

Vanished Peoples and Lost Civilizations  
Anthropology 004  
**Santa Clara University**  
**Winter 2005, Dr. Skowronek**

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**Classroom: 206 O'Connor Hall, MWF 11:45-12:50**

**Required Text:**

Robbins, Lawrence H.  
1990 **Stones, Bones and Ancient Cities, Great Discoveries in Archaeology and the Search for Human Origins.** St. Martin's Press, New York.

**Articles on Reserve at the Orradre Library:**

Alva, Walter  
1988 Discovering the New World's Richest Unlooted Tomb.  
**National Geographic** 174(4):510-555.

Bass, George F.  
1990 After the Diving is Over. **Underwater Archaeology Proceedings from the Society for Historical Archaeology.** Toni L. Carrel, editor, Pps. 10-13 . Society for Historical Archaeology, Tucson, AZ.

Clottes, Jean, A. Beltran, J. Courtin and H. Cosquer  
1992 The Cosquer Cave on Cape Morgiou, Marseilles. **Antiquity** 66(252):583-598.

Conaway, James  
1992 Beneath the Sea, Beyond the Ages. **American Way** 25(4):56-64, 92.

Hale, Thomas  
1983 Wasa Triumphant, The Sinking, Search and Salvage of a 17th Century Warship. **Sea History** 27:22-27.

Jaroff, Leon  
1992 Iceman. **Time** 140(17):62-69.

Pfeiffer, John E.  
1983 Was Europe's Fabulous Cave Art the Start of the Information Age? **Smithsonian** 14(1):36-45.

Shreeve, James  
1991 Moshe the Neanderthal and Our Family Tree. **Smithsonian** 22(9):114-127.

Van Tilburg, Joanne  
1987 Symbolic Archaeology on Easter Island. **Archaeology** 40(2):26-33.

### Recommended Readings:

These materials can be readily found in the Orradre Library or in most area public libraries. I urge you to consult these for a more complete view of the discussed topics. Enjoy!!

Donnan, Christopher B. and Luis Jaime Castillo

1992 Finding the Tomb of a Moche Priestess. Archaeology 45(6):38-42.

Marshack, Alexander

1988 An Ice Age Ancestor?. National Geographic 174(4): 478-481.

Putnam, John J.

1988 In Search of Modern Humans. National Geographic 174(4):438-477.

Rigaud, Jean-Philippe, S. Brimberg and N. Aujoulat

1988 Treasures of Lascaux Cave. National Geographic 174(4):482-499.

Schuster, Angela M.H.

1992 Inside the Royal Tombs of the Moche. Archaeology 45(6):30-42.

### Course Description:

This course examines many of the most famous archaeological discoveries of the past century that have shed light on humans and their culture, human origins and the development of human behavior. "Popular" assumptions about these finds will be evaluated in light of current anthropological theories in order to discern a more accurate knowledge of the past.

### Grading:

A **Midterm (Monday February 9)** worth 50% of your total grade and a **Final (Monday March 14–1:30)** worth 50%. Exams will consist of both objective and essay questions. Please note that the subjects in readings that are not discussed in lecture are fair game for exams. While the final will be cumulative it will stress detail from the part of the course that follows the midterm. The midterm will cover all of the readings through part III of the course outline and the lectures/films up to the day before the exam. If you are ill and/or cannot make an exam you must contact me **BEFORE** the exam. If you cannot reach me directly leave a **CLEAR** message--**with your phone number**--on my phone or with the department.

### Extra Credit term paper option

Full credit = one grade worth of extra credit

Partial credit = one half grade worth of extra credit

Inadequate paper = no extra credit

The paper should be typed, double spaced and should contain textual references and a list of references cited. You should consult with Dr. Skowronek about the scope of the paper and the references. Length of the paper should be about 10 pages. The paper is due on Monday (**March 7**) at the beginning of class. Late papers (i.e., those turned in after 9:15 in class) **will not be accepted**. To do a paper, you must meet with Dr. Skowronek for topic approval no later than **Thursday January 20**. A written topic must be submitted by **Friday Jan. 21**. A list of references must be turned in by **Friday Feb. 18**. The papers are due **Monday March 7 at the beginning of class**. If your printer does not work it is **NOT** my problem. If these deadlines are not met this option is terminated. There is **NO PENALTY** should you decide not to submit the paper.

### Possible Paper Topics

Paleolithic art: a review of interpretations  
The Dead Sea Scrolls-- Discovery and impact  
Underwater archaeology-- methods and technology, or a "great" find  
European Megaliths-- a review of interpretations  
Southwestern Indian cliff dwellings  
Mississippian and Hopewell moundbuilders  
The Nazca Lines: a review of interpretations  
Moche Art and Archaeology: a review of interpretations  
Vikings in the New World

Other topics are possible but all must be approved by the instructor.

**\*\*\*Please Note--** Although I do not take attendance you are responsible for the presented material. I make vast use of videos and slides that **will not be available** for viewing outside of class. If you are going to be absent I urge you to make arrangements with a trustworthy classmate to share their notes.

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

Part I: Archaeology and the Search for Human Origins

**Read:** Robbins Chap. 1; Shreeve 1991; **Rec:** Marshack; Putnam

Topics: Darwin, Peking & Java "Man", Neanderthals, "Lucy"

**Sonya Atalay SCCAS Lecture Jan. 13**

Part II: Ice Age Artists

**Read:** Robbins Chap. 2; Pfeiffer 1983; Clottes et al. 1992 articles; **Rec:** Rigaud et al.

Topics: Altamira, Tuc d'Audoubert, Les Trois Freres, Lascaux, Cosquer

**\*\*\* Holiday Monday Jan. 17 \*\*\***

Part III: Famous Burials and Tombs

**Read:** Robbins Chap. 3; Alva article; Jaroff  
**Rec.** Donnan and Castillo; Schuster

Topics: Tut, Sipan, Vikings, Iceman, Franklin's men, Qin Shihuang

**\*\*\* Midterm Exam Monday Feb. 7 \*\*\***

**Anna Naruat SCCAS Lecture Feb. 10**

Part IV: Adventures with Famous Ruins

**Read:** Robbins Chap. 4; Van Tilburg article

Topics: Pompeii; Machu Picchu; Easter Island

**\*\*\* Holiday Monday Feb. 21 \*\*\***

Part V: Megaliths and Archaeoastronomy

**Read:** Robbins Chap. 6

Topics: Stonehenge; Chaco Canyon; Cahokia

Part VI: Underwater Finds

**Read:** Robbins Chap. 5; Bass article, Conaway article; Hale article

Topics: Wasa, Mary Rose, Kas wreck; prehistoric sites

**George Bass Lectures Monday Feb. 28**

**\*\*\*\* Papers Due Monday March 7 \*\*\*\***

**Sven Ouzman SCCAS Lecture March 10**

Part VII: Decipherment and Documents

**Read:** Robbins Chap. 7 and Conclusion

Topics: Rosetta Stone; Dead Sea Scrolls; Maya Hieroglyphics

**\*\*\*\* Final Exam Monday March 14, 2004 1:30 \*\*\*\***

During the quarter there will be four opportunities for bonus points. On Jan. 13, Daly Science Rm. 206), Feb. 10 ( 206 Daly Science), Feb. 28 (206 Daly Science) and March 10 ( 206 Daly Science) the Santa Clara Co. Archaeological Society (SCCAS) will have guest lecturers on the SCU campus. All lectures begin at 7:30 and are free. A brief, two page, typed, review will be due no later than the following Monday. Each is worth 3 points.