ANTHRARC 296.101: FOOD AND FEASTING IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

Spring 2022

Food plays a central role in our daily lives. It is not only a means of nourishment, but also a way to bring people together, share experiences, and create memories. Some of the ways food most stands out to us is through special events and holidays when we have large meals and feasts together with certain dishes that are only served at those times. In the past, like today, feasts served more purposes than just for eating food. In this course, we will learn and discuss why and how feasts occurred in the past archaeologically, the different purposes that they served, and how they connect with the modern day. We will do this by looking at archaeological and ethnographic case studies from different times and parts of the world from Papua New Guinea, to Mexico, to Egypt, to the Mediterranean, and across the United States. This will help us to better understand how and why different cultures and groups of people conducted feasts in the past, how archaeologists determine feasting events to better understand past societies, the purposes feasting served, and how this compares and connects to modern-day practices.

Mondays and Wednesdays
10-1pm
3 credits

Fulfills the Social Science Distribution and counts towards the Anthropology Major and Minor

Please contact Kimberly Swisher (klswi@umich.edu) with any questions
Museums are not just collections of things. They shape our understandings of the past and of ourselves.

In this course, each week we'll visit a different UofM museum or collection and reflect on the history of collecting as anthropological practice across subfields, museum ethics, and the future of our field.

This course fulfills the social science distribution and counts toward the Anthropology major and minor.

**TTh 1 - 4 PM**

**Location: West Hall Rm 418**

Contact Alex Norwood (alexno@umich.edu) with questions
The Data Revolution through the Social Lens

ANTHRBIO 297 sec.102 – 3 credits
SPRING 2022 – MW 1-4 PM

In this course you will gain hands-on experience analyzing real-world data from the social sciences using modern data science tools for data manipulation, visualization, and statistical modeling. You will become familiar with analytical software like R and ArcGIS. No stats or coding experience necessary.

Topics include social media and mental health, racial disparities in COVID-19 outcomes, income and wealth inequality, and more.

This course fulfills the natural science distribution and counts toward the Evolutionary Anthropology and Anthropology majors, and the Biological Anthropology minor.

Instructor: Gene Estrada [estradag@umich.edu]
We can hardly escape hip hop culture in the digitized global world we live in. What can the discipline of anthropology uniquely help us understand, examine and explain in relation to this expressive culture? How does it help us understand some things in your individual or social life? We explore the complex relations between expressive culture and the exercise of power. The course is designed to suit students of any level, and requires no background in either the discipline of anthropology or hip hop culture. Thus, the course is not only for anthropology majors, but is also designed to attract students with a background in social sciences and humanities, such as music, performance studies, history, sociology, linguistics, psychology, social work and science and technology studies. The course counts toward an anthropology minor as well as the LSA R&E requirements.