

Anth 4224/5224 **ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE MAYA AND THEIR NEIGHBORS**
 Fall 2009 12:30-1:45 am Tues, Thurs. Hale 240. Payson Sheets: office Hale 160.
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WEEK	DATES	TOPICS	READINGS
1	25, 27 Aug	Intro: Geography, Geology, Resources	Evans Ch. 1
2.	1, 3 Sep	Flora, Fauna, Ecology, Tropical Rainforest	E p 45-61
3.	8, 10 Sep	PaleoIndian, Archaic, Formative, Mokaya	E p 61-74, 94-116
4.	115, 17 Sep	Olmec (Mesoamerica's first Civilization)	E 127-144, 159-184 (browse 161-72).
5.	22, 24 Sep	Preclassic Maya: Mirador, San Bartolo, Chalchuapa, Ilopango	E 185-6, 199-208, 221-40, 307-10, Sheets 2008.
6.	29 Sep, 1 Oct	Maya Religion, Cosmology, Belief	E 35, 190-1, 223, 327 <i>Popol Vuh</i>
7.	6, 8 Oct	Maya Commoners @ Ceren; Tikal	Sheets 2000, E 309, 291-9
8.	13, 15 Oct	Classic Pd Tikal dynastic succession, history	E 316-335 (esp. 317-29)
9.	20 Oct	Early to mid Classic pd. Copan.	E 303-7.

MIDTERM EXAM Thursday 22 October 100 points

10	27, 29 Oct	Classic Pd Copan dynastic succession, history	E 335-344
11	3, 5 Nov	PostClassic Pd: Chichen Itza, Mayapan, Tulum	E 377-8, 385-96, 429-32, 515-9.
12	10, 12 Nov	Intermediate Area: Costa Rica	Snarskis (Esp 15-18, 24-40, 54-65, 77)
13	17, 19 Nov	Costa Rica: Arenal Project	Sheets 2 articles
14	24, 26 Nov	FALL BREAK, THANKSGIVING VACATION	
15	1, 3 Dec	Panama and lower Central America	Cooke.
16	8, 10 Dec	Panama: Barriles chiefdom. Review for Final	Linares SCIENCE

Students with disabilities should talk with me during the first two weeks of class, so we can make accommodations. We will adhere to the CU code of ethics.

Required Readings:

Evans, Susan 2008 **Ancient Mexico and Central America**. Thames & Hudson. 2nd Ed. (available at CU bookstore)

Reader: (available from professor)

1. Sheets, Payson 2008 Armageddon to the Garden of Eden: Explosive volcanic eruptions and societal resilience in Ancient Middle America. In Dan Sandweiss and Jeff Quilter eds. El Niño, Catastrophism, and Culture Change in Ancient America. Dumbarton Oaks, DC.
2. Sheets, Payson 2000 Provisioning the Ceren Household: The vertical economy, village economy, and household economy in the southeastern Maya periphery. Ancient Mesoamerica 11: 217-230.
3. Snarskis, Michael 1981 The Archaeology of Costa Rica. In Suzanne Abel-Vidor Ed. Between Continents, Between Seas: Precolumbian Art of Costa Rica. Abrams, NY
4. Sheets, Payson 1992 The Pervasive Pejorative in Intermediate Area Studies. In Fred Lange Ed. Wealth and Hierarchy in the Intermediate Area. Dumbarton Oaks, Washington DC.
5. Sheets, Payson and Tom Sever 2007 Creating and Perpetuating social memory across the Ancient Costa Rican Landscape. In Remote Sensing in Archaeology, Ed. by Wiseman and El Baz. Springer.
6. Cooke, Richard 1997 The Native Peoples of Central America during Precolombian and Colonial Times. In G. Coates Ed Central America: A Natural and Cultural History. Yale, New Haven.
7. Linares, Olga, Payson Sheets, and Jane Rosenthal 1975 Prehistoric Agriculture in Tropical Highlands SCIENCE Vol. 187.

Final Exam: Wednesday 16 December 1:30 → 4 pm. 200 points. Same room. Exam is comprehensive. If you wish to pass the course you must take the final at this time and on this day.

TermPapers (examples of abstract, parenthetical referencing, and references cited are on the next two pages). Please turn in an electronic copy by email attachment; my email address is sheetsp@colorado.edu. Deadline Noon Thursday 10 December. **10 % deducted per day late.**

Undergraduate Termpapers: Please talk with me about your topic as I almost always can be helpful for you. Each should be between 5 and 8 pages of text (not counting illustrations), 12 point font, double spaced, and have an Abstract at the beginning. The abstract should be the last thing you write, after the paper is done, as it is a condensed version of your accomplishment in the paper. Do parenthetical referencing (the

Anthropology style) – for examples also see Evans text and articles in reader). If you use internet sources be certain to include the complete URL in your References Cited section so I can go to that website. 100 points.

Graduate termpapers need to be overtly theoretical. The nature of theory and structure of the paper should develop with numerous conversations with me. A rough draft of the paper is due 29 October in lieu of the midterm, and should be 10-15 pages typed doublespaced (not counting illustrations) and have an abstract. Value: 200 points. The final termpaper should be about twice that length and also must have an abstract. It is due Thursday 10 December (10% deducted per day late). Value: 300 points.

Graduate students take the comprehensive Final Exam, 200 points.

In your termpapers be careful to cite the work of others; it is easy to detect plagiarism with electronic copies of termpapers.

I am glad to make accommodations so students can exercise their rights to religious observance. Please inform me as soon as you can, so I can make adjustments.