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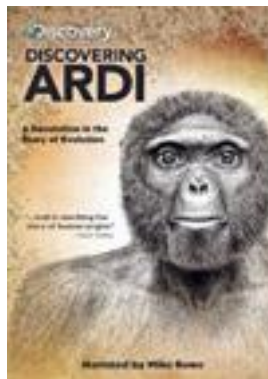
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DAY Prehistoric Cultures Week 7:
Discovering “Ardi”
and some Methods and Techniques

This week we set about *Discovering Ardi* and some more things about Archaeological/Paleontological Methods and Techniques. That will take all week, and then some . . . (remember the difference between *methods* and *techniques*—that’s why).

We’ll set out on the Ardi discovery on Tuesday, and finish that on Thursday.



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film HomePage--Discovery Channel

The class Ardi WebPage—actually the *Ardipithecus ramidus* WebPage—is at
<<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth1602/pcardipithecus.html#title>>.

Ardi, shows up *everywhere* this week, even in the **noodle** Forum . . .

[Forum: Why the Big Fuss Over "Ardi"?](#) (Due by Friday, 28 October 2011)

Uncovering *Ardi* was named *Science's* 2009 Breakthrough of the Year—which itself is interesting as “Ardi” was originally discovered in Ethiopia in 1992. It took *seventeen years* to figure out what they found—that’s the pace sometimes of Archaeological Methods and Techniques. . . .

This week we’ll also resume our formal investigations into **Archaeological Methods and Dating Techniques**. Archaeological Methods and Techniques will be with us on and off for the rest

of the semester, and we'll see many of these slides in class, so pay special attention to them in the videos . . .

Archaeological Methods and Dating Techniques
[WebPage](#)

Some Important Concepts ([slides 11B](#))

Special Skills:

- [In the Field](#) ([slides 10A](#))
- [In the Lab](#) ([slides 10B](#))
- [In the Field and Lab](#) ([slides 10C](#))

Archaeological Dating Methods ([slides 10D](#))

Other Methods of Analysis ([slides 10E](#))

Your **moodle** Topics and Reading Assignments Listings for Week 7 will look something like the information at the end of this memo.

As usual, if you have any questions, please let me know: <mailto:troufs@d.umn.edu>. Or, better yet, post them on your **moodle** Discussion and Project forum boards.

Share your ideas, including study-questions with your classmates. Discuss them on-line with the others in class .

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DAY class wiki: [General Student Discussion Area Forum](#)

DAY project live chat: [Live chat for Project Collaboration](#)

Best Regards,

Tim Roufs

Your **moodle** Presentations and Readings Listings for Week 7 will look something like this:

[Anth 1602 Prehistoric Cultures](#)

Week 7 — Discovering “Ardi”
and some Methods and Techniques

[Ardipithecus ramidus](#),

an early human-like species 4.4 million years old



DAY Week 6 Memo

Archaeological Methods and Dating Techniques

[WebPage](#)

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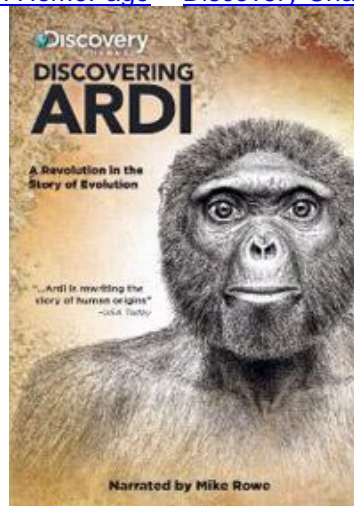
DAY 13 Tuesday, 18 October 2011 nlt 12:35
DAY 14 Thursday, 20 October 2011 (cont.)
CE Week 07 Monday, 24 October 2011 nlt 7:25

video

Discovering Ardi . . .

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Dates and Times to Remember

<<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth1602/pctimes.html#hominins>>

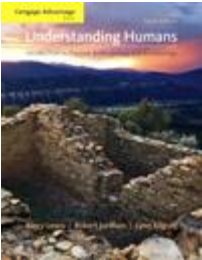


c. 2.6 mya ... (11 August 2010)	-- first stone tools (Gona / Bouri, Ethiopia)	
c. 2.5 mya ...	"Taung Child" -- Australopithecus africanus (c. 2.5 mya)	"Early Hominins" Cf., Text 10th Ed. , Ch. 9 "Hominin Origins," pp. 201-232
c. 2.7 mya ...	"Zinj" -- Paranthropus (c., 2.7 mya) -- aka Australopithecus robustus	
c. 3.2 mya ...	"Little Foot" -- Australopithecus [species uncertain] (2.2-3.3 mya?)	
c. 3.2 mya ...	"Lucy" -- Australopithecus afarensis (2.9-3.9 mya / 3.2 mya)	
c. 3.3 mya ...	"Selam" -- Australopithecus garhi (3.3-3.5 mya)	
c. 4.4 mya ...	"Ardi" -- Ardipithecus ramidus (4.4 mya) -- Ardipithecus kadabba (5.8-5.2 mya / ~ 5.6 mya)	
c. 5.6 mya ...	"Toumai" -- Sahelanthropus tchadensis (5.8-5.2 mya / ~ 5.6 mya) ["Dental hominin"] [Nature article]	
c. 6 mya ...	<u>Orrorin tugenensis</u> (5.8-6.1 mya / ~ 6.0 mya)	



For Week 7 Activities see [moodle](#)

readings from [Understanding Humans, 10th Edition](#)
Ch. 9, "Hominin Origins," pp. 201-232
The materials from Ch. 9 will be reviewed in Week 7 presentations



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