretical frameworks that underlie spatial studies; 2) assessing different types of landscape research used for archaeological interpretation, e.g., for settlement pattern studies or for site formation processes; and 3) reviewing case studies of landscape research on particular topics, for example, hunter-gatherers, food producers, and multi-ethnic urban societies, in different geographical regions. The class will be conducted with both lectures and seminar style discussions.