ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL  – BELIZE*
ANTHROPOLOGY 662
Summer (1st Session) 2015, Belize, Central America

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* Please note that Prof. Valdez and the TAs are available on a 24-hour basis in the field. We are with students each day & evening during field time and at camp.

READINGS:
There are no assigned/required readings prior to departure for the field program. Readings and required lectures are provided in the field/camp & based on the class/group’s progress.

COURSE CONTENT: The Belize Field School (ANT 662) is a practical course providing direct/first-hand experiences for students in a field setting. Archaeological methods/techniques are reviewed and practiced. Methods may include excavation, survey, plan mapping, profile definitions, among other opportunities. Additionally, all students have a lab rotation to learn laboratory processing and exposure to various material culture (lithics, ceramics, etc.).

All participants are assigned to a different archaeological site/activity each week to provide students exposure to differing archaeological situations. Satisfactory completion of the course/program includes camp chores, collaboration, and being good colleagues. At the completion of the field program, each participant will have experienced many facets of archaeological research and be significantly aware of many logistical requirements for a field program.

• Similar & collaborative academic programs are organized with Humboldt State University, Elon University, Santa Monica College, and WSUC. We are all in agreement about the content, intent, and purpose of the field school – the training of undergraduate students in field/lab techniques with a practical application to questions for Maya Civilization. The syllabus is similar for SS1 (May-June) and SS2 (June-July), 2014.
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<th>Dates</th>
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<td>May 21 – June 18</td>
<td>Introduction/orientation to camp and field life in archaeological research. History of the Programme for Belize Archaeological Project (PiBAP), both field research &amp; camp structure. Brief background to Maya chronology. Practical archaeology – daily field research including excavation techniques and proper archaeological recording. Laboratory rotations, artifact processing, etc.</td>
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<td>June 13</td>
<td>Last day in camp, clean-up, bar-b-que.</td>
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<td>Four day optional break.</td>
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*This schedule is an approximation of dates for topics, activities, etc. Any significant changes will be announced as early as possible. Included within the schedule is the showing of films, slides, guest presentations, and any other activities deemed appropriate for this course. The schedule for SS2 runs a similar list of topics, etc.*