

Anthropology 103, Archaeology and Culture

Lecture Outlines

Lecture 1: What is Anthropology?

Holistic/multidisciplinary

Fields of Anthropology

Physical

Paleontology

Human Variation

Forensics

Archaeology

Old World: biblical, classical, Bronze Age, etc.

New World: prehistoric, historic

Cultural

Ethnology

Ethnohistory

Cross-cultural research

Applied Anthropology

Ethnohistory

Linguistics

Struct.

Historical

Culture Scales

Small-scale or domestic-scale, kin-based, household main social unit

Bands: Hunter-gatherers

Medium-scale or political-scale,

Tribes: hunter-gatherers, farmers, influential extended kin-groups

Chiefdoms: farmers, power vested in a few individuals, collect tribute

Agricultural States: formal gov't, army, priests, rulers, highly stratified

Large-scale or commercial-scale

Industrial states, highly stratified based on occupation, global system

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Lecture 2: What is Culture?

Culture: first defined as formal concept in the 1870s; today, a multitude of definitions exist.

Definitions of Culture

Topical: culture consists of everything on a list of topics or categories: social organization, religion, economy, kinship, subsistence, etc.

Historical: culture is social heritage or tradition that is passed on to future generations

Behavioral: culture is shared, learned behavior; a way of life

Normative: culture is ideals, values, or rules for living

Functional: Culture is the way humans solve problems of adapting to the environment or living together

Mental: Culture is a complex of ideas, or learned habits, that inhibit impulses and distinguish people from animals

Structural: Culture consists of patterned and interrelated ideas, symbols, or behaviors

Symbolic: Culture is based on arbitrarily assigned meanings that are shared by a society

Material/nonmaterial

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Lecture 3: Levels of Cultural Complexity
Bands, Tribes, Chiefdoms, and States

World Culture History

100-50,000 BP: Fully modern humans
100-10,000 BP: Small scale societies
After 10,000 BP: Sedentism
5,000 BP: State formation
200 BP: Global system

Culture Types

Bands

- carrying capacity
- resource poor environments
- resource rich environments
- sexual division of labor
- food sharing/reciprocity
- base camp
- egalitarian social structure
- Kung/Kalahari Bush People
- North American Inuit/Eskimo

Tribes

- Kin groups
- Village leader/headman
- Horticulture/slash and burn/swidden agriculture
- pastoralism
- intertribal warfare
- Public Architecture/Monuments
- Yanamamo/Amazon rain forest
- New Guinea Highlanders
- Cherokee/North America

Chiefdoms

- Resource rich environments
- Overlapping environmental zones
- Food Storage/Surplus Economy/Tribute
- Ranked Society
- Hereditary Status
- Public Architecture/Monuments
- Polynesian Chiefdoms
- North American Chiefdoms
- Formal Warfare

Agricultural States

- Intensive Agriculture
- Urban centers
- Armies
- Specialized division of labor
- Public architecture/Monuments
- Knowledge systems
- Social Stratification
- Conquest Warfare
- State Collapse

Anth 103, Lecture 4/Chapter 2: History of Time Depth and Evolutionary Thought

Time Depth

Time Line

Evolution: Systematic Change Over Large Periods of Time

Physical/Biological Evolution

Cultural Evolution

Our Origins: Prescientific vs Scientific Thought

Prescientific Thought

Creation Myths

Creationism

Immutable Universe

John Ray

World in Decline

Rev. Thomas Burnt

Ben Franklin

Prescientific Age of the Earth

Catastrophism

Early Scientific Thought

Science

Physical vs Social Sciences

Age of the Earth: Early Geology

James Hutton

Uniformitarianism

William Smith

Charles Lyell

Age of Humans: Archaeological and Paleontological Finds

1700s-1800s: Stone Tool and Fossil Finds

John Frere

Narbone, France

Father John MacEnery

Christian Jurgensen Thomsen

Three-Age System

Jacques Boucher de Perthes

Neander Skull, Germany

Biology and Evolutionary Thought

Naturalists

Carolus Linneaus

Georges Cuvier: Catastrophism vs Uniformitarianism

Count Buffon

Jean de Lamarck

Charles Darwin and Synthesis of Evolutionary Thought

Synthesis

Robert Wallace

Convergence

1850s-1870s: Antiquity of Earth and Humans Discovered

Beginning of Time Depth in Early Science

1859, Darwin, The Origin of Species

1859, Lyell, Geological Evidences of the Antiquity of Man

1859, John Preswich and John Evans

Supported de Perthes stone tools

1859, John Evans

Supports tools found by John Frere in 1799

Cultural Evolution

Unilineal Evolution

Edward Tyler

Lewis Henry Morgan

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Gathering Data in Archaeology: Methods of Retrieving the Past

The Scientific Method

Importance of the Archaeological Record

- History and Writing

- Prehistory

Archaeologists

- Time Detectives/Archaeological Reporters

- Ask 6 Basic Questions

 - Who, What, When, Where, How, and Why?

Sources of Archaeological Data: Sites

- Site

- Artifacts and Material Culture

- Ecofacts

- Features

- Site Formation Processes

- Taphonomy

Archaeological Deposits

- Primary Refuse

- Secondary Refuse

- Site Preservation

- Unusual Preservation Environments

 - Deserts

 - Caves

 - Mountains

 - Peat Bogs

 - Glaciers

 - Deep Water

Site Discovery

- Site Survey

- Site Testing

 - Artifact Content

- Site Excavation

 - Block Excavation

 - Site Stripping

Artifact Analysis

- Artifact Types

 - Stone Tools--Lithics

 - Lithic Functional Analysis

 - Use-Wear

 - Trace Element Analysis

 - Trade Networks

 - Tool Replication

 - Pottery

 - Attributes

- Social Patterns

 - Burial Practices

- Subsistence Practices

- Human Remains

 - Health

 - Sex, Age, Race, Cause of Death

 - Paleopathology

Chronology

- Absolute vs Relative Dating Methods

- Relative Dating Methods

 - Stratigraphy

 - Pottery Seriation

- Absolute Dating

 - Carbon-14 Dating, C-14, AMS

 - Potassium-Argon Dating, K-Ar

 - Dendrochronology

 - Electron Spin Resonance Dating, ESR

 - Thermoluminescence Dating, TL

 - Obsidian Hydration Dating

 - Paleomagnetic Dating

Anth 103, Lecture 6: Biological Evolution

Biological Evolution: General Concepts

- Charles Darwin
- Natural Selection
- Adaptive Variation
- Reproductive Success
- Robert Wallace

Biological Evolution: Five Main Processes

- Population Exceeds Food Supply
- All Organisms Have Variation
- Population Encourages Competition
- Survival Advantages are Passed to Offspring (Reproductive Success)
- Adaptive Success Encourages Speciation

Biological Basis of Evolution

- Inheritance
- Genes
- Traits
- Genotype
- Phenotype
- Chromosomes
- DNA
- Recombination
- Meiosis

Population Genetics

Forces of Evolution

- Natural Selection and Adaptation
- Mutation
- Gene Flow
- Genetic Drift and Founder Effect
- Recombination

Types of Evolution

- Speciation
- Geographic Isolation
- Gradualistic Theory
- Punctuated Equilibrium
- Adaptive Radiation

Pongid-Hominid Split

ANTH 103, LECTURE 7/CHAPTER 3 EARLY HOMINID EVOLUTION

Pongid-Hominid Split, 10-7 mya

Miocene Geologic Epoch

First Hominids

Hominid Trends

Bipedalism

Increasing Stature

Increasing Brain Size

Reduced Robusticity

Complex Tool Manufacture and Use

Mosaic Evolution

Early Hominids

Physical Characteristics

Genus

Species

Ardipithecus ramidus

Gracile Australopithecines

Australopithecus anamensis

Australopithecus afarensis

Australopithecus africanus

Australopithecus garhi

Robust Australopithecines

Australopithecus aethiopicus

Australopithecus robustus

Australopithecus bosei

Hominid Phylogeny

Homo habilis

Oldowan stone tool tradition

Chopper tools

Flake tools

Early Hominid Issues

Hominid Proliferation

Bipedalism

Hominid Brain

Subsistence Practices

Classifying Species

Evolutionary Rates

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Lecture 8/Chapter 4
Homo Erectus: Out of Africa

Early Hominid Phylogeny

Traditional Model

H. habilis, H. erectus, Africa, Europe, Asia

Multiple Species Model (provisional species)

H. habilis, H. ergaster (Africa)

H. habilis, H. ergaster (Africa), H. antecessor (Europe), H. heidelbergensis (Europe)

H. habilis, H. erectus (Asia)

Homo Erectus, 1.8 mya-300 kya

H. habilis, H. erectus, H. sapiens

Physical Characteristics

Cranial Features

Larger brain

Forehead

Hemispheric asymmetry

Facial Prognathism

Supraorbital torus

Projecting nose

Post-Cranial Features

Modern stature

Heavy frame, very strong

Thick cortical bones--confrontation hunting

Hominid Radiation

East Asia, Java Man

Trinil site

Ngandong

Sangiran

China

Zhoukoudian site

Gongwangling Hill

Longtandong site

Europe

Georgia, Russia

Gran Dolina site, Spain

Boxgrove Quarry

Isernia La Pineta

Soleilhac

Acheulean Hand-axe

Movius Line

Food and Subsistence Practices

Daka site, Ethiopia

Torralba and Ambrona sites, Spain

Aridos 1 and 2, Spain

Boxgrove Quarry, England

Confrontation hunting

Hominid Radiation

Controlled Use of Fire

Infant Growth and Development

Prolonged human dependency

Secondarily altricial

H. erectus: Extinction

Cultural/Physical Stability

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Neandertals: Premodern Humans

General Trends

Premodern humans: transitional between *H. erectus* and *H. sapiens sapiens*

Primitive skeletal features

Modern brain size

More complex culture compared to *H. erectus*

Archaic *H. sapiens*: 400,000 ya to 30,000 ya in Europe and southwest Asia during the Ice Age

Physically adapted to Ice Age: short height and thick, heavy bones due to environmental and lifestyle

Fossil Evidence

East Africa: Bodo, Ileret, Ndutu

South Africa: Broken Hill, Zambia

Asia: Narmada hominid; Jinniushan Man, Yingkou, China

Europe: Sima de la Huesos “The Pit of Bones”; Steinheim Skull; Swanscombe Skull fragments,

Petalona skull

Cultural Evidence

Core tools, Flake tools, Levallois technique, Prepared cores

Neandertals

Boule, French scientist, “La Chapelle Man”

Cranial Morphology

Brain size: 1300-1600 ml, 1480 average

Skull: retained primitive features

oval shape

thick cranial bones, large brow ridges,

occipital bun

mid-facial projection

Postcranial Morphology

Modern appearance

Cold adapted

Thick cortical bone

Musculoskeletal hypertrophy

Confrontation hunting

Culture

Mousterian tool tradition

Standardized tool types

Subsistence

Impact wear

Isotope analysis

Top-level carnivores

Compassion/Empathy

Injury/Illness

Burial of the Dead

Fetal/flexed positions

Speech?

Basicranium

Religious Beliefs, Art and Music?

Expressive culture

Kebara Cave, Israel: Case Study

Diet

Tools

ANTH 103, Lecture 10/Chapter 6 Modern Humans: Biological Evolution

First H. sapiens sapiens: Genetic Evidence

- Nuclear DNA
- Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA)
 - Cheddar Man, England

How Did Modern Humans Evolve?

- Replacement Model (Chris Stringer)

- Multiregional Model (Milford Wolpoff)

- Partial Replacement/Middle Ground Model

Replacement or Continuity: Existing Evidence?

- Earliest modern human fossils
 - Africa 100kya
 - Mideast 90kya
 - Asia after 90kya
 - Europe 40kya
 - Australia 40kya

- African Migration
- Neandertal Extinction
- Neandertal mtDNA
- Mousterian tradition
- Aurignacian blade tradition
- Chatelperronian tradition

Genetic Genealogy

- Eve Hypothesis
- mtDNA/Living groups
- Y Chromosome Studies

Neandertal Replacement/Extinction

- High infant mortality rates

- Dietary/nutritional stress

 - Enamel hypoplasia
 - Harris lines

- Environmental overadaptation
- Less developed frontal brain

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Lecture 11/Chapter 7

Upper Paleolithic

50,000-15,000 YA

Major Developments

- Stone Tool Trends

- Stone Blades

 - Aurignacian

 - Gravettian

 - Solutrean

 - Magdalanian

- Subsistence Trends

 - Megafauna

- Larger Sites

- Composite Technology

- Nonutilitarian Objects

- Exotic Materials

- More Elaborate Burials

- Sophisticated Art

 - Nonportable

 - Pictographs

 - Petroglyphs

 - Portable

 - Figurines

Geographic Distribution of Art

- Africa

- Europe

 - Figurines

Cultural Meaning of Art

- Art for Art's Sake

- Sympathetic Magic

- Sexual Depictions

- Historical Events

- Group Symbols

- Territory Markers

- Depict important food animals

- Depict Trance States by Shaman

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Lecture 12/Chapter 8: Prehistoric Migrations

Modern Human Expansion

Pliocene Epoch

Pleistocene Epoch

Holocene Epoch

Indonesia, New Guinea, Australia

Sunda

Sahul

Island-hopping

Indonesia Archipelago

40,000 BP Barrier

Lake Mungo

Post-40,000 BP

Waisted Axes

New Guinea

Bobongara Hill

Kosipe site

Nombe site

Australia

Coast

Upper Swan Bridge site

Devil's Lair Site

Willandra Lakes

Interior

Puritjarra Rockshelter

Tasmania

Pacific

Lapita Archaeological culture

Island hopping

Historic Pacific Islanders

Melanesia

Micronesia

Polynesia

Americas

Bering Land Bridge

Interior land route

Ice free corridor

Bluefish Cave site

Meadowcroft Rockshelter

Nenana Complex

Denali Complex

Clovis culture

Subsistence

South America

Sea Routes

Coastal/Maritime adaptation

Monte Verde site

Quebrada Jaguay and Quebrada Tacahuay sites

First Americans—Other Evidence

Skeletal

Linguistic Diversity

Genetic Diversity

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The Old World Mesolithic and New World Archaic

Major Trends

Pleistocene/Ice Age Ends--Holocene Begins
Broad Environmental Adaptation
Environmental diversity--cultural diversity
Modern species
Resource specialization and resource domestication
Sedentization
New Foraging Equipment
Lithic downsizing
Complex hunter-gatherers
Population trends

Old World Mesolithic

Africa

North Africa: Iberomaurusians Culture
Capsian Culture
Expressive Culture
Rock art

Europe

Maglemosian culture
Star Carr, England
Bow and Arrow
Canoe
Dog

Asia

North China
blade and flake industry
microblade industry
South China
Thailand
Spirit Cave

Australia

New Technology
Ground stone axes
Flaked stone adzes
Small-tool tradition

New World Archaic

North America—the Archaic Period, 9,000 to 3,000 ya

Northeast Archaic

Lake Forest Archaic Culture
Maritime Archaic Culture
Mast Forest Archaic Culture

Koster Site

South America

Pintada Cavern
Quebrada Jaguay, Quebrada Tacahuay

Complex Hunter-Gatherers

The Natufians

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Lecture 14/Chapter 10
The Origins of Farming

Importance of Farming—Source of Cultural Complexity
Neolithic Revolution, Food Producing Revolution, Agricultural Revolution

Consequences of Farming

- Social Complexity
- Global Food
- Neolithic Nutrition and Health

Causes of Agriculture

- Multiple causes
- Environmental Change/Oasis theory
- Cultural Evolution/Readiness hypothesis
- Population Growth
- Accident

Causes of Domestication

- Artificial Selection
- Domestication/Domesticates

Archaeological Evidence for Domestication and Agriculture

- Geography
- Size
 - Dogs
- Seed Morphology
- Osteological Changes
- Population Characteristics

Early Agricultural Regions

Old World

Near East

- Fertile Crescent/Levant
- Late Pleistocene Foragers
- Simple Foragers
 - Geometric Kebararn culture
 - Mushabian culture
 - Zarzian and Karim Shahirian cultures
- Complex foragers
 - Natufians
- Farming Model in Southwest Asia

Africa

- Neolithic Culture Regions
 - Savanna complex sites
 - Forest Margin complex sites
 - Ethiopian
- Chronology of Food Production
 - Egypt, Wadi Kubbania site
 - Qadan culture
 - Nabta Playa site
 - Sahara Pastoralists
- Tropical Africa

East Asia

- China
 - Zengpiyan Cave
- North China
 - Peiligang culture
 - Yangshao culture
- Southeast & Northeast Asia
 - Spirit Cave, Thailand
 - Northeast Thailand

Europe

- Southeast Europe
 - Greece
- Southern Europe
 - Western Europe
 - Swiss Alps
 - Central Europe/LBK culture

New World

North America

- Eastern Woodlands
- Southwest

Mesoamerica

- Squash
- Teosinte
- Oaxaca Valley
- Tehuacan Valley
 - Ajuereado phase
 - El Riego phase
 - Coxcatlan phase
 - Abejas phase
 - Purron phase
 - Ajalpan phase
- Farming Model in Mesoamerica

South America

- 3 Regional Neolithics in South America
 - Low Altitude
 - Mid Altitude
 - High Altitude
- Animal domestication
- Cotton

Lecture 15/Chapter 11

Beginnings of Complexity: Origins of Civilization

Complex Societies

Larger populations

Sedentary

Produce agricultural surpluses

Religious-political systems

Regional centers

Origins of Complexity

Food surpluses

Labor organization

Subsistence Change and Social Change

Ranked societies

Big Men

Chiefdoms

Old World Complex Societies

Jericho

Catalhoyuk

Mesopotamia

 Northern Mesopotamia

 Umm Dabaghiyah culture, pre-8,000 ya

 Hassunan culture, 8,000-7200 BP

 Samarran culture, 7500 ya

 Halafian culture, 7500 to 6700 ya

Stonehenge

 Megaliths

New World

Mesoamerica

 Olmec Culture

 La Venta, Tabasco, 3,650 ya

 San Lorenzo, Veracruz, 3,650

 Laguna de los Cerros, 3,100 ya

South America

 Caral, 4500 ya

 Chavin, 3,000 ya

 Chavin de Huantar

 Iconography/Cosmology

 Meaning of Chavin Iconography/Cosmology

Lectures 16 & 17/Chapter 14

Ranked Societies: The Old and New World

Ranked Societies: Characteristics

Regional Centers

 Outlying villages

Complex hunter-gatherers and farming societies

Social Differences

Monuments/Labor Organization

Regional Trade

Craft Traditions

Burial Ritual

Africa

Great Zimbabwe, South Africa

 Site layout

 Settlement Patterns and Hierarchy

 Trade Routes

 Tri-level settlement system:

 Status Differences

 Elites vs Farmers

Eastern North America

Complex hunter-gatherers and farmers

Earthen mounds & mound centers

Watson Brake site, Louisiana, 5,200 ya

Poverty Point, Louisiana: Complex Hunter-Gatherers, 3200ya

Adena and Hopewell

Mississippian Chiefdoms, AD 1100-1500

 Cahokia, east St. Louis

Southwest

Hohokam, Sonoran Desert, southern Arizona, AD 700-1000

Mogollon, AD 200-1400, highlands of eastern Arizona and New Mexico, and south into Mexico

Anasazi: Ancestral Puebloan, 2500 ya-AD 1200, Four Corners area

 Chaco Canyon

Northwest Coast

Complex Hunter-Gatherers, 2600 ya to 1800s

 Potlatch

 Ozette village

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Lecture 18/Chapter 12
Old World Civilizations/Agricultural States

Characteristics

- Food Surplus
- Regional Urban Centers
- Large Urban Populations
- Formal Government, Theocracy
- Social Stratification
- Monumental Works
- Public Works
- Knowledge Systems
- Complex economy
- Regional and Long Distance Trade
- Craft/art traditions
- Burial Ritual

Evolution of Agricultural States

- Conflict models
- Integration models
- Historically particular causes
- Multiple Causes

Mesopotamia

- Ubaid, 6300 ya
- Uruk, first city, 5500—5200 ya
- Early Dynastic Period, 4850-4600 ya
- Elite Burial Ritual
 - Queen Pu-abi, Ur
- Sumerian Writing

Egypt

- Egyptian Neolithic
 - 7,000-5,000 ya, domesticated crops
 - 6,500-5500 ya, political formation, central places
 - Early Nile Valley Central Places
 - Nagada—lavish burials in tombs by 5500 ya
 - Hierakonopolis
 - First Egyptian Writing, 5,200 ya
 - First Pharaoh, 3540 ya
 - Pyramids, 4,600 ya

Nubia

- 3,500 ya, Kerma Civilization
 - Kerma site
 - Tumuli X
 - Meroe site, 2500-2200 ya

Indus Valley Civilization

Baluchistan Hills, early sites

Mehrgarh, 9,000 ya

Kili Ghul Muhamad, 6,500 ya

Mundigak, 6,000 ya

Irrigation Systems

Floodplain Settlement after 6,000 ya

Irrigation/Flood control

Cultural convergence

Floodplain Villages

Kot Diji, 5500 ya

Floodplain Cities, 4500-4000 ya

Mohenjo-daro

Harappa

China

Yang-shao

Lung-Shan,

Shang

Minoan Crete

King Minos, Minotaur

Sir Authur Evans, 1890

Temple of Knossos, 3800 ya

New Temple Period, 3650-3420

Eruption of Thera, 3420 bp

Khemer Kingdom

Funan, A.D. 150-550

Khemer, A.D. 800-1400

Angkor Wat, A.D. 1113

Lecture 19/Chapter 13

New World Civilizations

Collapse of Agricultural States

Cultural evolution and cyclicity

Multiple causes of State Collapse

Stressors

System Decline

Environmental Deterioration

Environmental Catastrophes

Conflict

Internal

External

Mesoamerica/Central America

Teotihuacan, Basin of Mexico, Central Mexico, 2,000 ya-AD 1000

Maya, Yucatan Peninsula, 2,500 ya-AD 1500

Aztecs, AD 700-1500; late prehistoric/early historic group

South America

Moche culture, 1700 ya, 2200 ya to AD 600, Peru

Tiwanaku, AD 200-400

Wari, AD 600-900

Chimu/Chan Chan, AD 900-1400

Inka, AD 1200-1534

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Lecture 20: Historical Archaeology

What is historical archaeology?

Study of a time period

A Method

Study of the Modern World

Pre-Industrial to Industrial Transition

World Systems Theory

Annales School/French Social History

Midwest: Culture History Periods/Study Topics

Historic Native Americans

The Settler Period

Indian Trading Posts

Military Posts/Forts

Subsistence-level Hunting Households

Cattle Herders/Livestock Raisers

Farmsteads

Pre-Industrial Societies

Folk/vernacular cultures

self-sufficiency

Industrial Influenced Societies

Development of Commercial Farming

Progressive agriculture

Modernization

Development of Urban Communities, Institutions, and Industry

Urban/Industrial Archaeology

Infrastructure Development

Roads

Canals

Railroads

New Technology

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Lecture 21/Chapter 15

Humans: Past, Present, and Future

Applied Anthropology: Problem Solving in a Modern World

Global Problems

Environmental Deterioration

Global Agribusiness

Air Pollution

Greenhouse Effect

Loss of Biodiversity

Resource Depletion

Culture of Consumption

Global Division of Consumers

Energy Consumption

Global Instability

World Hunger

Culture of Discontent

Population Growth

Political/Civil Conflict

Global Diseases/Pandemics

Future Scenarios/Outcomes

Pessimists: The Doomsday Model (system collapse)

Optimists: The Logic of Growth Model (continuous growth)

Middle View: Sustainability Model (conservation ethic: less is more)