

North American Indians in American Public Life

Anthropology 316gm

Fall 2016

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This course investigates the role of Native North Americans in shaping the American experience. Attention will be paid to understanding how people conceive of the past in culturally distinct ways, and will put an emphasis on understanding Native viewpoints of the past, present, and future of their cultures, and their roles in American public life.

Books (all available at the USC Bookstore)

1. Charles C. Mann. *1491: the Americas before Columbus*
2. James Wilson. *The Earth Shall Weep: A History of Native America*
3. Barre Toelken. *The Anguish of Snails*
4. Richard Erdoes and Alfonso Ortiz. *American Indian Myths and Legends*

Articles (all will be available via Blackboard)

1. Penrose, Jan. When All the Cowboys Are Indians: The Nature of Race in All-Indian Rodeo *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, Vol. 93, No. 3 (Sep., 2003), pp. 687-705
2. Sturm, Circe. Blood Politics, Racial Classification, and Cherokee National Identity: The Trials and Tribulations of the Cherokee Freedmen *American Indian Quarterly*, Vol. 22, No. 1/2 (Winter - Spring, 1998), pp. 230-258
3. Evans-Pritchard, Deirdre. The Portal Case: Authenticity, Tourism, Traditions, and the Law. 1987. *Journal of American Folklore* 100:287-296.

The grading will be as follows:

- 15 in-class pop quizzes, 1% each=15%
- Discussion section grade: 10%
- Final project, paper: 25%*
- Midterm 20%
- Final exam. 30%

*Final project & paper are broken down as 10% prospectus & initial section (due week 8), and 15% full paper.

Course Requirements

Readings should be done *before* the class discussion of them. Assignments are to be turned in on time. Plagiarism will not be tolerated, and students are advised to follow the University's policy on academic integrity as articulated in the current edition of SCampus.

Disabilities

Any student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability should register with Disability Services and Programs (in STU 301, phone 740-0776) and get a letter of verification for approved accommodations. Please show the letter to me at

the beginning of the semester.

Schedule

Week	Topic	Due/Exams	Articles/Films	Books
1	Ways of thinking about the past	Mini-bio due Thursday		<i>1491</i> : pp 1-109 E&O: selections
2				<i>1491</i> : 109-196 E&O: selections
3				<i>1491</i> . 197-231 E&O: selections
4				Wilson: 3-97
5				Wilson 98-213
6	Culture and Governance			Wilson: 232-288
7				Wilson 289-408
8	Native and American	First section of paper due in discussion section		Toelken: 1-79
9		Midterm Thursday		Toelken: 80-109
10				Toelken: 110-164
11			Film: Smoke Signals	Toelken: 165-190
12	Continuing Struggles		Penrose	E&O: selections
13			Sturm	
14 (No class Thursday)			Evans-Pritchard	E&O: selections
15		Final paper due Thursday.		

Final Exam: Tuesday, December 13, 2-4 pm.