



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Te Kura Mahinga Tangata

Anthropology

ANTH 312

Representing Others: The Challenge of Ethnography

Course Outline

CRN 280 : 24 POINTS : Trimester 2, 2006

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday and Thursday 11am -12 noon,
or by appointment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Will be announced in lectures, posted on Blackboard, or on the notice boards on level 9 and 10 of Murphy building.

LECTURES:

Monday & Thursday 12-12:50pm,

TUTORIALS:

Monday, 2-3pm OK 524
Thursday, 2-3pm, OK 303

COURSE AIMS, CONTENT, AND OBJECTIVES

Although anthropologists recognise that it is a creative and contingent practice they believe that ethnography is a valid tool for research and the exposition of findings. Once in a while, however, the faith of both the public and the anthropological community is shaken by claims that fieldworkers are manipulated and misinterpret or even fabricate data. Recent allegations focus on the harmful effects anthropological research and writing has supposedly had on research subjects.

This course looks at the nature of ethnography, as well as some specific contested studies, and the issues that they raise for the discipline. The objectives of ANTH 312 are, therefore, to provide students with a firm understanding of how social and cultural anthropology works and an understanding of current debates about ethnography.

REQUIRED TEXT

The text for this course is **Yanomami - The Fierce Controversy and What We Can Learn From it** by R. Borofsky. It is available from the University book store and costs approximately \$40.00.

OTHER MATERIALS

Reading lists, assignments, tutorial topics etc. will be announced in class and posted on Blackboard.

WORKLOAD GUIDELINES

In line with the Arts Faculty Information checklist guidelines I have constructed this course assuming that you will devote 18 hours per week to it, including lectures and tutorials.

ASSESSMENT

The course will be internally assessed. There will be two essays and one test. Further information will be announced in class and posted in Blackboard.

ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY AND WEIGHTING

Assignment	Due Date	Marks	Length
Essay 1	7 August	35	1500 words
Essay 2	25 September	35	1500 words
In term test	12 October	30	50 Minutes

Details on essays will be handed out during lectures

ASSESSMENT AND COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course assessment is designed to help you better understand the ideas discussed in the aims and content section by applying them in your research and writing. The **essays** will involve research on specific course topics. The **test** will cover the content of the readings and lectures.

PENALTIES

Students who miss the in-term test will need a medical certificate, or other documentation in order to sit a make-up. Students often ask for extensions of time for essays. I am willing to grant 3 day extensions without penalty. Beyond this there is a penalty of 1 mark per day.

ATTENDANCE

Students should attend one tutorial per week to discuss readings, lecture material and the progress of their own work. It will certainly be to your advantage to attend tutorials, having done each week's reading beforehand. You must attend at least 8 of the 10 tutorials for course completion (see penalties).

COURSE COMPLETION

In order to be assessed for a final grade, students must attend at least 8 tutorials and complete the 3 assessment tasks. A list of students who have failed to complete the requirements for course completion will be posted on the departmental notice board on the last day of classes.

ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEETS

All written work submitted for assessment must have a School Assignment Cover sheet. A sample is to be found at the back of this Course Outline. Further copies can be located on the counter at the School's Administration Office, and on the Assignment Box (beside the lifts), on level 9 of Murphy building. You may wish to have a front sheet of your own, but a School Cover sheet must be used. This is critical for accurate identification and recording of your work.

OTHER CONTACT PEOPLE

Head of School:	Assoc. Professor Jenny Neale, MY1013 Tel: 463 5827 E-m: Jenny.Neale@vuw.ac.nz
Liaison person for international students:	Professor Mike Hill, MY1001 Tel: 463 6741 E-m: Mike.Hill@vuw.ac.nz
Liaison person for Maori and Pacific students:	Assoc. Professor Jeff Sissons, MY1017 Tel: 463 6131 E-m: Jeff.Sissons@vuw.ac.nz
School Manager:	Kaye McKinlay, MY918 Tel: 463 6546 E-m: Kaye.Mckinlay@vuw.ac.nz
School Administrators:	Monica Lichti, Adam Meers and Catherine Urlich MY921, Tel: 463 5317, 463 5258 and 463 5677 E-m: sacs@vuw.ac.nz

GENERAL UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND STATUTES

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the Victoria University Calendar available in hard copy or under 'About Victoria' on the VUW home page at www.vuw.ac.nz.

Student and Staff Conduct

The Statute on Student Conduct together with the Policy on Staff Conduct ensure that members of the University community are able to work, learn, study and participate in the academic and social aspects of the University's life in an atmosphere of safety and respect. The Statute on Student Conduct contains information on what conduct is prohibited and what steps are to be taken if there is a complaint. For information about complaint procedures under the Statute on Student Conduct, contact the Facilitator and Disputes Advisor or refer to the statute on the VUW policy website at: www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/studentconduct. The Policy on Staff Conduct can be found on the VUW website at: www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/staffconduct

Academic Grievances

If you have any academic problems with your course you should talk to the tutor or lecturer concerned; the class representatives may also be able to help you. If you are not satisfied with the result of that meeting, see the Head of School or the relevant Associate Dean; VUWSA Education Coordinators are available to assist in this process. If, after trying the above channels, you are still unsatisfied, formal grievance procedures can be invoked. These are set out in the Academic Grievance Policy which is published on the VUW website at: www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/academicgrievances

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Academic integrity is about honesty – put simply it means *no cheating*. All members of the University community are responsible for upholding academic integrity, which means staff and students are expected to behave honestly, fairly and with respect for others at all times.

Plagiarism is a form of cheating which undermines academic integrity. The University defines plagiarism as follows:

The presentation of the work of another person or other persons as if it were one's own, whether intended or not. This includes published or unpublished work, material on the Internet and the work of other students or staff.

It is still plagiarism even if you re-structure the material or present it in your own style or words.

Note: It is however, perfectly acceptable to include the work of others as long as that is acknowledged by appropriate referencing.

Plagiarism is prohibited at Victoria and is not worth the risk. Any enrolled student found guilty of plagiarism will be subject to disciplinary procedures under the Statute on Student Conduct and may be penalized severely. Consequences of being found guilty of plagiarism can include:

- an oral or written warning
- cancellation of your mark for an assessment or a fail grade for the course
- suspension from the course or the University.

Find out more about plagiarism, and how to avoid it, on the University's website:

www.vuw.ac.nz/home/studying/plagiarism.html

Students with Impairments

The University has a policy of reasonable accommodation of the needs of students with disabilities. The policy aims to give students with disabilities the same opportunity as other students to demonstrate their abilities. If you have a disability, impairment or chronic medical condition (temporary, permanent or recurring) that may impact on your ability to participate, learn and/or achieve in lectures and tutorials or in meeting the course requirements, please contact the course coordinator as early in the course as possible. Alternatively, you may wish to approach a Student Adviser from Disability Support Services (DSS) to discuss your individual needs and the available options and support on a confidential basis. DSS are located on Level 1, Robert Stout Building; telephone: 463-6070, email: disability@vuw.ac.nz

The School of Social and Cultural Studies' Disability Liaison person is Dr Rhonda Shaw, MY1022, telephone: 463 6134 E-m: Rhonda.Shaw@vuw.ac.nz.

Student Support

Staff at Victoria want students to have positive learning experiences at the University. Each faculty has a designated staff member who can either help you directly if your academic progress is causing you concern, or quickly put you in contact with someone who can. In the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences the support contact is Dr Allison Kirkman, Murphy Building, MY407, telephone: 463 5676. Assistance for specific groups is also available from the Kaiwawao Maori, Manaaki Pihipihinga or Victoria International.

In addition, the Student Services Group (email: student-services@vuw.ac.nz) is available to provide a variety of support and services. Find out more at: www.vuw.ac.nz/st_services/

VUWSA employs Education Coordinators who deal with academic problems and provide support, advice and advocacy services, as well as organising class representatives and faculty delegates. The Education Office (tel. 463-6983 or 463-6984, email at education@vuwsa.org.nz) is located on the ground floor, Student Union Building.

Office use only

Date Received:

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SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Assignment Cover Sheet

(please write legibly)

Full Name: _____

Student ID: _____ **Course (eg ANTH101):** _____

Tutorial Day: _____ **Tutorial Time:** _____

Tutor (if applicable): _____

Assignment Due Date: _____

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

*I certify that this paper submitted for assessment is the result of my own work,
except where otherwise acknowledged.*

Signed: _____ Date: _____