## Course Syllabus SUNY Brockport Department of Anthropology ANT 481/581 Roman Archaeology Fall 2009

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## **Course Description:**

This course is intended to provide an understanding of the archaeology of the Etruscan and Roman cultures, from the origins and developments of the former in Early Iron Age Italy, to the rise of Rome and the spread of Roman culture throughout the Mediterranean world in the Roman Republican and Imperial periods. It will emphasize the contributions of studies of material culture to our understandings of social, economic, religious, and political activities and their changes over time. This course will make use of ancient texts, art, architecture and numerous recent archaeological studies to provide a holistic look at the archaeological record.

#### **Method of Evaluation:**

Total	100%
Final Exam	<u>25%</u>
Research Paper/Presentation	30%
Slide Quiz #2	10%
Midterm Exam	25%
Slide Quiz #1	10%

### **Required Texts:**

Nancy H. Ramage, Andrew Ramage, *Roman Art*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., Upper Saddle River, NJ, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2005

## Readings:

Each student is expected to carry out assigned textbook and/or journal article readings on a weekly basis as a background to lecture materials.

#### **Attendance:**

Students are expected to attend all classes and are responsible through assignments and exams for the material presented in all lectures, whether or not they attend class (this includes videos).

## Plagiarism (Academic Dishonesty) Policy:

Plagiarism is defined as a student "submitting the words, ideas, images or data of another person as his or her own in any academic writing, essay, thesis, research project or assignment in a course or program of study." Plagiarism amounts to cheating: it is a serious academic offence, and will be dealt with accordingly in the course.

## **Term Paper/Presentation:**

Students have the choice of writing a seven to ten page paper or developing a presentation. If you choose the paper it must be typed double-spaced, approximately 1750-2500 words. If you choose the presentation it must be approximately 30 minutes in length. More information will be available in the form of a handout for the paper later in the term.

#### **Examination and Ouiz Formats:**

The quizzes will consist of a number of slides with questions asked about each slide. These may range from identifying a site or object, stating the significance of an artifact or stating what the time period is that the item in the slide is from. Each quiz will be approximately 60 minutes long. The midterm and final exam will be a combination of short answer questions and essay questions based on the lectures and on the assigned readings.

# Reading and Lecture Schedule: Anthropology 481/581 – Roman Archaeology 2009

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Chapters</b>
Week 1 August 31 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Introduction Villanovans and Etruscans	R&R, Introduction R&R, chapter 1
Week 2 Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day – No Classes The Roman Republic	R&R, chapter 2
Week 3 Sept.14 <sup>th</sup> Sept.16 <sup>th</sup>	Tutorial: Settlement, Society and Organization (Con't)	See attached reading list
Week 4 Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Film: The Republic of Rome and Augustus and Empire The Julio-Claudians	R&R, chapter 3 R&R, chapter 4
Week 5 Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Film: The Age of Empires Slide Quiz #1 (10%) and The Flavians	R&R, chapter 5: R&R, pp.154-71
Week 6 Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Roman Technology (Con't)	
Week 7 Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Trajan From Trajan to Hadrian	R&R, chapter 6 R&R, review chapter 7 and pp.206-223
<b>Week 8</b> Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mid-semester break – No Classes Midterm Exam (Chapters 1-7 R & R and assigned articles - 25%)	
Week 9 Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tutorial: Lifestyle and Domestic Space (Con't)	See attached reading list
Week 10		
Nov. 2nd	The Classical Revival and The Antonines	R&R, pp.224-233 R&R, chapter 8
Nov. 4th	The Antonines to The Severans	R&R, review chapter 8 and read chapter 9
Week 11 Nov. 9th Nov.11th	Tutorial: Agriculture, economy and the environment (Con't)	See attached reading list

Week 12 Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	The Soldier Emperors The Tetrarchs and Constantine	R&R, chapter 10 R&R, chapter 11
Week 13 Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Slide Quiz #2 (10%) and Film: The Enduring Legacy Pompeii and Herculaneum	R&R, chapter 12
Week 14 Nov. 30th Dec. 2nd	Tutorial: Health (Con't)	See attached reading list
Week 15 Dec. 7th Dec. 9th	Presentations Research Paper due (30%)	
Exam (25%)	Exams Begin Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> (Ends on Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup> )	

\*\*This will be the general guideline for the course but I reserve the right to make changes to the syllabus when necessary.

### **Assigned Articles:**

Settlement, Society and Organization:

Glenn R. Storey. Archaeology and Roman Society: Integrating Textual and Archaeological Data. Journal of Archaeological Research, Vol. 7, No. 3, 1999

W. Z. Wendrich, R. S. Tomber, S. E. Sidebotham, J. A. Harrell, R. T. J. Cappers, R. S. Bagnall. Berenike Crossroads: The Integration of Information. Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient, Vol. 46, No. 1, Excavating the Relations between Archaeology and History in the Study of Pre-Modern Asia [Part 2] (2003), pp. 46-87

Greg Woolf. Beyond Romans and Natives. World Archaeology, Vol. 28, No. 3, Culture Contact and Colonialism (Feb., 1997), pp. 339-350.

Steven E. Sidebotham, Hans Barnard, Gillian Pyke. Five Enigmatic Late Roman Settlements in the Eastern Desert. The Journal of Egyptian Archaeology, Vol. 88 (2002), pp. 187-225

Almudena Orejas and F. Javier Sánchez-Palencia. Mines, Territorial Organization, and Social Structure in Roman Iberia: Carthago Noua and the Peninsular Northwest. American Journal of Archaeology, Vol. 106, No. 4 (Oct., 2002), pp. 581-599

L. Ellis . 'Terra Deserta': Population, Politics, and the [de]Colonization of Dacia, World Archaeology, Vol. 30, No. 2, Population and Demography (Oct., 1998), pp. 220-237.

## <u>Lifestyle and Domestic Space:</u>

Penelope M. Allison. Using the Material and Written Sources: Turn of the Millennium Approaches to Roman Domestic Space. American Journal of Archaeology, Vol. 105, No. 2 (Apr., 2001), pp. 181-208

Giovanna Belcastro, Elisa Rastelli, Valentina Mariotti, Chiara Consiglio, Fiorenzo Facchini, and Benedetta Bonfiglioli. Continuity or Discontinuity of the Life-Style in Central Italy During the Roman Imperial Age-Early Middle Ages Transition: Diet, Health, and Behavior. AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY 132:381–394 (2007)

Marjorie Susan Venit. The Stagni Painted Tomb: Cultural Interchange and Gender Differentiation in Roman Alexandria. American Journal of Archaeology, Vol. 103, No. 4 (Oct., 1999), pp. 641-669

Alexandra Retzleff. A Nabataean and Roman Domestic Area at the Red Sea Port of Aila Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research, No. 331 (Aug., 2003), pp. 45-65

Simon P. Ellis. The End of the Roman House, American Journal of Archaeology, Vol. 92, No. 4 (Oct., 1988), pp. 565-576

A. CUCINA, R. VARGIU, D. MANCINELLI, R. RICCI, E. SANTANDREA, P. CATALANO AND A. COPPA. The Necropolis of Vallerano (Rome, 2nd–3rd Century AD): An Anthropological Perspective on the Ancient Romans in the Suburbium International Journal of Osteoarchaeology, 16: 104–117 (2006)

## Agricultural Economy and Environment:

Corrie Bakels and Stefanie Jacomet Access to Luxury Foods in Central Europe during the Roman Period: The Archaeobotanical Evidence. *World Archaeology*, Vol. 34, No. 3, Luxury Foods (Feb., 2003), pp. 542-557

Pehr H. Enckell, Ebba Stina Königsson, Lars-König Königsson. Ecological Instability of a Roman Iron Age Human Community. Oikos, Vol. 33, No. 2 (1979), pp. 328-349

Graeme Barker. A Tale of Two Deserts: Contrasting Desertification Histories on Rome's Desert Frontiers. *World Archaeology*, Vol. 33, No. 3, Ancient Ecodisasters (Feb., 2002), pp. 488-507

Michael MacKinnon. High on the Hog: Linking Zooarchaeological, Literary, and Artistic Data for Pig Breeds in Roman Italy. American Journal of Archaeology, Vol. 105, No. 4 (Oct., 2001), pp. 649-673

Anne Keenleyside, Henry Schwarcz, Lea Stirling, Nejib Ben Lazreg. Stable isotopic evidence for diet in a Roman and Late Roman population from Leptiminus, Tunisia Journal of Archaeological Science 36 (2009) 51–63

Oliver E. Craig, Marco Biazzo, Tamsin C. O'Connell, Peter Garnsey, Cristina Martinez-Labarga, Roberta Lelli, Loretana Salvadei, Gianna Tartaglia, Alessia Nava, Lorena Reno', Antonella Fiammenghi, Olga Rickards, and Luca Bondioli Stable Isotopic Evidence for Diet at the Imperial Roman Coastal Site of Velia (1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Centuries AD) in Southern Italy, AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY 139:572–583 (2009)

Maurizio G. Paoletti, A. L. Dreon, G. G. Lorenzoni. Pistic, Traditional Food from Western Friuli, N.E. Italy. Economic Botany, Vol. 49, No. 1 (Jan. - Mar., 1995), pp. 26-30

Lisa Dumayne-Peaty. Continuity or Discontinuity? Vegetation Change in the Hadrianic-Antonine Frontier Zone of Northern Britain at the End of the Roman Occupation Journal of Biogeography, Vol. 26, No. 3 (May, 1999), pp. 643-665

Anton Ervynck, Wim Van Neer, Heide Hüster-Plogmann, Jörg Schibler. Beyond Affluence: The Zooarchaeology of Luxury. World Archaeology, Vol. 34, No. 3, Luxury Foods (Feb., 2003), pp. 428-441

#### Health:

Charles FitzGerald, Shelley Saunders, Luca Bondioli, and Roberto Macchiarelli Health of Infants in an Imperial Roman Skeletal Sample: Perspective from Dental Microstructure. AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY 130:179–189 (2006)

Tracy L. Prowse, Henry P. Schwarcz, Peter Garnsey, Martin Knyf, Roberto Macchiarelli, and Luca Bondioli. Isotopic Evidence for Age-Related Immigration to Imperial Rome. AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY 132:510–519 (2007)

L. CAPASSO. Infectious Diseases and Eating Habits at Herculaneum (1st Century AD, Southern Italy). International Journal of Osteoarchaeology, 17: 350–357 (2007)

Tracy L. Prowse, Shelley R. Saunders, Henry P. Schwarcz, Peter Garnsey, Roberto Macchiarelli, and Luca Bondioli. Isotopic and Dental Evidence for Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices in an Imperial Roman Skeletal Sample. AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY 137:294–308 (2008)