

People and Cultures of the Pacific

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Class Hours: F. 2:00-5:00pm

Office Hours: W. 9:00-10:00am

1:00-2:00pm

F. 1:00-2:00pm

Grading: Map Test	5%
Mid-term Exam 1	25%
Mid-term Exam 2	25%
Final Exam	40%
Class Participation	5%

Description of the Course: This Course introduces the three major culture areas (Melanesia, Micronesia, Polynesia) in the Pacific region and focuses on pre-contact traditional social religious beliefs and practices.

No	Date	Topic	Reading
1.	10/8	Introduction; syllabus, region	
2.	10/15	Physical Setting Prehistory	
			* Oliver, Douglas 1989 Native Cultures of the Pacific Islands. Pp. 1-25.
3.	10/22	Prehistory; sequence, theories Language Classification Map Test	
			* Oliver, Douglas 1989 Native Cultures of the Pacific Islands. Pp. 14-25.
			@ Sharp, Andrew 1970 (1961). Polynesian Navigation to Distant Islands. In Thomas Harding & Ben Wallace eds. The Cultures of the Pacific (CP). Pp. 13-19.

@ Vayda & Rappaport 1970 (1963). Island Cultures. In CP pp. 5-12.
Robert Suggs 1970 (1960). The Kon Ti-ki Myth. In CP. Pp.5-12.

Peter Bellwood 1987. The Polynesian: Prehistory of an Island People.
Pp. 7-22.

4. 10/29 Melanesia: Kinship, Social Organization; Gender.

* Freedman, Michael P. 1970. Social Organization of a Siassi Island
Community. In CP, pp. 159-179.

* Brown, Paula. 1968 (1960). Chimbu Tribes: Political Organization
in the Eastern Highlands of New Guinea. In Andrew Vayda ed. Peoples
and Cultures of the Pacific: An Anthropological Reader (CPC), pp.
451-464.

* Meggit, M. J. 1970 (1964). Male-female Relationships in the
Highlands of Australian New Guinea. In CP, pp. 125-143.

5 11/5 Melanesia: Subsistence Activities; Exchange;

* Oliver, Douglas 1955. A Solomon Island Society.

* Malinowski, B. 1968 (1920). Kula: The Circulating Exchange of
Variables in the Archipelagos of Eastern new Guinea. In A. Vayda ed.
PCP, pp. 407-420.

@ Hu, Tai-li pp. 44-59.

6. 11/8 (M.; 9-10am) Leadership

* Oliver, Douglas 1955. A Solomon Island Society, pp. 422-439.

7. 11/9 (T.; 12-1pm) Warfare, Religion

* Rappaport, R. 1979. Ritual Regulation of Environmental Relations
among a New Guinea People. In R. Rappaport ed. Ecology, Meaning,
and Religion, pp. 27-42.

8. 11/19 Video: The Asmat of New Guinea. (28 mins)
9. 11/26 **Review**
 Micronesia: Kinship, Social Organization
- * Barnett 1960. Being a Palauan, pp. 51-57.
- * Schneider, David 1968 (1955). Abortion and Depopulation on a Pacific Island. In A. Vayda ed. PCP, pp. 383-406.
- Smith, D. R. 1983. Palauan Social Structure. Pp. 37-71.
- Lingenfelter, S. G. 1975. Yap: Political Leadership and Culture Change in an Island Society. Pp. 19-40.
- 10. 12/3 Mid-term Exam 1**
 Micronesia: Subsistence Activities
- @ Barnett, H. G. 1960. Being a Palauan. Pp. 25-31.
- * Bascom, William R. 1970 (1948). Ponapean Prestige Economy. In CP. Pp. 85-94.
11. 12/10 Micronesia: Subsistence Activities; Political Organization; Religion.
Review
- * Mason, Leonard 1968 (1959). Suprafamilial Authority and Economic Process in Micronesian Atolls. In A. Vayda ed. PCP, pp. 299-329.
- @ Lingenfelter, S. G. 1975. Yap. Pp. 121-159.
- @ Lessa, William 1951. Ulithi and the Outer Native World. American Anthropologist 53: 27-52.
- * Barnett, H. G. 1960. Being a Palauan. Pp. 79-85.
- 12. 12/17 Mid-term Exam 2**

Polynesia: Kinship, Social Organization

* Firth, R. 1970 (1936). In Primitive Polynesia. In CP, pp. 115-124.

* Tiffany & Tiffany 1978. Optation, Cognatic Descent and Redistribution in Samoa. Ethnology 17: 367-380.

@ Feinberg, R. 1981. What is Polynesian Kinship All About? Ethnology 19: 115-131.

13. 12/24 Polynesia: Kinship, Social Organization; Subsistence Activities

* Sahlins, M. 1970 (1960). Production, Distribution, and Power in a Primitive Society. In CP, pp. 78-84.

14. 12/31 Political Stratification

* Goldman, I. 1970. Ancient Polynesian Society. Pp. 169-198.

* Sahlins, M. 1970 (1963). Poor Man, Rich Man, Bigman, Chief: Political Types in Melanesia and Polynesia. In CP, pp. 203-215.

15. 1/7 Polynesia: Religion; Mana, Human Sacrifice, Marae, and Tabu
Video: Trobriand Cricket (58 mins.)

*Firth, R. 1970 (1940). The Analysis of Mana: An Empirical Approach. In CP, pp. 316-333.

16. 1/14 Western Contact

Review

Young, Louise 1993 (1991). Easter Island: Scart Parable. In Anthropology: Annual Editions. Pp. 236-240.

Mead, M. 1970 (1967). The Rights of primitive Peoples. In CP, pp. 419-430.