ARH 412HF - Historical Archaeology - Syllabus 2014

DESCRIPTION
This course focusses on "Historical Archaeology," which has no very consistent definition but generally involves the archaeology of literate, colonial or capitalist, and mainly European societies and the people with whom they came into contact or whom they conquered or colonized, over the last several centuries. In this particular course, although there will be brief introductions to the archaeology of Spanish-American and Franco-American colonial societies, most of the focus will be on Anglo-American colonies in the eastern and southern United States and throughout Canada (but with further focus on southern Ontario). One of the things that distinguishes historical archaeology from many other kinds of archaeology, and especially prehistoric archaeology, is that it makes considerable use of written documentary evidence.

Note that this Blackboard site is still under construction, so the schedule of lectures and tours will still be tweaked, but probably be set by our second class. Most weeks we will just have a 2-hour lecture, but an important component of the course consists of three walking tours that replace and extend the usual class time. Consequently, it is very helpful if you do not have any other course (or other commitments) immediately following class time, as these walking tours often take longer than 3 hours. See the syllabus for the proposed timing of these tours.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
• Become familiar with the variety of literature pertaining to Historical Archaeology
• Become familiar with theoretical perspectives that commonly inform Historical Archaeology
• Gain some understanding of some of the categories of material culture that Historical Archaeologists study (coins and tokens, ceramics, shipwrecks, architecture)
• Gain experience in the use of documentary evidence, such as censuses, directories, maps, newspapers
• Gain experience in the use of cemetery evidence, such as monument styles, historical demography

REQUIRED MATERIALS
Required Readings for the course will include two texts (one very US-focussed, the other more international) and mainly online sources whose main purpose is to provide more Canadian content. Aside from the texts, the readings (whenever possible) will be from sources that you can find online through the U of T Library system.

Note: I strongly recommend that you read Deetz in its entirety as soon as possible, and reread the required sections later. You'll find it quite a good read, and it will help prepare you for the course. You would also find it helpful to read as much as possible of the Orser text too, and then just review the selected parts in the syllabus.

Required Texts
Note that both of these are ordered at Discount Textbooks on College St.


Recommended but Not Required
In addition, since most of you probably have dim memories, at best, of the Canadian and US history you learned in high school, I recommend re-reading your old history text or something like Craig Brown's *Illustrated History of Canada*.

**LESSONS**

**Introduction to Historical Archaeology**

What is Historical Archaeology all about?

Read: Deetz pp. 1-37, Orser 1-47, 68-82.

Recommended:


**September 8, 2014**

**02:00 PM - 04:00 PM**

**Documentary Evidence / Cemetery Evidence**

The critical use of documentary sources — maps, censuses, newspapers, etc.

Historic Cemeteries — Historical demography, tombstones, mortuary practices

Read: Deetz pp. 38-67, 89-124; Orser 82-84, 94-105, 149-158, 171-184.

Check out the Toronto Public Library online resources, especially:


and

Early Canadiana Online http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Em=1&Entt=RDME0040&R=EDB0040

Recommended:


**September 15, 2014**

**02:00 PM - 04:00 PM**

**Early European Exploration and the Archaeology of New Spain and the Caribbean**

This week will introduce briefly the archaeology of early exploration (e.g., Basque settlement in Labrador), Spanish conquest, and shipwreck archaeology.


**September 22, 2014**

**02:00 PM - 04:00 PM**
**Archaeology of Forts and Battlefields**

**Class Visit to Fort York**

Note that we will NOT be meeting in the classroom on this day. Instead, the class will take place from 2:15-4:00 PM at Fort York. Please try to arrive there by 2:05 PM but, otherwise, get there as soon as you can. To get there, take a Bathurst streetcar southward and get off at the Armoury, then walk along Garrison road to the gates of the fort. you'll need to check in at the main entrance, just inside the main gate, and pay an entrance fee ($5.50, including tax).

We have reserved this time, and are committed to it, so make sure that you come, even if it's raining (just bring an umbrella or wear a rain jacket with hood). With any luck, we'll have good weather.

Read: Orser 79-82, 36-38, 224-226.


**September 29, 2014**
02:15 PM - 05:30 PM

**Archaeology of New France and the Fur Trade**

Read: Orser 31-33

**October 6, 2014**
02:00 PM - 04:00 PM

**Thanksgiving Monday - No Class**

**October 13, 2014**

**British North America to about 1840**

**Anglo-American Colonies and the American Revolution**

Colonial Economy, Coinage, and Tokens

**Workshop/Lab** on Colonial Coins and Tokens

Read: Deetz 38-67, 68-88, 125-164, 165-186; Orser 47-48, 233-236

Note: I will collect the fee ($2.66 + HST = $3) for the tour of Mackenzie House that will take place next week.

**October 20, 2014**
02:00 PM - 04:00 PM

**Pre-Confederation Canada and Early York/Toronto**

A Historical Walk will replace class this week. Rain or shine, we will meet at the Grange Park (just south of the Art Gallery of Ontario, west of OCAD) as soon as you can after 2:00 PM. If you are walking from campus, and able to leave a bit early, you can walk with me down St. George St. and Beverley (passing George Brown’s house on the right), past the AGO to the Grange Park on the left (East) side of Beverley. After a few minutes at Grange Park, we will continue on the Campbell House (NW corner of University Ave. and Queen St.), which unfortunately is closed on Mondays. Campbell House is a good example of a well-to-do family's Georgian house in the 1820s, but this year we'll only view it from outside. We will then continue by way of Osgoode Hall to Scadding’s Teraulay Cottage next to the Eaton Centre, and go on to McKenzie House, where we'll have a tour at 3 PM. Then we'll go on to St Michael's Cathedral, St. James Cathedral, St. Lawrence Hall, the Bank of Upper Canada, the First Post Office, York County Courthouse, and the Daniel Brooke Building. Time permitting, we might also get to the Parliament site. If you're not up to a long walk, I recommend you get yourself a TTC day pass. I expect the tour to end some time around 6 or a little later at the Gooderham ("Flatiron") Building on Front St. For those who are thirsty by then, there's a pub in the basement.

Since I won't be giving a formal lecture this week (although I'll be talking all through the walk), I will post some information about early Toronto on the Blackboard site that will help you understand what you're seeing.

**October 27, 2014**
02:00 PM - 06:00 PM

**Pre-Confederation - Rural & Domestic Life, Pottery**

Pre-Confederation Canada: Rural and Domestic Life, Colonial Pottery, Agricultural Technology, "Formula Dating" and Determining Status with Artifacts
Read: Orser 89-116, 127-132, 137-144, 212-215, 244-246; review Deetz 68-88 and read


November 3, 2014
02:00 PM - 04:00 PM
Add Lesson 10
19th-Century Industrial and Urban Archaeology. Railways and Canals
Read: Orser 48-49, 74-79, 84-86, 147-148, 215-216 and

Downtown Tour: Today, we'll have another tour in place of the usual lecture. I still need to make arrangements, but what I have in mind is a tour of Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, Gooderham & Worts (Distillery District), and the old Consumer's Gas plant (now a police station) at Front and Parliament.

November 10, 2014
02:00 PM - 06:00 PM

Historical Archaeology of the West, South, and Civil War
Archaeology of the Canadian West - Hudson's Bay Co. and North West Co. posts, "cowboy era," mining camps, railways
Archaeology of Southern Slave States and the US Civil War
Read: Deetz 212-252; Orser 255-261 and

November 24, 2014
02:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Archaeology of the 20th Century
This class will have a short lecture on later industrial archaeology, abandoned 20th-century buildings, etc., and a final test on the readings.

December 1, 2014
02:00 PM - 04:00 PM