

**ANTH 3300.810/820****Peoples and Cultures of the Pacific**  
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**ACCESS AND NAVIGATION:**

This course was developed and will be facilitated utilizing the University of North Texas' Learning Management System, Blackboard Learn. To get started with the course, please go to: <https://learn.unt.edu>. You will need your EUID and password to log in to the course. If you do not know your EUID or have forgotten your password, please go to: <http://ams.unt.edu>.

**COURSE COMMUNICATION:**

The best way to reach me is through the Blackboard email tool. When you use this tool, your email subject line is prefaced by the course number and helps me keep track of the many emails that come in every day. For email correspondence, students can expect a response within 24 hours from Monday-Thursday and 48 hours on Friday-Sunday. Quiz grades will be available automatically. Discussion grades will be posted within 7 days. Exam grades will be posted within 7-12 days.

Students need to use your UNT/Blackboard email. When I send you an email through Blackboard, it will go to your UNT email account. If you have a different preferred email, then you can forward your UNT account to that preferred email. Your UNT/Blackboard email is the only way I have to communicate with you. In past years, I've tried to reach out to students for various reasons and received no responses because students are not checking their UNT email. Communication is very important to me. In an online class, email is the only way I have to reach out to you. Make sure you check your UNT email or have it forwarded to your preferred email. I do not use the Blackboard Messages tool, only email.

Please contact your Instructional Assistant (IA) for questions about the syllabus, assignments, etc. Please contact the professor for questions related to course content.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is an introduction to the peoples and cultures of the Pacific Islands. We explore the nature of indigenous island societies in the Melanesian, Micronesian, and Polynesian culture areas, focusing on social organization, economic and political systems, and religious beliefs. We then look at the transformation wrought in these societies by Western contact, missionary influence and colonial incorporation. Finally, we will examine how new Pacific Island nations are dealing with the problems of modernization and finding their own niche in the global system.

### GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To develop an awareness of the diversity of the peoples and cultures of the Pacific region.
2. To develop in students an open-minded objectivity in realizing not just other ways of doing things, but other possibilities of ways to make sense of the human condition.
3. To develop scholarly critical thinking skills, and effective means of organizing and presenting them.

### SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Describe how Pacific Island study fits into the subfields of anthropology.
2. Describe the history and significance of Pacific anthropology.
3. Explain how the geology of the Pacific affects available resources for island inhabitants.
4. Explain Pacific Islanders migration.
5. Compare indigenous society of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia.
6. Compare Western contact and social change in Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia.
7. Compare contemporary society in Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia.

### KEEPING UP:

Understand that this course moves quickly...at the same pace as an on-campus course. You need to log in routinely, pay attention to the announcements, and follow the syllabus.

### REQUIRED TEXTS:

1. **Lockwood, Victoria, ed.**  
**2004 (2016) Globalization and Culture Change in the Pacific Islands - Custom.** New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

I had this book custom-made for the class this year. I've never used all the chapters in the Lockwood book so this year I pulled out the chapters we are using and asked Prentice Hall to make a cheaper custom copy. (note: After I had the custom book made, I decided not to use Chapter 23, so that one is extra.) The cover looks like this:



You can purchase this book in 2 places:

1. The UNT Barnes and Noble bookstore. They can mail it to you if you can't get to Denton.
2. The Prentice Hall website at: (I'm still waiting for this link and will post in announcements.)

If you find a used (cheaper) copy of the original (non-custom) book, you are welcome to use that as well. Amazon rents it as well. The chapters are exactly the same. The cover of the original book looks like this:



Another note about the custom copy. I asked the publisher to arrange the chapters in the order in which they appear in the class, which is not chronological order. Oftentimes, you'll see the last page of a previous chapter (which we may not have read) on the front side of the next chapter that we will be reading. The simplest thing is to just follow the chapter numbers.

## 2. Hayano, David

**1990 Road through the Rain Forest: Living Anthropology in Highland Papua New Guinea. Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland Press.**

This book is available as an e-book in 2 places for \$9.99

1. Amazon Kindle: [http://www.amazon.com/Road-Through-Rain-Forest-Anthropology-ebook/dp/B018SVZE12/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=digital-text&ie=UTF8&qid=1449078233&sr=1-1&keywords=hayano+rain+forest](http://www.amazon.com/Road-Through-Rain-Forest-Anthropology-ebook/dp/B018SVZE12/ref=sr_1_1?s=digital-text&ie=UTF8&qid=1449078233&sr=1-1&keywords=hayano+rain+forest)
2. Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/books/details?id=Dk8ZCwAAQBAJ>

### EXTRA CREDIT TEXT:

Barker, Holly

2012 Bravo for the Marshallese: Regaining Control in a Post-Nuclear, Post-Colonial World, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Press. (There is also a 1<sup>st</sup> edition from 2004, which you are welcome to use instead of the 2012 edition)

Details of the extra credit assignment are available in Blackboard.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

**Exams:** There will be 4 exams in this course that will cover course content on Blackboard and the chapters in the Lockwood book. Each exam will consist of multiple choice, true/false, short answer, and essay questions. Each exam is 100 points. The course outline indicates the due dates of all exams. Exams 1, 2, and 3 will be available for 10 days past the due date. Exam 4 will be available for only 2 days past the due date because it's finals week and grades are due. If you miss an exam due date without a valid excuse, there will be 10 points off for every day late. No exceptions. For example, if you are 5 days late, the maximum points you can earn is 50 points. A missed exam is not taken lightly in my class. Students may not reschedule exams because of out of town trips and/or plane reservations. **Mark the exam dates on your calendar.**

**Ethnography Book Quiz:** There is one assigned ethnography in this class – Hayano's *Road through the Rain Forest*. There will be class discussion and a quiz covering this book. The class discussion will largely take place during the week of Feb. 21-27. Prompts for discussion posts are located in Unit 2: Melanesia and on the Discussion Board. This book quiz will be open from the beginning of the semester until the deadline on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. The quiz will not be available after the due date. Review questions are located in Unit 2: Melanesia. You should begin reading this book right away and don't wait until the last minute. The book quiz is 40 points. The book will not be on any of the exams.

**Lockwood Chapter Quizzes:** There will be 6 quizzes over the Lockwood book readings. Quizzes will cover 2-3 chapters at a time. Questions will be T/F, and each quiz is 10 points. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped for a total of 50 points. (Students may not drop a book quiz grade.) Material covered on quizzes will also be on the exams. Check the course schedule for dates. Quizzes will be open during the entire Unit. The quizzes will not be available past the due date.

**Presentation:** Each student will prepare a formal presentation during this course. Presentations will cover contemporary culture and society of Melanesian, Micronesian, and Polynesian nations. There is a sign-up sheet and students will turn in their presentation during the appropriate unit. For example, if you sign up to make a presentation on Papua New Guinea, your presentation will be due towards the end of Unit 2 – Melanesia. There are detailed instructions on this assignment posted in Blackboard. The presentation is 100 points. The sign-up deadline is: Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up list is located on the sidebar in Blackboard Learn. This is not a group presentation. This is an individual presentation.

**Discussion Board:** We will discuss all the readings on the discussion board. This includes all the articles in the Lockwood book, as well as the *Road through the Rain Forest* book.

- For each chapter in the Lockwood book, you must respond to at least 1 discussion prompt by the instructor. Next, you must reply to at least 1 student. There are 2 discussion points per chapter for the Lockwood book – 1 point for your original post and 1 point for responding to at least 1 student. You can earn up to 3 extra points for more discussion posts and comments per chapter (1 point per post/comment). So there is a potential of 5 points for each chapter. The requirement is 2 points. Look at the course schedule for deadlines. The week the chapter is listed on the course schedule is the week the discussion for that chapter is due.

Each post/comment should be at least 3 sentences long and not simply repeating what others have already said.

- For the *Road through the Rain Forest* book, you must respond to at least 5 discussion prompts by the instructor. There are 5 discussion points for the *Road through the Rain Forest* book. You can earn up to 5 extra points for more discussion posts and by replying to other students (1 point for each post/comment). The *Road through the Rain Forest* will be discussed during the week Feb. 21-Feb. 27. You are welcome to start posting your comments and discussing the book with your classmates earlier. All responses for the *Road through the Rain Forest* book are due Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. The book quiz is available until Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Each post/comment should be at least 3 sentences long and not simply repeating what others have already said.

Try to "think like an anthropologist". Think about anything that stood out to you in the article. Are there any aspects of the featured culture that you found interesting? Why? Be specific. Don't just state facts from the articles - **reflect on them**. For those who may not have participated in online discussions before, it's definitely ok to have different opinions from others; in fact, that's part of what can make online discussions so rich and vibrant. Just remember to address those differences in a professional manner. If you have a different opinion or idea about something, support what you are saying with evidence from the article or your own experiences.

**Student Evaluation:**

Lockwood chapter quizzes (6 quizzes, lowest score dropped)	50 points
Exam 1	100 points
Exam 2	100 points
Exam 3	100 points
Exam 4	100 points
Presentation	100 points
Welcome discussion board	2 points
Lesson 1 discussion board	4 points
Lockwood chapters discussion board (16 chapters, 2 pts. each)	32 points
Road through the Rain Forest discussion board	5 points
Ethnography Book quiz	40 points
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>633 points</b>

633-569	A
568-504	B
503-440	C
439-377	D
Below 377	F

**Withdrawal:** If you are unable to complete this course you must withdraw. Withdrawing from a course is a formal procedure which **YOU** must initiate. I cannot do it for you. If you simply stop attending and do not withdraw, you will receive a performance grade, usually an “F.”

### **STUDENT CONDUCT:**

**Plagiarism and Cheating.** The department of anthropology does not tolerate plagiarism, cheating, or helping others to cheat. Students suspected of any of these will be provided the opportunity for a hearing; a guilty finding will merit an automatic “F” in the course. In addition, I reserve the right to pursue further disciplinary action within the UNT legal system, which may result in dismissal from the university. Plagiarism is defined as misrepresenting the work of others (whether published or not) as your own. It may be inadvertent or intentional. Any facts, statistics, quotations, or paraphrasing of any information that is not common knowledge, should be cited. For more information on paper writing, including how to avoid plagiarism, and how to use citations, see <http://anthropology.unt.edu/resources-writingpaper.php> For information on the University’s policies regarding academic integrity and dishonesty, see the UNT Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities, <http://www.unt.edu/csrr/>.

**Acceptable Online Student Behavior:** Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students’ opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior may be referred to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student’s conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university’s expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at [www.deanofstudents.unt.edu](http://www.deanofstudents.unt.edu)

**Student Responsibility:** Your primary responsibility as a student is to master the material presented in class and in the readings and do well in the course. This is an easily achieved objective. Log onto Blackboard and do the reading! At times concepts or issues raised in class might be unclear. Students come from a variety of backgrounds and have various strengths and weaknesses. If you have any questions or feel unsure about any class material, see me after class or during office hours as soon as you realize a problem. We will work together to find a solution. **DON’T** wait until the end of the semester. Please realize that my goal as an instructor is not just to grade, evaluate, and test, but to help you gain a valuable life perspective to carry outside the class, into whatever you do.

### **ADA POLICY:**

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://disability.unt.edu/>. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

### **F-1 STUDENTS TAKING DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES:**

**Federal Regulation:** To read detailed Immigration and Customs Enforcement regulations for F-1 students taking online courses, please go to the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations website at <http://www.oia.gov/index.php/links/electronic-code-of-federal-regulations>. The specific portion concerning distance education courses is located at "Title 8 CFR 214.2 Paragraph (f) (6) (i) (G)" and can be found

buried within this document: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2012-title8-vol1/xml/CFR-2012-title8-vol1-sec214-2.xml>

The paragraph reads:

(G) For F–1 students enrolled in classes for credit or classroom hours, no more than the equivalent of one class or three credits per session, term, semester, trimester, or quarter may be counted toward the full course of study requirement if the class is taken on-line or through distance education and does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to completion of the class. An on-line or distance education course is a course that is offered principally through the use of television, audio, or computer transmission including open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, or satellite, audio conferencing, or computer conferencing. If the F–1 student's course of study is in a language study program, no on-line or distance education classes may be considered to count toward a student's full course of study requirement.

**University of North Texas Compliance:** To comply with immigration regulations, an F-1 visa holder within the United States may need to engage in an on-campus experiential component for this course. This component (which must be approved in advance by the instructor) can include activities such as taking an on-campus exam, participating in an on-campus lecture or lab activity, or other on-campus experience integral to the completion of this course.

If such an on-campus activity is required, it is the student's responsibility to do the following:

- (1) Submit a written request to the instructor for an on-campus experiential component within one week of the start of the course.
- (2) Ensure that the activity on campus takes place and the instructor documents it in writing with a notice sent to the International Student and Scholar Services Office. ISSS has a form available that you may use for this purpose.

Because the decision may have serious immigration consequences, if an F-1 student is unsure about his or her need to participate in an on-campus experiential component for this course, s/he should contact the UNT International Student and Scholar Services Office (telephone 940-565-2195 or email [internationaladvising@unt.edu](mailto:internationaladvising@unt.edu)) to get clarification before the one-week deadline.

### **SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION, HARRASSMENT, & ASSAULT:**

UNT is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these acts of aggression, please know that you are not alone. The federal Title IX law makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses. UNT has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more.

UNT's Dean of Students' website offers a range of on-campus and off-campus resources to help support survivors, depending on their unique needs: [http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources\\_0](http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources_0). Renee LeClaire McNamara is UNT's Student Advocate and she can be reached through e-mail at [SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu](mailto:SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu) or by calling the Dean of Students' office at 940-565-2648. You are not alone. We are here to help.

## COURSE SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic and Assignments</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Tues-Mon week	UNIT 1: Introduction to the Pacific	
Jan. 17-23	Lesson 1: Introduction to anthropology Lesson 2: Pacific anthropology  Jan. 20: post an introduction bio and picture Jan. 20: post stories on cultural relativism and ethnocentrism Jan. 23: responses to students' posts	Lockwood Ch. 1
Jan. 24-30	Lesson 3: Environment	Hayano book pp. 1-54 (get started on this book for Unit 2)
Jan. 31-Feb. 6	Lesson 4: Peopling of the Pacific  <b>Feb. 6: Exam 1 (includes map quiz)</b> (opens at 12:01 a.m CT, due by 11:59 p.m. CT) Feb. 6: Deadline for presentation sign-up	Hayano book pp. 55-101 (keep reading this book for Unit 2)
Tues-Mon week	UNIT 2: Melanesia	
Feb. 7-13	Lesson 5: Melanesia – Indigenous Society  Feb. 10: respond to at least 1 instructor prompt (for M&F chapter) Feb. 13: respond to at least 1 student's post (for M&F chapter)	Macintyre and Foale Ch. 9 Hayano book pp. 103-154
Feb. 14-20	Lesson 6: Melanesia – Contact/ Social Change  Feb. 17: respond to at least 1 instructor prompt for each chapter Feb. 20: respond to at least 1 student's post for each chapter <b>Feb. 20: quiz 1 deadline for Ch. 9, 13, 21</b> (open during entire unit until deadline at 11:59 p.m. CT)	Welsch Ch. 13 Mitchell Ch. 21

<p>Feb. 21-27</p>	<p>Road Through the Rain Forest</p> <p>Feb. 21: instructor video discussions of each Lockwood chapter will be posted to study for exam 2                  Feb. 27: respond to at least 5 instructor prompts  <b>Feb. 27: Ethnography book quiz (open until Feb. 27 at 1:59 p.m. CT)</b></p>	<p>Hayano book wrap up</p>
<p>Feb. 28-Mar. 6</p>	<p>Lesson 7: Melanesia – Contemporary Society</p> <p>Mar 3: respond to at least 1 instructor prompt for each chapter                  Mar 6: respond to at least 1 student’s post for each chapter</p> <p><b>Mar 6: Presentations due</b> by 11:59 p.m. CT (Papua New Guinea, West Papua, Vanuatu/New Hebrides, Solomon Islands, Fiji, New Caledonia)</p>	<p>Roscoe Ch. 3                  Kaplan Ch. 4</p>
<p>Mar 7-12                  (*short week)</p>	<p>Mar 7: student presentations will be posted to study for exam                  Mar 10: respond to at least 1 instructor prompt for each chapter  <b>Mar 10: quiz 2 deadline for Ch. 3, 4, 6</b> (open during entire unit until Deadline at 11:59 p.m. CT)                  Mar 10: instructor video discussions of each Lockwood chapter will be posted to study for exam 2                  Mar 12: respond to at least 1 student’s post for each chapter</p> <p><b>Mar 10-12: Exam 2</b> (open Fri, Sat, Sun because of short week and the start of spring break; due by 11:59 p.m. CT on 3/12/17)</p>	<p>Jourdan Ch. 6</p>
<p>Mar 13-19</p>	<p><b>Spring Break</b></p>	

Tues-Mon week	UNIT 3: Micronesia	
Mar 21-27	<p>Lesson 8: Micronesia – Indigenous Society</p> <p>Mar 24: respond to at least 1 instructor prompt for each chapter                      Mar 27: respond to at least 1 student’s post for each chapter</p>	Marshall Ch. 12
Mar 28-April 3	<p>Lesson 9: Micronesia – Contact/ Social Change</p> <p>Mar 31: respond to at least 1 instructor prompt for each chapter                      April 3: respond to at least 1 student’s post for each chapter  <b>April 3: quiz 3 deadline for Ch. 12, 18, 24</b> (open during entire unit until deadline at 11:59 p.m. CT)</p>	Poyer, Falgout and Carucci Ch. 18 Carucci Ch. 24
April 4-10	<p>Lesson 10: Micronesia – Contemporary Society</p> <p>April 4: instructor video discussions of each Lockwood chapter will be posted to study for exam 3                      April 7: respond to at least 1 instructor prompt for each chapter                      April 10: respond to at least 1 student’s post for each chapter</p> <p><b>April 10: Presentations due by 11:59 p.m. CT</b> (Marianas Islands, Nauru, Palau/Belau, Guam, Marshall Islands, Kiribati)</p>	Hess Ch. 11
April 11-17	<p>April 11: student presentations will be posted to study for exam                      April 14: respond to at least 1 instructor prompt for each chapter  <b>April 14: quiz 4 deadline for Ch. 11, 14</b> (open during entire unit until deadline at 11:59 p.m. CT)                      April 15: instructor video discussions of each Lockwood chapter will be posted to study for exam 3                      April 17: respond to at least 1 student’s post for each chapter</p> <p><b>April 17: Exam 3</b> (opens at 12:01 a.m. CT, due by 11:59 p.m. CT)</p>	Nero, Murray, and Burton Ch. 14

Tues-Mon week	UNIT 4: Polynesia	
April 18-24	Lesson 11: Polynesia – Indigenous Society April 21: respond to at least 1 instructor prompt for each chapter April 24: respond to at least 1 student’s post for each chapter	Connell Ch. 15 Shankman Ch. 22
April 25-May 1	Lesson 12: Polynesia – Contact/ Social Change April 28: respond to at least 1 instructor prompt for each chapter May 1: respond to at least 1 student’s post for each chapter <b>May 1: quiz 5 deadline for Ch. 15, 22, 19</b> (open during entire unit until deadline at 11:59 p.m. CT)	Linnekin Ch. 19
May 2-6 (*short week)	Lesson 13: Polynesia – Contemporary Society May 2: instructor video discussions of each Lockwood chapter will be posted to study for exam 4 May 4: respond to at least 1 instructor prompt for each chapter May 5: respond to at least 1 student’s post for each chapter <b>May 5: quiz 6 deadline for Ch. 8, 17</b> (open during entire unit until deadline at 11:59 p.m. CT) <b>May 5: Presentations due at 11:59 p.m. CT</b> (Western/Independent Samoa, Easter Island, Tonga, Hawai’i, American Samoa, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, New Zealand, Pitcairn, Tuvalu) May 6: student presentations will be posted to study for exam May 6: instructor video discussions of each Lockwood chapter will be posted to study for exam 4	Lee Ch. 8 Kahn Ch. 17
Finals Week May 7-13	<b>May 9: Exam 4</b> (opens at 12:01 a.m. CT, due by 11:59 p.m. CT)	

*Note: The instructor reserves the right to add, delete, or revise segments of this course or syllabus.*