“Field Projects In Archaeology”

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Course Description: The seminar will allow for research and background studies that involve specific student research. Dr. Valdez will provide an initial guidance and/or direction to which participants may determine appropriate research protocol. Topics per participant will vary, but each research program will be ideally tied into a thesis, dissertation, and/or potential publication.

Purpose: The primary interest with this course is to allow students to progress in research that leads to a professional contribution (including a thesis/dissertation). Theoretical as well as practical components are a valuable contribution to the ongoing research. The ultimate purpose is for participants to have a significant article/chapter completed that moves a particular research forward.

Requirements: Each participant must finalize their research program/intent with Prof. Valdez within the first two weeks. Each member will remain in weekly contact with Prof. Valdez on their progress or if research concerns arise. A final seminar paper will be the end result of particular research and may take the form of a publishable article, a thesis or dissertation chapter, or a very detailed outline/synopsis of the thesis/dissertation. No “required” readings are assigned as these will be determined by the subject of research.

Grading/Evaluation: The final course grade will be determined by way of a combination of attendance (10%), class participation (when appropriate, 10%), the informal & formal presentations (40%), and a final product (40%). The final paper must include the text, figures/illustrations, and a bibliography (for the text).