Archaeological Theory

Archaeology 471

Section: D100

Term: 2004 Spring

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Discussion Topics: This course examines the history and development of archaeological theory with a particular emphasis on North American archaeology. Non-western perspectives will also be presented. The focus of the course will be on current approaches to archaeological interpretation which will include processualist and post processualist approaches.

Lectures provide the bare bones of each theoretical approach. Weekly seminars require discussions of topics presented in readings and lecture. Assignments involve the application of theoretical perspectives to a set of archaeological problems.

Grading: Participation 10% Assignments 50% Mid-term exam 15% Final exam 25%

Required Texts: Trigger, Bruce G. A History of Archaeological Thought. Newest edition. Cambridge University Press. Paperback.

Custom courseware available in the SFU Bookstore.

Recommended Texts: none

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite: ARCH 131-3, 201-3, 272-3 and 273-3 (prerequisites).

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

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