

Western Pacific Prehistory

Archaeology 370

Section: e100

Term: 2006 Spring

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Discussion Topics: This course provides an overview of Melanesian, Micronesian and Polynesian prehistory from New Guinea and off-shore islands on the west to Easter Island in the east. Course content includes an introduction to Oceanic environments and geography, an examination of the processes and consequences of exploration and settlement from 40,000 to 1000 years ago, an overview of linguistic and ethnographic variability in the western Pacific, detailed culture historical information for select island groups and an introduction to key debates currently in place in Oceanic prehistory.

Grading: Map Quiz 10%

Term paper 30%

Midterm Examination 30%

Final Examination 30%

Required Texts: Kirch, Patrick V. (2000) *On the Road of the Winds: An Archaeological History of the Pacific Islands before European Contact*. University of California Press, Berkeley

Library reserve readings will also be assigned for select topics

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Arch 272 or other courses or by permission of department

Notes: Deferred grades will be given only on the basis of authenticated medical disability

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