

ANTH 87: DISCOVER ANTHROPOLOGY Fall 2018

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Class Meetings: M 12-12:50pm in SSB 105

Grading: P/NP

Aim of Course: The seminar introduces students to the various disciplines within Anthropology and faculty members and their research in our department at UC San Diego.

Requirements: 1) Attendance required
2) Examine website of Department of Anthropology:
<http://anthropology.ucsd.edu/>

Schedule of Classes:

Week 1 (10/1) Welcome and Introduction; Overview of Anthropology at UC San Diego
Prof Katerina Semendeferi, Vice Chair of Undergraduate education (ksemende@ucsd.edu)

Katerina Semendeferi is Professor of Anthropology. Her research on the comparative neuroanatomy of the human brain explores neural systems involved in complex cognitive and emotional processes in humans, apes and other primates, as well as in human mental disorders. Semendeferi is the Director of the Laboratory for Human Comparative Neuroanatomy at UC San Diego.

Week 2 (10/8) Prof Bonnie Kaiser (bkaiser@ucsd.edu)

Bonnie Kaiser is an Assistant Professor jointly appointed in the Department of Anthropology and Global Health Program. Her research focuses on elucidating cultural models of mental health and illness and exploring their connections to care-seeking; developing and adapting measurement tools for cross-cultural research and interventions; improving cultural adaptation of global mental health interventions; and critically exploring concepts of trauma, risk, and resilience

Week 3 (10/15) Prof Saiba Varma (s2varma@ucsd.edu)

Saiba Varma is an Assistant Professor of the [Psychological/Medical Anthropology](#) subfield. She is a medical and cultural anthropologist working on questions of violence, medicine, psychiatry, and politics as they pertain to Indian-controlled Kashmir and South Asia more generally. Her current research examines the texture of everyday psychiatric care in different sites of trauma-based humanitarian interventions in Indian occupied Kashmir. She teaches courses on global health, medical and psychiatric anthropology, humanitarianism, and South Asian studies.

Week 4 (10/22) Prof Hanna Garth (hgarth@ucsd.edu)

Hanna Garth is an Assistant Professor in sociocultural and medical anthropology specializing in the anthropology of food. Her work addresses issues of inequality and structural violence, with regional interests in Latin American, the Caribbean, and the United States

Week 5 (10/29) Prof Aftab Jassal (afjassal@ucsd.edu)

Aftab Jassal is an Assistant Professor of anthropology of religion, with longstanding research experience and interest in the Himalayas, specifically, Uttarakhand, a north Indian state bordering Tibet and Nepal. His research examines varying modes and registers of interaction between person, place, and divinity in South Asia. Drawing on anthropological and performance studies approaches, he is interested in how Hindu communities construct and enliven multiple social, ontological, and aesthetic realities through narrative and ritual performance, including ritual storytelling and possession.

Week 6 (11/5) Prof Dredge Kang (dredgekang@ucsd.edu)

Dredge Byung'chu Kang is Assistant Professor of Anthropology. He received his anthropology PhD (2015) and global health MPH (2016) from Emory University. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Washington University in St. Louis prior to appointment at UC San Diego. Broadly, Kang's research focuses on race, gender, sexuality, class, and transnationalism.

Week 7 (11/12) No Class - Veteran's Day

Week 8 (11/19) Prof Isabel Rivera-Collazo (iriveracollazo@ucsd.edu)

Isabel Rivera-Collazo is Assistant Professor on Biological, Ecological and Human Adaptations to Climate Change at the Department of Anthropology and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Dr. Rivera-Collazo is an environmental archaeologist specializing on geoarchaeology, archaeomalacology, coastal and marine processes, maritime culture and climate change.

Week 9 (11/26) Major and minor for a degree in Anthropology – Prof Katerina Semendeferi

Week 10 (12/3) No Class – Professor in Research Conference

Finals Week No Final Exam for Freshmen seminars