

## CULTURE CONTACT & INTERACTION



This graduate seminar examines culture contact's role in human history, with an emphasis on how the combination of archaeological, historical, ethnohistorical and ethnographic data can yield insights into the dynamics of interactions between different groups at various times and places. Culture contact is often defined in terms of Europeans and Native Americans in the New World. In this course, contact, conquest, and resistance in the New World will form just one component in the wider mosaic of cross-cultural contacts stretching back to the dawn of civilization in the Old World. Discussions will address the interrelationship of colonialism, culture contact, power relations, gender, ethnicity and human agency.

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TIME & PLACE: WEDNESDAYS, 2:00-4:50, HSSB 2001A.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Class discussion, presentations and a short paper. Two participants will take the lead in class discussion each week, sending a list of questions ahead of each class meeting to everyone drawn from the week's readings. Presentations consist of a 15 minute conference style talk on a topic dealing with culture contact and interaction in archaeology. The research paper need only be a reprise of the presentation with citations (ie: conference length, about 7-10 pages double spaced).

### TEXTBOOKS:

+James G. Cusick, *Studies in Culture Contact: Interaction, Culture Change, and Archaeology*. CAI, Carbondale, 1998. Sadly out of print, but I have a copy.

Michael Dietler, *Archaeologies of Colonialism: Consumption, Entanglement, and Violence in Ancient Mediterranean France*. UC Press, Berkeley, 2010.

Matthew Liebmann & Melissa Murphy, *Enduring Conquests: Rethinking the Archaeology of Resistance to Spanish Colonialism in the Americas*. Santa Fe: SAR Press, 2010.

Claire Lyons and John Popadopoulos, *The Archaeology of Colonialism*. Getty Pubs., 2002

Gil Stein, *The Archaeology of Colonial Encounters*. Santa Fe: SAR Press, 2005.

# ANTH 276 COURSE SCHEDULE

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## Week 1 Introduction

- Gil Stein, *The Archaeology of Colonial Encounters*: Stein, Chapter 1.  
Claire Lyons and John Popadopoulos, *The Archaeology of Colonialism*, Chapter 1, "Archaeology and Colonialism."  
Liebmann and Murphy, *Enduring Conquests*, I. Introduction.

## Week 2 What is Culture Contact? Acculturation, Transculturation & Ethnogenesis.

- +James G. Cusick, *Studies in Culture Contact*: Introduction, Chapter 1; Deagan, Chapter 2; Rice, Chapter 3; Schortman & Urban, Chapter 6; Cusick, Chapter 7; Hill, Chapter 8.  
+Tamar Hodos, "Local and Global Perspectives in the Study of Social and Cultural Identities," in *Material Culture and Social Identities in the Ancient World*, edited by Shelley Hales and Tamar Hodos, pp. 3-31. Cambridge: CUP, 2010.  
+Fernando Ortiz, "The Social Phenomenon of "Transculturation" and Its Importance," in *Cuban Counterpoint: Tobacco and Sugar*, 97-102 (also Introduction by Bronislaw Malinowski, lvii-lxiv). Duke University Press, 1995 [1947].  
\*Stephen W. Silliman, "Culture Contact or Colonialism? Challenges in the Archaeology of Native North America," *American Antiquity*, Vol. 70, No. 1 (Jan., 2005), pp. 55-74.

## Week 3 Colonial Encounters

- Dietler, *Archaeologies of Colonialism* Chapters 1 and 2.  
Gil Stein, *The Archaeology of Colonial Encounters*: Gasco, van Dommeln, Spence, Lightfoot, Schreiber, D'Altroy, and Alcock.

## Week 4 Entanglement and the Political Economy of Interaction

- +James G. Cusick, *Studies in Culture Contact*: Stein, Chapter 11, Smith, Chapter 12, Wells, Chapter 14.  
Dietler, *Archaeologies of Colonialism* Chapters 3-5.  
Gil Stein, *The Archaeology of Colonial Encounters*: Stein, Chapter 5.  
\*Andre Gunter Frank, "Bronze Age World System Cycles," *Current Anthropology* 34 (1993):383-456.  
\*Laurie A. Wilkie and Paul Farnsworth, "Trade and the Construction of Bahamian Identity: A Multiscalar Exploration," *International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 3:4 (1999): 283-320.

## Week 5 Violence, Domination and Resistance.

- +James G. Cusick, *Studies in Culture Contact*: Hill, Chapter 8.  
Dietler, *Archaeologies of Colonialism* Chapter 6

Liebmann and Murphy, *Enduring Conquests*, 2. Beck, et.al; 3. Deagan; 4. Murphy, et. al.; 6. Quilter; 9. Yaeger and Dornan; 10. Liebmann; 12. Voss.

### Week 6 Ethnicity and Culture

- Liebmann and Murphy, *Enduring Conquests* 5. Wernke; 11. Preucel.  
+Randall H. McGuire, "The Study of Ethnicity in Historical Archaeology," *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 1 (1982):159-178.  
+Geoff Emberling, "Ethnicity in Complex Societies: Archaeological Perspectives," *Journal of Archaeological Research* 5 (1997):295-343.  
\*Kent G. Lightfoot and Antoinette Martinez, *Frontiers and Boundaries in Archaeological Perspective*, Annual Review of Anthropology 24 (1995):471-92.  
+R. Staneley, C Yarborough and B Hall, "Enclaves, Ethnicity, and the Archaeological Record at Matacapan," in *Ethnicity and Culture*, edited by Reginald Auger, Margaret Glass, Scott MacEachern, and Peter McCartney, pp. 85-100. Calgary, 1987.  
+Stuart Tyson Smith, "Ethnicity and Culture," in *The Egyptian World*, Toby Wilkinson, ed., pp. 218-241. Routledge, London, 2005.  
\*Tammy Stone, "Social Identity and Ethnic Interaction in the Western Pueblos of the American Southwest," *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory*, Vol. 10, No. 1 (Mar., 2003), pp. 31-67.  
\*Barbara L. Voss, "Gender, Race, and Labor in the Archaeology of the Spanish Colonial Americas," *Current Anthropology* 49:5 (2008):861-893.

### Week 7 Diasporas and Hybridity

- +James G. Cusick, *Studies in Culture Contact*: Singleton, Chapter 9; DeCorse, Chapter 16; Armstrong, Chapter 17; Saunders, Chapter 18.  
Dietler, *Archaeologies of Colonialism* Chapters 7 and 8.  
Liebmann and Murphy, *Enduring Conquests*, 7. Charlton and Fournier; 8. Sheptak, et al..  
Claire Lyons and John Popadopoulos, *The Archaeology of Colonialism*: Stein, 27-64; Domínguez, 65-95; Malkin 151-81.  
\*Kathleen Deagan, "Colonial Transformation: Euro-American Cultural Genesis in the Early Spanish-American Colonies," *Journal of Anthropological Research*, Vol. 52, No. 2 (Summer, 1996), pp. 135-160.

### Week 8 Beyond Core-Periphery

- Dietler, *Archaeologies of Colonialism* Chapter 9.  
Claire Lyons and John Popadopoulos, *The Archaeology of Colonialism*: van Dommeln, 121-150; Kelly, 96-120; Thomas, 182-98; Cummins, 199-240.  
Gil Stein, *The Archaeology of Colonial Encounters*: Rogers.  
\*Kathleen Deagan, "Reconsidering Taino Social Dynamics after Spanish Conquest: Gender and Class in Culture Contact Studies," *American Antiquity* 69 (2004): 597-626.  
\*Robert Ritner, "Implicit Models of Cross-Cultural Interaction: A Question of Noses, Soap, and Prejudice," in *Life in a Multi-Cultural Society: Egypt from*

*Cambyses to Constantine and Beyond*, edited by Janet Johnson, pp. 283-290. SAOC 51. Chicago: Oriental Institute, 1992.

(Download: <http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/pubs/catalog/saoc/saoc51.html>)

- \*Gil Stein, "From Passive Periphery to Active Agents: Emerging Perspectives in the Archaeology of Interregional Interaction," *American Anthropologist* 104 (2002): 903-916.

## Week 9 Additional Case Studies: Operationalizing Interaction

Claire Lyons and John Popadopoulos, *The Archaeology of Colonialism: Jordan and Schrire*, 241-72

- +Douglas B. Bamforth, "Contact Period Household Technology at Helo," in J. Daniel Rogers and Samuel M. Wilson (eds.), *Ethnohistory and Archaeology*. New York: Plenum, 1993, pp. 49-72.
- +Corinna Riva, "Ingenious Inventions: Welding Ethnicities East and West," in *Material Culture and Social Identities in the Ancient World*, edited by Shelley Hales and Tamar Hodos, pp. 79-113. Cambridge: CUP, 2010.
- +J. Daniel Rogers, "The Social and Material Implications of Culture Contact on the Northern Plains," in J. Daniel Rogers and Samuel M. Wilson (eds.), *Ethnohistory and Archaeology*. New York: Plenum, 1993, pp. 73-88.
- +Mark R. Schurr, "Archaeological Indices of Resistance: Diversity in the Removal Period Potawatomi of the Western Great Lakes," *American Antiquity* 75 (2010): 44-60.
- +Stephen W. Silliman, "Change and Continuity, Practice and Memory: Native American Persistence in Colonial New England," *American Antiquity* 74 (2009), pp. 211-230. Also comment by Giovanna Vitelli and response by Silliman in *American Antiquity* 76:177-192.
- \*Barbara L. Voss, "The Archaeology of Overseas Chinese Communities," *World Archaeology* 37:3 (2005): 424-439.
- \*Laurie A. Wilkie, "Secret and Sacred: Contextualizing the Artifacts of African-American Magic and Religion," *Historical Archaeology* 31:4 (1997): 81-106.

## Week 10 Presentations.