African & African American Studies (AAS) Archaeology Technology & Historical Structures (ATHS)

New AAS Courses Spring 2016

AAS 204/CRN 82501
Early Civilizations of Africa
Instructor: William Narteh Gblerkpor
TR 16:50 - 18:05, Lattimore 210

The course will examine the environmental, social and cultural dynamics that led to urbanism and other aspects of cultural transformation in Africa before the advent of European colonialism. Topics include concepts of civilization, civilization of Africa, including those of the Nile Valley, the Horn of Africa, the Western Sudan, Zimbabwe, the Inland Niger Delta and the West African Rainforest. The role of the peripheries in the development of these centres will be looked at. Cross-listed with ANT 269, HIS 216, CLA 205, AH 243.

AAS 302/CRN 82516
Archaeology of West Africa
Instructor: William Narteh Gblerkpor
R 14:00 - 15:15, LeChase 163

The course will enable the student to understand the inception of present-day complex societies of West Africa and how they evolved, and their vicissitudes in the period 500 B.C. to A.D. 1950. Themes include general characteristics of West African societies in the Iron Age, origins of copper and iron technology and their effects on local societies, megalith and tumuli sites of the Western Sudan, urbanism, and trade networks and contacts in West Africa. Cross-listed with ANT 273, HIS 215, CLA 302, AH 302.

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