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Anthropology Senior Seminar Week 7



## **Brief Evaluation of Anthropology Day 2018**

### **Brief Check on Semester Group Projects**

### **Exploration: *Trinkets and Beads***

### **Open Discussion**

### **Catch Up**

Making Sense of Sense Information

Review: Units of Analysis  
(time permitting)

Review: History of Anthropological Theory  
(time permitting)

Review: Anthropological Methods and Techniques  
(time permitting)

Midterm Preview

**Monday we're going to look at the Huaorani (aka Waorani or Waodani), a small "tribe" of Ecuadorian Indians of the Amazon rainforest endangered by an international oil corporation.**



**You'll see a scene repeated over and over across the globe. Although what you see actually happened more than twenty years ago, their fight continues to this day. Here's a recent news update on the area in general . . .**

**Recent related news items include . . .**

**[“Chevron’s Amazon Chernobyl Case moves to Canada,” 14 Watershed Moments for Indigenous Rights in 2017](#)** -- [IC Magazine](#) (03 January 2018)

“The Cofán, Siona, Secoya, Quichua, and Huaorani have suffered numerous problems from oil production on their lands. Laura Mendo, 59, recalls a time when the Cofan wandered freely and lived off the land. Now the rivers are contaminated, crops don't grow, and new illnesses and cancer have been introduced.” Photo by Caroline Bennett / Rainforest Action Network (CC BY-NC 2.0)

“After perpetrating what is probably the worst oil-related catastrophe on Earth — a 20,000-hectare death zone in Ecuador, known as the “Amazon Chernobyl” — Chevron Corp. has spent two decades and a billion dollars trying to avoid responsibility. In 2011, indigenous and peasant villagers won a \$9.5-billion compensation judgment in Ecuador. Chevron, despite accepting jurisdiction in Ecuador to avoid

a U.S. jury trial, refused to pay. The company sold its assets in Ecuador to avoid seizure, left the country, and threatened the victims with a “lifetime of litigation” if they pursued compensation. The 30,000 plaintiffs, however, have not given up. [The case now moves to Canada](#), where Chevron holds assets, and where the victims hope, at last, to gain justice.” *Story by Rex Weyler.*

**Indigenous groups unite to make Chevron pay**

-- [National Observer](#) (11 December 2017)

**Canadian Indigenous leaders travel to see Ecuador environmental disaster**

The group hopes to ally with 60 Indigenous tribes in Ecuador to help them fight Chevron in Canadian court

-- [CBC News](#) (27 September 2017)

**Documentary film highlights the fight of indigenous Ecuadorians to preserve their ancestral lands**

-- [CuencaHighLife](#) (16 September 2017)

**"When will the 22-year trial end?"**

**A slippery decision: Chevron oil pollution in Ecuador**

-- [Deutsche Welle](#) (09 August 2016)

**Oil drilling underway beneath Ecuador's Yasuní national park**

-- [The Guardian](#) (26 October 2016)

**Ecuador has begun drilling for oil in the world's richest rainforest**

-- [Jason G. Goldma](#), Vox (14 January 2017)

**Incredible photos of Ecuadorian tribe, whose lifestyle is threatened by oil exploration**

-- [METRO](#) (19 January 2017)

**On Wednesday we will catch up with items listed at the top of this memo, and discuss the **Midterm Exam.****

**On Wednesday** we'll take some time for Open Discussion and Review. Time permitting I'll catch up a bit on Units of Analysis, Perennial Debates, and in the not-so-likely event that we have time we'll review some History of Anthropological Theory.

**The big event of next week is the Midterm Exam, in class, on Monday, 26 February 2017.**

**Bring your laptop—the exam will be on-line.**

**For the Midterm Exam there will be an on-line live chat for last-minute questions the night before the exam, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. CDT on Sunday, 25 February 2018.**

The screenshot shows the Canvas LMS interface for the course ANTH 4653 (001) Senior Seminar (Spring 2018). On the left sidebar, the 'Chat' link is highlighted with a red box and a yellow arrow pointing to it with the text "Live Chat". The main content area displays a 'Subject Index' with letters A through Z and a 'Welcome to the Senior Seminar' message. The 'Recent Announcements' section at the top right lists three announcements: 'Nassim Nicholas Taleb's most recent work on Pareto and other distributions (Cf., Wednesday's...', 'Bentley Wishes You a Happy Chinese New Year', and 'It's World AnthroDay 2018'.

**Details on the Midterm are available at**


[http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth4653/ssexams\\_midterm.html#title](http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth4653/ssexams_midterm.html#title) >.

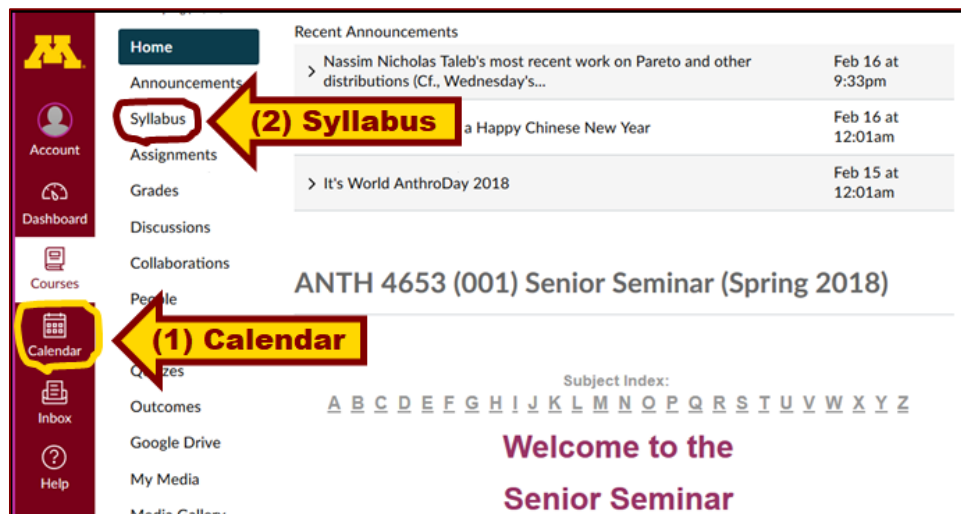
In a nutshell, **the exam** will consist of four questions drawn at random by  from a pool of questions generated from the questions you have

submitted to the exam question discussion page, plus a couple more that I have added (also included in the wiki). Use the list of questions you generated on the Midterm Exam Question discussion page as **study questions**.

But don't get so relieved when the exam is over that you forget about the fact that your **Group Project Working Bibliography and Promissory Abstract are Due** by the end of Week 07—Saturday, 24 February 2018).

## Assignments and Events

... **this week** are listed on your (1) "Calendar", and the (2) "Syllabus" sections of your  canvas folder.



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Recent Announcements		
>	Nassim Nicholas Taleb's most recent work on Pareto and other distributions (Cf., Wednesday's...	Feb 16 at 9:33pm
>	a Happy Chinese New Year	Feb 16 at 12:01am
>	It's World AnthroDay 2018	Feb 15 at 12:01am

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Subject Index:  
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








## (1) This Week's "Calendar"


18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<p>1a SS Wk 7 Readings</p> <p>4p SS Day 11 Agenda: Video: Trinkets and Beads</p>		<p>4p SS Day 12 Agenda: Catchup as per Sunday Memo</p>			<p>SS Due: Group Project Working Bibliography and Promissory Abstract (Wk 7) (Group Research Project Group 1: Duluth Sustainability Efforts )</p> <p>SS Due: Group Project Working Bibliography and Promissory Abstract (Wk 7) (Group Research Project Group 2: Plastic Use/Re-Use)</p> <p>SS Due: Rate the film Trinkets and Beads (Wk 7)</p>

## Next Week's "Calendar"

25	26	27	28	1	2	3
<p>7p SS Live Chat for Midterm Exam, Sunday, 25 February 2018, 7:00-8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>1a SS Wk 8 Readings</p> <p>4p SS Day 13 Agenda: MIDTERM EXAM -- Timed at 1-1/4 hrs. (the timing will start after you read the introduction, when you "say 'go'")</p>		<p>4p SS Day 14 Agenda: Bodley Ch. 3 Panel Discussion led by Group 3 (001 UMNDL ANTH 4653 (Spring 2018))</p> <p>4p SS Day 14 Agenda: Bodley Ch. 3 Panel Discussion led by Group 3 (Bodley Discussion 3)</p>			

## (2) This Week's "Syllabus"

Mon Feb 19, 2018	 SS Wk 7 Readings	
	 SS Day 11 Agenda: Video: Trinkets and Beads	
Wed Feb 21, 2018	 SS Day 12 Agenda: Catchup as per Sunday Memo	
	 SS Due: Group Project Working Bibliography and Promissory Abstract (Wk 7) (Group Research Project Group 2: Plastic Use/Re-Use)	
Sat Feb 24, 2018	 SS Due: Group Project Working Bibliography and Promissory Abstract (Wk 7) (Group Research Project Group 1: Duluth Sustainability Efforts )	
	 SS Due: Rate the film Trinkets and Beads (Wk 7)	due by 11:59pm
Sun Feb 25, 2018	 SS Live Chat for Midterm Exam, Sunday, 25 February 2018, 7:00-8:00 p.m.	due by 7pm
	 SS Wk 8 Readings	due by 1am
Mon Feb 26, 2018	 SS Day 13 Agenda: MIDTERM EXAM -- Timed at 1-1/4 hrs. (the timing will start after you read the introduction, when you "say 'go'")	due by 4pm

If you have any **questions** right now, about *just about* anything—please do not hesitate to post them on the  **Canvas** Course “Chat”, mail [troufs@d.umn.edu](mailto:troufs@d.umn.edu), or stop in before or after class across the hall in Cinema

Best Regards,

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