

## **Anthropology Senior Exercise**

The exercise consists of reading three books about a particular topic, one from each of the 3 subfields we teach (cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology). We will meet on 3 Sundays during the fall as a group (all seniors and all faculty) for a seminar style discussion of each book. These meetings are mandatory. After the third book, the faculty will write a series of synthetic questions that unite all three works. You will choose one of these questions and have approximately 3 weeks in which to answer it (12-15 typed double-spaced pages, complete with references). Each person's comps will be read by 2 faculty members and will be graded as either distinction, high pass, pass, or rewrite. Your grade is based upon the quality of your work as well as your participation in seminars (you must talk!).

### **Criteria for Evaluation:**

#### Distinction:

- elegant writing
- cogently argued
- well-informed knowledge of relevant issues
- demonstrated understanding of the wider context surrounding the issue
- provides original insight into the issue
- addresses all 3 books

#### High Pass:

- clear and correct writing
- well-structured argument
- well-informed knowledge of relevant issues
- demonstrated understanding of the wider context surrounding the issue
- addresses all 3 books

#### Pass:

- clear, logical discussion of issue
- coherently structured argument
- addresses all 3 books

#### Re-write:

- substantial problem with one or more of the above