



Anthropology Fall 2008 Course Listing

Undergraduate Courses

- 070.265 **“Anthropology of Media” (3)**
Pandian H,S (limit 40)
The course examines the mediation of contemporary cultural life through technologies such as cinema, television, radio, design, and the Internet, investigating questions of desire, affect, identity, and belonging.
- Cross-list: Film & Media Studies
T/TH 10:30-11:45AM
- 070.319 **“Logic of Anthropological Inquiry” (3)**
Das H,S (limit 30)
A close look at ethnography as a mode of inquiry and as a genre of writing. This will count as a required course for Anthropology majors but open to all undergraduates.
- WF 12-1:15PM
- 070.373 **“Anthropology of Mental Illness” (3)**
Han H,S,W (limit 50)
How can we understand mental illness from an anthropological perspective? A study of mental illness brings together a critical analysis of medical and psychiatric discourses, institutions of care, as well as economic inequality. It also challenges us to consider fundamental questions of how to engage with subjectivity and experience. In this course, we will work through historical analyses of psychiatric discourse, ethnographic explorations of mental illness and addictions, and social theory on subjectivity and science and technology.
- Cross-list: Public Health Studies, WGS
T, TH 12-1:15PM
- 070.378 **“Cultural Property and Politics in Latin America” (3)**
Poole H,S (Limit 35)
This course explores the political uses of culture and the idea of cultural property in Latin American indigenous movements, development policies and government programs.
- W 1:30-4PM
Cross-list: Latin American Studies
- 070.391 **“Religion and the Problem of Suffering” Dean’s Teaching Fellowship (3)**
Singh H,S (Limit 25)
How do different religious traditions interpret the meaning of human suffering? How are secular responses to suffering inflected by religious or moral imaginations? Key authors include Nietzsche, Weber, Mauss, Deleuze, Rene Girard, Michael Taussig, Veena Das and the anthropological literature on social suffering.
- Cross-list: Public Health Studies Program
M 4:30-7PM

070.659

“Proposal Writing”

Obarrio

(limit 20)

This seminar will offer a forum for students to discuss research projects, prepare grant proposals and think further about issues of ethnographic methodology and writing. Open to anthropology graduate students only.

F 2-4PM

Approved Cross-listings

Humanities

300.344

“Genocide as a Philosophical Problem” (Dean’s Teaching Fellowship)

Martin Shuster (graduate student)

This class will be an empirical and philosophical examination of genocide, particularly focused on perpetrators. In addition to looking at historical case studies of genocide in both the ancient and modern world, we will attempt to deal with the philosophical questions that emerge from these cases. These include but are not limited to genocide definition, legal issues in genocide prosecution, and meta issues such as the relationship between modernity and genocide.

300.643

“Cavell and the Problem of Moral Perfectionism”

Paola Marrati

300.383

“What Makes Us Desire?”

Paola Marrati

This course will analyze different philosophical and literary conceptions of desire. Readings will include Plato, J. S. Mill, Freud, Proust, Klein, Nietzsche, Cavell, Deleuze & others.

History

100.343 "

“The Power of Place: Race and Community in East Baltimore”

Brief Course Description: East Baltimore is often referred to as "the cradle of the black Baltimore community." Excluded from living in other parts of the city until the late 19th century, East Baltimore marks Baltimore's oldest black neighborhoods and the birthplace of activism and leadership that helped to make the city what it is today. Despite this long, rich past, however, much of the history of black East Baltimore has been lost, preserved only in limited fragments, in scattered repositories, or not at all. It is also a neighborhood that has experienced dramatic transitions, both social and physical. Students in this class will explore this neighborhood's rich history, collecting and analyzing oral histories with current and former residents.

Medicine

140.629

“Beyond the Panopticon. Observing, representing and managing people”

Harry Marks/Graham Mooney

