CE 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 looking at ancient hominins . . .


Ardi, shows up everywhere this week, even in the Moodle 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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- CE class wiki: General Student Discussion Area Forum
- CE project live chat: Live chat for Project Collaboration

Best Regards,

Tim Roufs

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

**Anth 1602 Prehistoric Cultures**

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*Ardipithecus ramidus*,

an early human-like species 4.4 million years old
CE Week 07 Monday, 24 October 2011 Review of Midterm 1

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video

*Discovering Ardi...*

(88 min., 2009, UM DULUTH Library Multimedia GN283.25 .D57 2009 DVD)

film HomePage -- Discovery Channel

from

*Dates and Times to Remember*

<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth1602/pctimes.html#hominins>
Prehistoric Cultures, Week 7, p. 4

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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