**Concepts & Terms**

ANTH 300 History of Anthropological Thought

Fall 2011—1st half of the semester

**Pre-Anthropological Views of “The Other”**

Scientific racism

Polygenism & monogenism

Extinction discourses

Social Darwinism

“Proto-anthropology”

**Evolutionism & the Beginnings of Anthropology: The “Proto-Anthropologists”**

**► Focus on: Morgan**

**► Focus on: Tylor**

Social evolutionism

Unilineal trajectory

Salvage anthropology (AKA urgent anthropology)

Unity of mankind & uniformitarianism

Classificatory vs. descriptive kinship systems

Idealist vs. materialist

Diffusionism

Comparative method

**Foundations: Social Scientific Thinking Before/Outside the Discipline**

**► Focus on: Marx**

**► Focus on: Durkheim**

**► Focus on: Weber**

Infrastructure vs. superstructure

synchronic vs. diachronic

“society”/social structure vs. agency

Social integration

mechanichal solidarity vs. organic solidarity

collective conscience

**1st Founding Father: Cultural Particularlism (Early American School)**

**► Focus on: Boas**

Historical particularism

Cultural relativism

Cultural constructionism (also known as cultural determinism) vs. biological determinism

Nomothetic vs. Ideographic

Emic vs. Etic

Depraved savage vs. noble savage

Social conservative vs. social activist

Deductive vs. inductive method

Comparative vs. descriptive method

4-Fields approach

Holistic

Critique of race

**2nd Founding Father (French School)**

**► Focus on: Mauss**

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**3rd Founding Father: Bio-Psychological Functionalism (British School)**

**► Focus on: Malinowski**

Bio-psychological functionalism or theory of need

Theory of magic

Kula ring

**4th Founding Father: British Structural-Functionalism (British School)**

**► Focus on: Radcliffe-Brown**

Structural functionalism

Organic analogy

Joking relationship with mother’s brother

Social structure

Society versus culture

**The Early American School, Continued: The Nature of Culture**

**► Focus on: Benedict**

Configurationalism

Dionysian vs. Appolonian cultures

School of culture and personality/psychological anthropology

Essentialism

**The Early American School, Continued: School of Culture and Personality**

**► Focus on: Mead**

Liberal bias in anthropology

Sociobiology

Anti-modernism/romanticism

 Positionality

**The British School, Structural-Functionalism, Continued**

**► Focus on: Evans-Pritchard**

Theory of accountability

 Function versus meaning

**Neo-Evolutionism and Cultural Ecology**

**► Focus on: Steward**

Neo-evolutionist

Cultural ecology

Multilineal evolution

Cultural core

 Environmental determinism

 Cultural type

**French Structuralism**

**►Focus on: Leví-Strauss**

Symbolic nature of culture/symbolic anthropology

Armchair intellectual

Structuralism (AKA structural anthropology)

Avunculate

Binary oppositions

**Symbolic Anthropology**

**►Focus on: Turner**

Social drama

Liminality

Communitas

Processual approach

Properties of ritual symbols:

Condensation/polysemy/multivocality

Polarization of meaning

**Interpretive Anthropology**

**►Focus on: Geertz**

Interpretive anthropology

meaning

Culture as text

Thick description

Anti-functionalist

Enemy of the universal

**Marxist Approaches: Cultural Materialism**

**►Focus on: Harris**

Cultural materialism

reductionism

Infrastructure/infrastructural determinism

 Mode of production

 Mode of reproduction

Superstructure

Neo-functionalist

**Marxist Approaches: Political Economy**

**►Focus on: Wolf**

Political economy

Peasant studies

Closed corporate community

Open community

Tributary mode of production

Kin-ordered mode of production

Power and agency

Critique of culture

**Feminist Anthropology**

**►Focus on: Leacock**

Primitive communism

Autonomy

Public vs. private spheres

Universal female subordination

**Practice Theory**

**►Focus on: Ortner**

Practice

Assymetrical relationships

Interest theory/Pragmatic rationality

Reproduction of the system

Structural constraints

Everyday life

Unintended consequences of action

**Ethnicity**

**►Focus on: Barth**

Ethnicity.

Primordial

Instrumental

Subjectivist

Objectivist

Ascribed status

Achieved status

Constructivist view of ethnicity

**Post-Modernism**

**►Focus on: Clifford**

 Extreme relativism

 Nihilism

Ethnographic authority

Indigenous ethnographer

Grand narratives

Partial

Monologic vs. polyvocal or polyphonic

Representation

Otherize/exoticize

Orientalism

Essentialize

Post-colonial critique

Visualism vs. dialogic

reflexive turn

Voice of God

**Ethics & Activism**

**►Focus on: Scheper-Hughes**

Militant anthropology

Womanly-centered anthropology

Selective infant neglect

Pre-cultural

**Power: Hegemony & Ideology**

**►Focus on: The Comaroffs**

Hegemony

Ideology

**Globalization**

**►Focus on: Appadurai**

Imaginaire

Homogenization

Heterogenization

Ethnoscapes

Mediascapes

Technoscapes

Financescapes

Ideoscapes

deterritorialization