

Teaching Culture: The Pedagogy of Anthropology

April 28th & 29th 2006

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Department of Anthropology***



Friday April 28th

The Pedagogical Mission of Anthropology

3:00-5:30pm, Haskell 315

Workshop Leaders: George Stocking (University of Chicago), Jean Comaroff (University of Chicago), Jennifer Cole (University of Chicago)

- What is Anthropology's pedagogical mission within the context of a liberal arts education?
- What skills and knowledges do undergraduates majoring in Anthropology need to acquire?
- How does the discipline of Anthropology distinguish itself pedagogically from other disciplines in the Social Sciences?
- What does it mean to teach a class from an anthropological perspective?

Wine and cheese reception, Haskell Mezzanine

Saturday April 29th

Continental breakfast, Haskell Mezzanine (9:00 -10:00am)

Anthropology 101: Introducing the Discipline

10:00am - 12:30 pm, Haskell 315

Workshop leaders: Judith Farquhar (University of Chicago), Larry Nesper (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Kathleen Morrison (University of Chicago)

- How do we teach an intro/survey course in Anthropology?
- How should an introductory course speak to the four fields of the discipline?
- What is the relationship between text (or textbook), lecture, and discussion in a large introductory Anthropology class?
- How can we develop creative syllabi for intro classes?

Lunch, Haskell mezzanine (12:30 – 2:00)

Pedagogical Strategies for Anthropology

2:00- 4:30 pm, Haskell 315

Workshop leaders: Robert Rotenberg (DePaul University), Shane Greene (Indiana University), Holly Swyers (University of Chicago)

- Are there specific classroom dynamics that distinguish the discipline of Anthropology?
- What pedagogical strategies work best in Anthropology classes?
- What kinds of assignments and projects are best suited to critical thinking within our discipline?
- What is the relationship between our teaching and our research and how can they build on each other?

Dinner in Hyde Park for conference participants

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