

## Anthropology 410/510

# Archaeological Field Research: Theory and Methods

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Texts: Hester, Thomas R., Harry Shafer and Kenneth Feder. 1997 *Field methods in archaeology*. Mt. View: Mayfield.

Packet of reading materials

Materials on Reserve, Main Library

### Course Content:

This course reviews methods and theory of archaeological field studies and interpretation pertinent to basic problems and uses several specific archaeological sites and contexts as case studies. Archaeological methods and theory are examined in the context of prehistoric and historic data drawn from various world areas. Characteristic problems associated with the archaeological study of humans as hunters and gatherers (for example, early stone tool sites), as food producers (ceramic technology sites), and as urbanites (complex architectural sites) will be discussed. The objectives are to allow students to develop a knowledge of archaeology as a part of anthropology and to learn specifically about methods of doing field studies. Practical field exercises are included.

### Selected Reading:

Dancey, William S. 1981 *Archaeological Field Methods: An Introduction*. Minneapolis: Burgess.

Fish, S.K., and S. A. Kowalewski, eds. 1990 *The Archaeology of Regions: A Case for Full-Coverage Survey*. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution.

Hester, Thomas R., Harry Shafer and Kenneth Feder. 1997 *Field methods in archaeology*. Mt. View: Mayfield.

Hodder, Ian. 1999 *The Archaeological Process: An Introduction*. London: Blackwell.

Joukowski, M. 1980 *A Complete Manual of Field Archaeology*. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall.

Pinsky, V. and A. Wylie, eds., 1990 *Critical Traditions in Contemporary Archaeology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Stewart, R. Michael. 2002 *Archaeology: Basic Field Methods*. Dubuque: Kendall-Hunt.