

# PARANORMAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Anthropology 1006

Winter 2018

## Research Paper Guidelines

The purpose of the research paper, and the class presentation that is based on it, is to put your independent study of the paranormal topic you've chosen into (1) the context of broader course themes and objectives, and (2) the context of *other* paranormal work that's reported by your classmates. That is, your final paper should be both *analytical* and *comparative*. Your final paper should address these questions:

\* How does current work on your topic build upon previous research as reported in the assigned "classic" readings? Does it update this work and push it in new directions? Or, does it rehash, repackage, or recycle old ideas?

\* What's the **Philosophy of Knowing** (Epistemology) evident in the work you've researched? Is it a coherent philosophy? Does the research reflect "normal" scientific practice, or non-scientific practice? If it departs from normal science, is the departure justified?

\* What social or cultural factors might be influencing the work; i.e., is there a **Sociology of Belief** issue that must be confronted?

\* How does current research on your topic reflect themes or patterns evident in research on *other* paranormal topics reported by your classmates? Do you see any parallels and convergences?

\* Given what we currently know about the **Anthropology of the Past**, to what extent is the research on your topic worth paying attention to, or best ignoring, going forward?

*Your final paper is expected to incorporate feedback you receive during your in-class presentation, the final week's class summary and discussion of themes in paranormal archaeology, and the individual tutorial we have in the last week of classes.*

**Paper length:** 10-12 pages, excluding cover page and references.

**Format:** typed, double-spaced, 1 inch margins, 12 point Times New Roman font, with pages numbered. Please include a cover page containing the title of the paper and your name as the author.

### **Citations and Bibliography**

- All citations should be in-text; e.g., (Smith 1991). No footnotes or endnotes.
- If you have a particular passage from something you read that you would like to cite in the body of your paper, then the page number on which the passage is found should follow the year of publication (e.g., Smith 1991: 185).
- Extensive quoting of excerpts from the literature should be indented and single-spaced.
- **You may use whatever bibliographic convention or style you are accustomed to using. If you don't have a favorite/customary style, then see me for a suggestion.**
- Your Bibliography entries should be *alphabetized*!
- Titles of books and journals should be *italicized*.

**DUE DATE:** Friday, March 16, by 4:00 pm.