

**ARCHAEOLOGY 553
HISTORY 553**

CIRCUM-CARIBBEAN ARCHAEOLOGY and HISTORY

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This course will explore various issues and themes concerning the archaeology and early history of the Circum-Caribbean. We are defining the Circum-Caribbean generously to include the lands surrounding the Caribbean Sea, the islands of the Caribbean and the lands bordering the Gulf of Mexico.

The course will be conducted as a seminar and students will have the opportunity to participate in defining weekly topics as well as participate in the discussions. Each student will be expected to: 1) complete required readings, 2) participate fully in class discussions, 3) on a rotating basis lead weekly class discussions, 4) write an original research paper, and 5) critically evaluate orally the research paper of a classmate.

Required Text: L. Antonio Curet. 2005 *Caribbean Paleodemography: Population, Culture History, and Sociopolitical Processes in Ancient Puerto Rico*. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.

Grading will be as follows:

Research paper	50%
Class participation	15%
Leading discussion	15%
Paper Presentation	20%

Grade Scale:

A+	97%	C+	72%
A	90%	C	65%
A-	87%	C-	60%
B+	84%	D+	55%
B	80%	D	50%
B-	77%	F	<50%