

Anthropology 3143 [3090-001]
M W 9:30-10:45
Fretwell 419

Race and Anthropology

The goal of this course is to confront the nature and significance of biological diversity in the human species, and the ways they have been interpreted, and represented scientifically. The early topics concern the nature of genetic diversity, and the ways in which it has been related to behavioral diversity historically. The first book is specifically about claims of innate racial differences in athleticism; and the second is about similar claims for mental abilities. All of the other readings are on the class website on moodle.uncc.edu.

This is an upper-division class. Students are expected to have had Anth 2141 and to be prepared to discuss the issues that arise in readings and lecture.

Format:

The lectures will be complementary to, but not redundant on, the readings. The questions to keep in your mind throughout the semester are:

- 1. What were the most important points of the reading and lectures?**
- 2. What would someone 100 years ago make of the material we just covered?**
- 3. What is the role of science in adjudicating or explicating the issues?**
- 4. To what extent do these issues transcend time, space, and culture, or are they effectively unique to modern America?**

Grading will be based on class participation, a midterm, and a non-cumulative final (Wed Dec 16, at **9:30** am).

AND REMEMBER:

All students are expected to read and abide by the UNCC Code of Academic Integrity and the UNCC Code of Student Responsibility (UNCC Catalog, pp. 375-377).

Readings:**Required Texts:****Hoberman, *Darwin's Athletes*****Alland, *Race in Mind*****Additional readings:****On moodle.uncc.edu**

Week 1	Aug 24 -26	Topic 1: The study of human variation	Garrett 1961; Marks 2008; Haller 1970; Haller 1971; Greene 1954.
Week 2	Aug 31 - Sept 2		Pierpont, 2003; Hooton 1926; Hooton 1929; Hooton 1936; Caspari 2003.
Week 3	Sept 9		Washburn 1963; Smedley 1999; Benedict and Weltfish 1943; Unesco 1950-51; Brattain 2007.
Week 4	Sept 14 - 16	Topic 2: Patterns of human diversity	Davenport 1929; Boas 1931; Provine 1971; Boyd 1963.
Week 5	Sept 21 - 23		Hulse 1962; Livingstone 1962; Templeton 1998; Dobzhansky 1962; Abu El-Haj 2007.
Week 6	Sept 28 - 30		Social Science Research Council: Is Race Real? < raceandgenomics.ssrc.org >
Week 7	Oct 5 - 7		Braun and Hammonds 2008 Race: The Power of an Illusion < www.pbs.org/race >
Week 8	Oct 14	*** Exam 1 ***	
Week 9	Oct 19 - 21	Topic 3: The adaptable human body	Boas 1912; Shapiro, 1937; Kaplan 1954; Lasker 1969; Gravlee 2009
Week 10	Oct 26 - 28		Hoberman book
Week 11	Nov 2 - 4		Dyreson 2001
Week 12	Nov 9 - 11	Topic 4: Minds and IQs	Dobzhansky 1947
Week 13	Nov 16 -18	<British video?>	Alland book Rose et al. 2009
Week 14	Nov 23		Lichtenstein 1977, Holden 2009.
Week 15	Nov 30 - Dec 2	Topic 5: Contemporary issues	Rushton, Lieberman 2001.
Week 16	Dec 7-9		Duster 2005, Kahn 2006; Anderson 2008.