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Applied Anthropology
Anthropology 581
Wednesdays 2:00 – 5:00
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What is applied anthropology?

Many anthropologists choose to apply their skills outside of the hallowed halls of academia. The label applied to their work is “applied anthropology”: they are applying their anthropological skills in non-academic fields. In this class we explore the various ways in which this is and can be done, ranging from anthropologists involved in public policy formation and implementation, in health-related work across cultures, and in international development in a variety of sectors. The course draws on a wide range of examples to illustrate the variety of roles anthropologists have taken outside of academics, and to explore the potential for the further articulation of these roles in the 21st century.

I. Reading

Readings for the course will be drawn from the following sources:

In Bookstore:

McDonald, The Applied Anthropology Reader, Allyn and Bacon, 2002.
Gwynne, Applied Anthropology, Allyn and Bacon, 2003.

On Reserve:

Various papers on Eres. Kimber will announce password in class.

II. Grading

Grades for the course will be determined as follows:

Discussion of research papers or articles in class. Students must talk in each class about the readings assigned for that day: 30%

Formal presentation of one outside reading (on topic of your choice). This presentation must include a handout or a set of overheads that summarize main points, present graphical information to be explained, etc.: 20%

Paper (handout on this available in mid February) : 50%

The paper will be preceded by a descriptive abstract, due on March 24th.

III. Schedule:

Day:	Topic:	What to Read:	Notes:
January 28 th	Introductions, description of course, charting semester	None	
February 4 th	Why not just work in academics? How to evaluate other options open to you as an anthropologist	Gwynne Chpt 1 McDonald Chpt 1&2	
February 11 th	History of applied anthropology	Gwynne Chpt 3	<i>Each student to prepare a 5 minute description of a notable/infamous/interesting event in the history of applied anthro</i>
February 18 th	Skills anthropologists possess that other people need: Why our methods are valuable outside the field of anthropology	Gwynne Chpt 2 McDonald Section 4	Guest speaker: Sheila Hoffland, IRB Come prepared with questions for Sheila. You MUST complete the IRB training program on their website before class!
February 25 th	Anthropology and public policy	McDonald Section 5	<i>Each student to prepare a 5 minute presentation on whether they think anthros should involve themselves in policy issues, using one 'real' example to illustrate their point (e.g., FGM</i>

March 3 rd	Ethics	Gwynne Chpt 4 McDonald Section 3	Guest speaker: Dick Sattler
March 10 th	What does the Peace Corps really accomplish? Links to applied anthropology.	McDonald Section 6	Guest speaker: Stuart Green
March 17 th	Anthropology and 'Local Development'	Gwynne Chpt 5 McDonald Section 8	
March 24 th	Anthropology and 'Local Development'		Guest speakers: TBA <i>Remind Kimber to give you handout for next week ☺</i>
April 7 th	Anthropology and international development: Stepping back to examine some general issues	Gardner and Lewis Handout McDonald Section 8	
April 14 th	Grassroots NGOs	Cultural Survival Chpts (on Eres)	Guest speakers: Allison Fissel and Stacy Russell
April 21 st	Anthropology and international development: medical anthropology	Gwynne Chpts 11 & 12 McDonald Section 7	Guest speaker: Jean Margaritis
April 28 th	Anthropology and international development: medical anthropology	Haddix McKay 2002 (Eres)	<i>Remind Kimber to give you handout for next week ☺</i>

May 5 th	Anthropology and international development: environmental	Kuna Yala reading McDonald Section 9	Guest Speaker: Randy Tanner
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May 13 th	Final Meeting 3:20—5:20		Finish up whatever we haven't gotten to yet!
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