

Anthropology 3660
ANTHROPOLOGICAL THEORY AND CONTEXT
Fall 2018

Final Research Paper Guidelines

I. Focus

The Research Paper assignment is open-ended. You are free to research and write about anything you like that's related to the history and context of anthropological theory. You're expected to have a clear thesis that drives the research. You should discuss your proposed topic with me as soon as you have an idea about what you'd like to write about. Among the kinds of topics that you can choose are these:

- Critical examination of a *particular* theory or theorist in anthropology.
- Critical comparison of *two or more* theories or theorists in anthropology.
- Examination of the *scientific* and/or *humanistic* status of anthropology.
- Consideration of anthropology as an *activist* discipline.
- Critical analysis of a *particular historical event or set of events* that shaped the development of anthropology.
- Anthropology's historical development as a "dialogue" with a *non-anthropologist*; e.g., Karl Marx, Charles Darwin, etc.

Many other topics are imaginable! You are welcome to research topics that will facilitate the preparation of your graduate thesis project or your undergraduate final project.

II. Mechanics

- a. Papers should be between 10-12 pages in length.
- b. Papers should be typed and double-spaced, 1 inch margins on all sides, in 12 point Times New Roman font (no exceptions).
- c. Please include an "Abstract" with your paper, a 75-100 word summary of the paper stating its purpose, limitation or boundaries, and any significant conclusions. The abstract goes on its own page, following the title page, and should be single-spaced.
- d. Use subheadings in appropriate places to break up the text and provide signposts for the reader.
- e. In-text citation to reference material should follow a format which includes author and date, e.g., "(Clifford 1986)". You should also include page numbers for material that is lifted verbatim out of a reference work, e.g., "(Clifford 1986:24)". Please do not use footnotes or endnotes.
- f. Indent and single space any long quotations taken from sources.
- g. Your final bibliography should be organized alphabetically by author, according to the *American Anthropologist* style. The *American Anthropologist* style guide is posted on the Course Portfolio website.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES-- YOUR GRADE WILL BE PARTLY BASED ON HOW WELL YOU FOLLOW THEM!!!