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**Introduction to Anthropology**  
Spring 2013

**Midterm study guide**

The midterm will consist of a fifty-minute, closed-book examination comprising multiple choice and short answer (i.e., 3 or 4 sentences) questions. Generally speaking, you won't be asked to spontaneously recall the following key concepts, but you should know what they mean and recognize their anthropological significance in the context of this class. Short questions may require knowledge of particular ethnographic case studies (e.g., *why do the Wari' eat dead affines?*). You will not be asked about cases we haven't discussed at length, and you don't need to memorize the titles of articles or authors' names, or the names of anthropologists mentioned in lecture. You will have some latitude in selecting questions to answer based on your own areas of strength.

Anthropology — four fields

Culture

“Layer-cake” vs. “co-evolutionary” theory of culture

Ethnography

Participant Observation

Emic vs. Etic

Holism

Reflexivity

Cultural relativism

Social Evolutionism vs. Historical Particularism

Franz Boas

Ideology

Ethnocentrism

Middle range theory

Case study

Agency vs. structure

Subjectivity

Personhood

Affect/emotion

“Structure of feeling”

Sex

Gender

Sexuality

Masculinity/Femininity

Kinship, kinship systems, kinship diagrams

Marriage

Arranged, Capture, and Companionate Marriage

Cross-cousin marriage (in the Junigau example)

Descent: matrilineal, patrilineal...

Residence: Patrilocal, Matrilocal, Neolocal

Affine vs. Consanguine  
Exogamy, Endogamy  
Linguistic exogamy  
Caregiving and nurturance  
Narrative vs. story  
Life crisis (and life crisis ritual)  
Modernity (vs. primitive, tradition, non-modern, pre-modern, anti-modern)  
Local/alternative/parallel modernities  
*anomie*  
“Denial of coevalness”  
Modernization, Development  
Microprocesses  
Hegemony  
Otherness (or alterity)  
Romanticism  
Media ideology  
Language ideology  
Orality vs. literacy  
Language shift, language death, language revitalization  
Speech genre  
Autonomous vs. ideological theories of literacy  
Social/cultural change  
Social/cultural reproduction  
Innovation  
Apprenticeship vs. education

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