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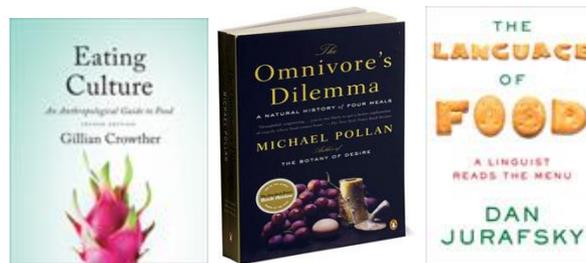
Anthropology of Food Week 2



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## "Omnivorousness: Classifying Food" and Orientation (cont.)

### Major Characteristics of Anthropology

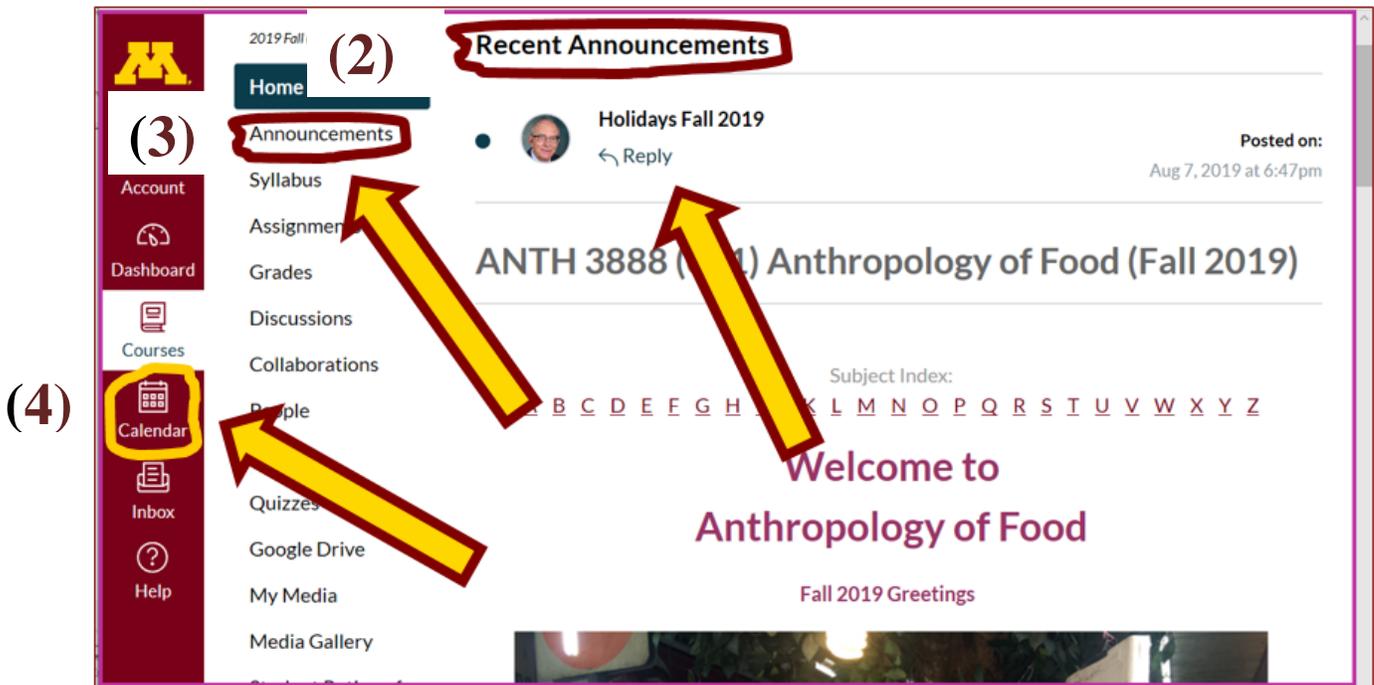


**I hope your first week with Anthropology of Food went well, and that it has been enjoyable, and that you are liking the readings and other materials.**

Each week as we go along I will send you a **memo like this about the highlights for the coming week, usually on Sunday**. The memos will talk about the main items and issues for the weeks, and they will also contain a few important reminders.

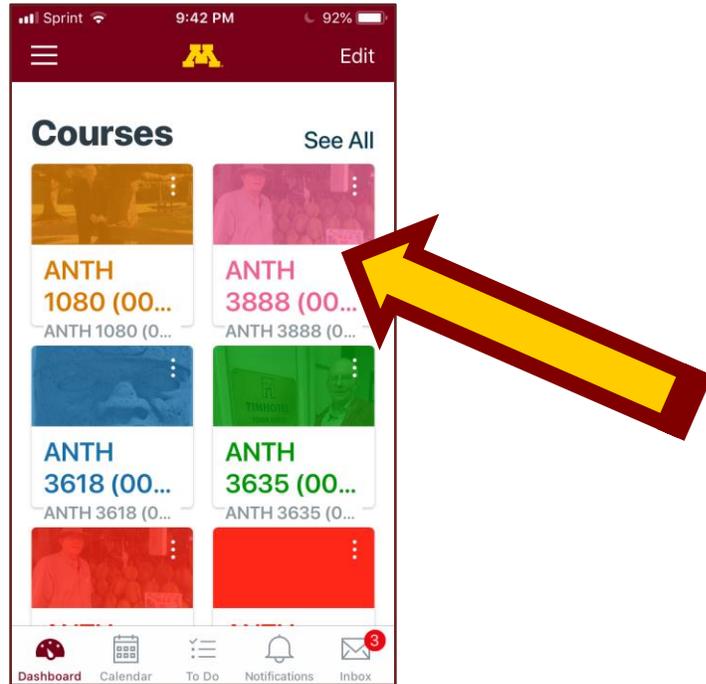
# Weekly Memos

These memos will also be available in your (1) **UM e-mail folder** , in the (2) **“Recent Announcements”** section at the very top of your  **“Home”** page, in the (3) **“Announcements”** page (accessed *via* the second item on the *Course* Navigation Panel), and (4) **on your**  **“Calendar”** *via* the *Global* Navigation Panel.



# Canvas Apps

Your *Dashboard* screen on your Canvas phone app (available *via* the [What is the Canvas Student app?](#) link) looks something like this:

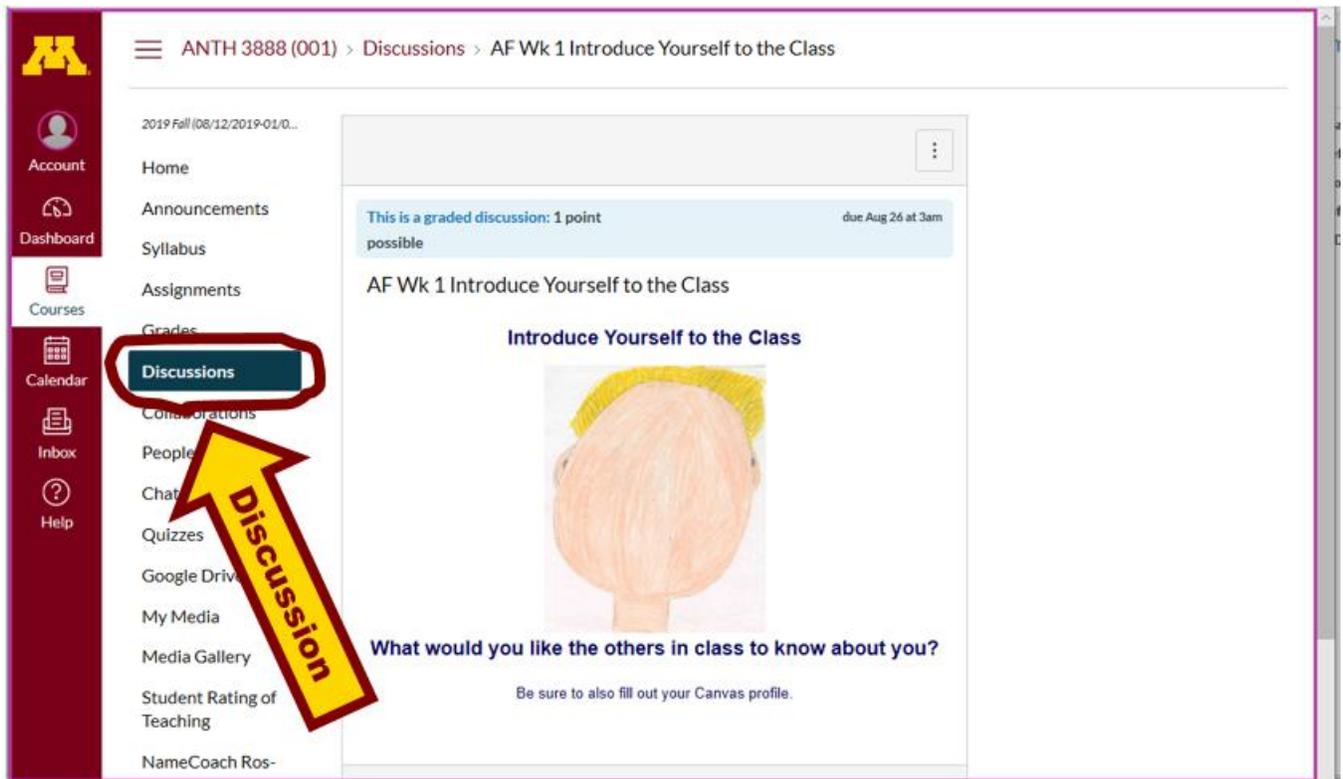


Your “Home” page on your Canvas phone app looks something like this:



# Your Classmates

If you are curious about **the others in class**, have a look at the **"Introduce Yourself"** entries in the **"Discussion"** section of your  **canvas** folder.



And say **"Hello"** to others in the class

If you are curious about me, more than you probably want (or ought) to know is available on the **Meet Your Professor** page

<<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/MeetYourProfessor.html>>. More that you or anyone needs to know is available, with some nice photos, at <[http://www.d.umn.edu/~troufs/anthfood/PowerPoint/af-meet\\_your\\_prof.pptx](http://www.d.umn.edu/~troufs/anthfood/PowerPoint/af-meet_your_prof.pptx)>.

A while back one of the students seemed to especially like the part where the older folks in my home town of Winsted, MN, talk about the time I burnt the Town Hall by my dad's restaurant down (which I didn't, I only burnt half of the back side off.)

The screenshot shows a course website for 'Anthropology of Food'. The main heading reads 'Welcome to Anthropology of Food' with a sub-heading 'Fall 2019 Greetings'. A central photograph shows a man, Tim Roufs, wearing a hat and glasses, standing next to a large display of durians. A yellow arrow points from the photo to a yellow oval containing the text 'Meet Your Professor'. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Quizzes, Google Drive, My Media, Media Gallery, Student Rating of Teaching, NameCoach Roster, Library Course Page, Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, and Help. The right sidebar lists course activities: 'AF Wk 1 For Fun Food Trivia: What is longest' (Aug 25 at 11:59pm), '(optional) AF List of Readings for the Entire Se' (Aug 26 at 1am), 'AF Wk 1 Readings' (Aug 26 at 1am), and 'AF Wk 1 Getting Started' (Aug 26 at 2am).

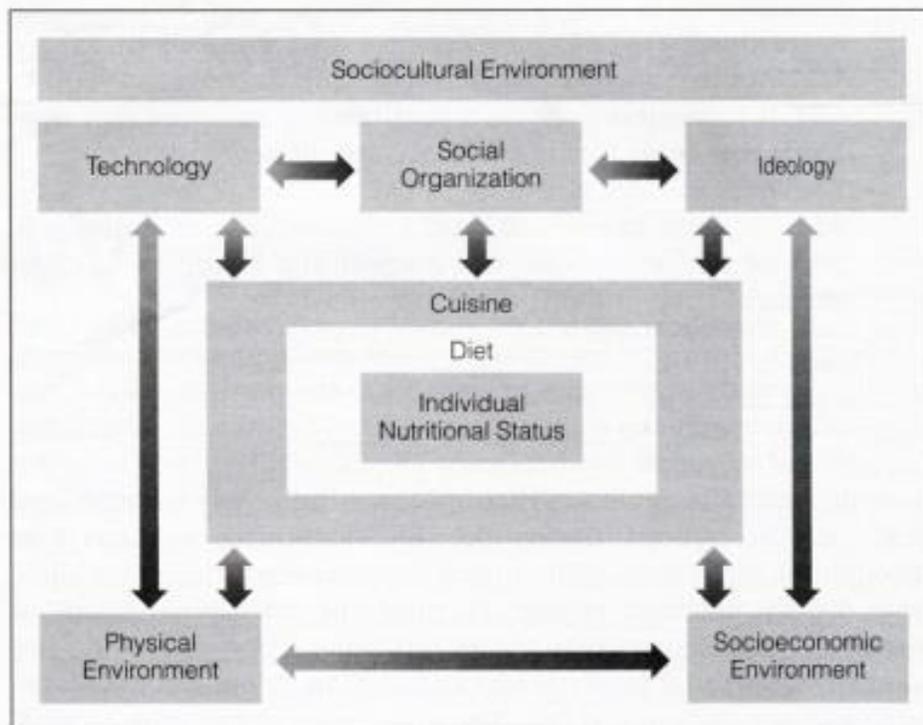
## The Course: Part I

Anthropology graduates, reflecting back on their time with us at UMD, suggested in our surveys that it would be a good idea to tie the individual courses in the Anthropology curriculum together a little more. So that's what we're going to do for much of the next two or three weeks, after we finish the **Orientation**.

This will also help set **the basic analytic, theoretical, and historical framework** for the course. This material should provide you with the **background and analytical tools** to help you with **your class Project**, and help you begin to make sense out of the topics that follow later in the course—a good deal of which will be provided *via* video—and towards the end of the semester with your class presentations.

Once you have mastered the basic information and conceptual framework relating to the Anthropology of Food—an approach centered on the **“Biocultural Framework for the Study of Diet and Nutrition”** which is **one of the main items of the week**—we will have an intensive look at a series of food-related issues from around the world.

**Figure 1.1**  
*Biocultural Framework for the Study of Diet and Nutrition*



Source: Authors

Some of the **slide sets** for this week are **fairly long, but bear with them as the programs as they provide important information.**

## **Your Class Project**

**This week we'll also explore class projects a little bit.**

**For your Class Project, start with something *that you, personally, are interested in*, and we'll work things out from there.**

**This Project is something with which you should be able to have *fun*.**

**It's a good time to have at least a quick look at the information for your class project**, which you can find at <http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/afproject.html#title>. Your class Project is your Term Paper, plus a short “work-in-progress”.



*Demosthenes Practising Oratory* (1870)

**Details of Presentation**



*Charles Dickens* (1842)

**Details of Term Paper**

Your **Informal Project Statement**, or Project Proposal, is due by the end of Week 4, **Saturday, 21 September 2019**. Basically that's a short *informal* summary personal statement of what you are interested in doing, how you think you might go about it, and what resources you are thinking about using. It can be as simple as the following:

“For my project I’m thinking about X, or Y, and these are the items I’m thinking about using [add short list]. This is why I’m interested in this/these project(s) [add your reason(s)]. . . .

It is an *informal* statement. A more formal statement will come later on (in Week 6, 5 October 2019).

## **Main Due Dates**

are listed at

<<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/afdue-dates.html#title>>

[including Term Paper / Exams / Extra Credit Papers . . . not including weekly *Discussions* and Review assignments . . .]

The screenshot shows a Canvas LMS page for the course 'Anthropology of Food'. The browser address bar shows 'https://canvas.umn.edu'. The page features a navigation sidebar on the left with icons for Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, and Help. The main content area includes a header image of a person inspecting durians, followed by the text 'Tim Roufs Inspecting Durians in Singapore Market, 2017'. Below this is a 'Meet Your Professor' section with a link to 'Slides: (.pptx)'. The 'Read the "First Day Handout"' section contains several links: 'Office Hours and Other Contact Information', 'The Course in a Nutshell', 'Additional General Course Information', 'Main Due Dates', 'Textbooks and Other Course Materials', 'Reading Assignments Summary for the Semester', 'Term Project', and 'Midterm Exam'. A yellow arrow points to the 'Main Due Dates' link, which is also circled in yellow.

The slide is titled 'Main Due Dates for Anthropology of Food'. It contains the following text:

**NOTE:** Information on **Exams, Weekly Assignments, and Weekly Activities** is listed on your (1) "Calendar", your (2) "Syllabus", and in the (3) "Assignments" section of your Canvas folder.

The **weekly assignments** (*Forums, film feedbacks . . .*) are due at the end of the week in which they were assigned, and are listed on Fridays on your "Calendar" and your "Syllabus", and in the "Assignments" sections.

As I mentioned last week, **for the first part of the course** much of the material for the week will be presented in the form of text materials and slide materials. **In the second section** of the semester, once you have mastered the basic information relating to the Anthropology of Food, we will look (generally comparatively, *cf.*, Main Characteristics of Anthropology in Week 01) at a series of video materials from around the world. **The final section** will focus on your research projects.

## Assignments and Events

. . . **this week** are listed on your **”Calendar”**.

They are also listed on the **“Syllabus”** section of your  **canvas** folder, if you prefer to have them in another form (see below).

Be sure to check the details of the **activities and assignments** of the week in your  **canvas** folder. With the Week 2 Activities we'd like to find out a little bit about your background and thoughts on food topics. . . . This week one of your tasks is to keep track of a day of your food intake. ***One of the reasons for doing this is for you to see how difficult it is getting good data when doing food research involving food and people.*** Detailed instructions are included on the *Discussion* page.

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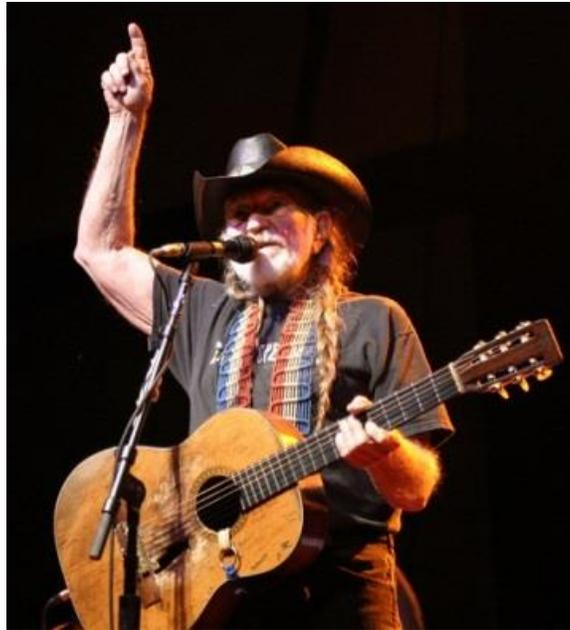
## This Week's "Calendar"

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<p>1a AF Week 2 Memo</p>	<p>UM Labor Day Holiday</p>	<p>AF Wk 2 Review the Main Characteristics of Anthropology from Last Week (.pptx)</p>	<p>AF Wk 2 Other Important Terms (.pptx)</p>	<p>AF Wk 2 Video Clip: An Inmate's Last Meal (0:01:29)</p>	<p>REM All items due BY Saturday, not ON Saturday</p>	<p>AF Wk 2 Say "Hello" to Others in the Class</p>
<p>1a AF Wk 2 For Fun Food Trivia: What would Willie Nelson have his Last Supper be? One what?</p>	<p>1a AF Wk 2 Readings</p>					<p>AF Wk 2 Discussion: "How 'ya doin'?" and How does one really know how your doin'?"</p>
<p>2a AF Wk 2 For Fun Food Trivia: What were the American frontiersman Kit Carson's Last Words?</p>	<p>2a AF Wk 2 Meet Your Professor (.pptx)</p>					<p>AF Wk 2 Discussion: Your Last Supper</p>

# For Fun Food Trivia

This week our **trivia** questions for fun relates to last meals . . .

What would **Willie Nelson's** Last Supper be?

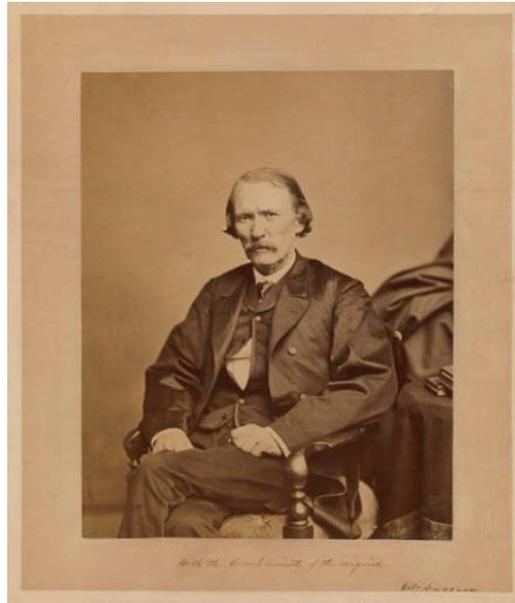


(Answer)

Check it out.

Week 2 Second Question

What were the American frontiersman  
**Kit Carson's** Last Words?



"This is the last picture of Carson, which was taken by photographer James Wallace Black two months before his death. The portrait was made around March 20, 1868 during Carson's visit to Boston with Ouray and Ute chiefs. The print is signed by Carson and is the largest extant photograph of him." -- [Kit Carson, Wikipedia](#)

([Answer](#))

If you have any **questions** right now, please do not hesitate to post them on the  **canvas** Course “Chat”, or e-mail [troufs@d.umn.edu](mailto:troufs@d.umn.edu), or stop by Cina 215 if you’re in the neighborhood [[map](#)].

**Have a great Labor Day.**

Best Regards,

Tim Roufs

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