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Welcome to Anthropology 1602 Prehistoric Cultures

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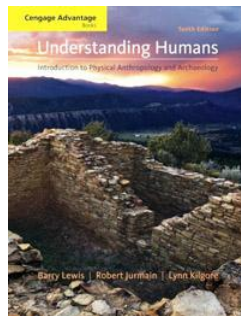

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Welcome / Welcome Back to UMD and to Prehistoric Cultures. This will be a great course, and a great experience. You will see. . . .

I am looking forward to meeting you in person on the 12th. . . . In the meantime, you might want to have a look at the Prehistoric Cultures syllabus, which you can find on the web at . . .

<<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth1602/pccal-f2011-CEE.html#title>>

Right off the bat you might also be interested in the textbook for the course. Information on the textbook can be found at <<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth1602/pctext.html#title>>.



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One of the four main characteristics of American Anthropology is **fieldwork**, "a primary research technique, involving "participant observation," which usually means living among the people one is interested in learning from and about. It would be wonderful if for anthropology classes we could just rent a bus or charter a plane and fly off for a year or more to learn first-hand from the people themselves. Money, time, and practicality prohibit that, so the next best things--when it comes to studying anthropology--is going to places and viewing subjects by film. More information on Visual Anthropology is available on-line at

<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth1604/visual_anthropology.html#title>. Be sure to have a look at that. Detailed information on these sorts of activities will be provided as we go along, but you can have a preview look in your Moodle home anytime you like.

With all of these materials you will be expected to share your ideas and comments with others in the Class Forum and wikis. I'm looking forward to that.

My office hours (and regular schedule information) can be found at your Moodle "Home" and on-line on the regular UMD WebSite at <<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth1602/pcoffice.html#title>>.

Finally, laptops are welcome in the classroom. Many find a laptop quite useful in following the lectures as all lectures are web supported.

So once again, welcome to Prehistoric Cultures. This *will* be a great course, and a great experience. You will see. . . .

Have a great Labor Day

Welcome to Prehistoric Cultures

If you have any questions right now, please do not hesitate to post them on the Moodle "Messenger" or e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu, or stop in before class at Cina 215 [[map](http://www.d.umn.edu/~giscalab/images/campus_map.gif) <http://www.d.umn.edu/~giscalab/images/campus_map.gif>].

Best Wishes,

Tim Roufs

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P.S. If you are new to the world of "technology" don't worry too much about that. Things may not "work" for you at first, but hang in there and we'll help you along.