

Anth 250/Soc 240: Proseminar In Sociology/Anthropology
Spring 2016
11:40-12:20
Asbury Hall 202

Instructor

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Course Description

This course is designed introduce majors to faculty research in anthropology and sociology. Faculty members will discuss their respective projects allowing students to learn what anthropologists, archaeologists, and sociologists *do* and how they *do* it. Students are expected to make connections between the disciplines of anthropology and sociology. We view this course as an initiation into the majors (as well as learning about the other ones). Overall, the course creates a stronger interface between these areas. Active participation, including attending class and asking questions of presenters, is expected.

Course Goals

- a) Course will foster an opportunity early in the major for students to become part of an academic cohort and establish closer ties with other majors and departmental faculty.
- b) Course will present information regarding varied types of research and methodologies in anthropology and sociology via faculty presentations.
- c) Course will encourage students: a) to engage in critical thinking through questioning presenters; b) to work on the skill of summary and synthesis through writing; c) to gain a nuanced understanding of the similarities and differences between anthropology and sociology.
- d) Make connections between the disciplines and the research presented.

Course Requirements

Since the goal of this course is to introduce you to the disciplines of anthropology and sociology through faculty research rather than assessing what you know, everyone has the opportunity to receive an A by attending every presentation, attending two presentations by candidates to the department (one in anthropology and one in sociology), and writing a 5-7 page synthesis of the presentations.

- 1) Must attend all six sessions of the course and participate via discussion. Period.
(50%)
- 2) Must attend at least one talk by outside speakers (10%)
- 3) Must write a 5-7 synthesis of the presentations by anthropology and sociology faculty
(40%)

Dates of Classes (All classes are in Asbury Hall 202)

Monday, February 1st:	Matthew Oware introduces course	11:40-12:20
Monday, February 8th:	Presentation by Angela Castaneda	11:40-12:20
Monday, March 7th:	Presentation by Leigh-Anne Goins	11:40-12:20
Monday, April 4 th :	Presentation by Oware and Castaneda	11:40-12:20
Monday, May 2nd:	Presentation by Alicia Suarez	11:40-12:20
Monday, May 9th:	Wrap Up with Matthew Oware	11:40-12:20
Outside Speakers	To Be Announced	4 o'clock

Lunch will be provided on the days that there are departmental speakers

Required Paper for Course (5-7 double-spaced Times New-Roman pages)

You have heard and asked questions of each presenter (and perhaps outside speakers), now write a paper making connections between the presentations. In what ways did the presentations overlap? Was there a central theme they all seemed to address? Does this speak to the similarities between the disciplines? Conversely, how did the presentations differ from one another? What different methodologies or techniques were used to address their central questions? Did they ask very different questions from one another? In what ways do anthropology, archaeology, and sociology differ from one another? What did you learn about these various disciplines through faculty presentations? What stuck out to you the most?

Paper due: Monday, May 16th by 12 o'clock via email