

## Colby-Bates-Bowdoin Colleges' Study Abroad Program

### HUMAN RIGHTS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS

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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Throughout its history, anthropology has been committed to and active in maintaining the rights of indigenous peoples against the disruptive effects of colonization, globalization, nation-state power, racist ideologies, assimilation, environmental destruction, and industrial resource appropriation. To develop an informed, up-to-date, and critical understanding linking the situation of local Ecuadorian indigenous peoples with the hemispheric and global context, the course will first offer an overview of conceptual issues in anthropology surrounding human rights and a survey of the contemporary state and activities of various indigenous peoples from South, Central, and North America. Upon this comparative background the course then moves toward an intensive focus on Ecuadorian indigenous peoples' enduring, recent, and emerging issues, strategies, successes, and challenges for gaining recognition of their rights. Finally, students will be guided to on-line, library, and field research about Ecuadorian indigenous peoples, organizations, and movements themselves; local anthropological perspectives; roles of non-governmental human rights organizations; policy and implementation by the national government; and the place of the United Nations in the contemporary indigenous rights movement.

#### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

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| 1. Class Participation                  | 30% |
| 2. Written Responses (8 of 10 assigned) | 30% |
| 3. Two Class Presentations              | 20% |
| 4. Paper on La Rebelión                 | 20% |

#### **COURSE RESOURCES:**

1. Readings on the course website at: <http://colby.edu/personal/jdanders/hrip.html>
2. Articles and readings to be distributed.
3. Lucas. Kinnto. *La Rebelión de Los Indios*. Quito, Ecuador: Abya-Yala, 2000.

### **COURSE READINGS & ASSIGNMENTS** (• = required):

## **Week 1(9/5-7)**

### **ANTHROPOLOGY AND HUMAN RIGHTS:**

#### *Book Reading*

- Messer, Ellen. "Anthropology and Human Rights," *Annual Review of Anthropology* 1993. 22:221-49

## **Week 2 (9/12)**

### **INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS**

#### *Web Readings*

- *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* <http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html>
- *An Introduction to the Human Rights Movement* <http://www.hrweb.org/intro.html>
- *Short History of the Human Rights Movement* <http://www.hrweb.org/history.html>

## **WEEK 2 (9/14)**

### **INTRODUCTION TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

#### *Web Readings*

- Global Problems Reader: Indigenous Peoples, Ethnic Conflict and Nation-States [http://faculty.plattsburgh.edu/richard.robbins/legacy/indigenous\\_readings.htm](http://faculty.plattsburgh.edu/richard.robbins/legacy/indigenous_readings.htm) (Read Readings 1-2 & Exercise 1)

## **WEEK 3 (9/19)**

### **THE U.N. AND THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

#### *Web Readings*

- *UN Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* <http://www.cwis.org/drft9329.html#UN Draft Declaration on the Rights of I>
- *UN Draft Declaration First Progress Report 1992* <http://www.halcyon.com/pub/FWDP/International/untrtstd.txt#UN%20Draft%20Declaration%20Progress%20Report:%201>
- *UN Draft Declaration Second Progress Report 1995* <http://www.cwis.org/untrtst2.html#UN Draft Declaration Second Progress Re>
- *UN High Commissioner for Human Rights: Indigenous Peoples* [http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu2/10/c/ind/ind\\_main.htm#UN High Commissioner for](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu2/10/c/ind/ind_main.htm#UN High Commissioner for) (Read Introduction and Factsheet)
- *REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 17TH UNITED NATIONS WORKING GROUP ON INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS IN GENEVA, JULY 26TH - 30TH 1999* <http://www.usask.ca/nativelaw/wgip.html>

## **WEEK 4 (9/21)**

### **RIGHTS OF DISCOVERY AND CONQUEST**

### Web readings

- *The Papal Bulls as Pertaining to the Americas* <http://bullsburning.itgo.com/caetera.htm>
- *The Bull, Inter Caetera (Alexander VI), May 4, 1493.* <http://www.nativeweb.org/pages/legal/indig-inter-caetera.html>
- *The Spanish Origins of Indian Rights by Felix Cohen*  
[http://members.stratos.net/cpetras/span-ti.htm#Spanish Origins of Indian Rights.](http://members.stratos.net/cpetras/span-ti.htm#Spanish%20Origins%20of%20Indian%20Rights) Felix

## WEEK 5 (9/26-28)

### NATION-STATES & INDIGENOUS RIGHTS IN THE FOURTH WORLD

#### Web Readings

- Fourth World Nations: Conflicts and Alternatives by Bernard Q. Nietschmann  
[http://www.halcyon.com/pub/FWDP/International/4th\\_wrlld.txt](http://www.halcyon.com/pub/FWDP/International/4th_wrlld.txt)
- Background on the Term "Fourth World" by Richard Griggs  
<http://www.halcyon.com/pub/FWDP/International/fourthw.txt>
- Global Migration-Immigration -Multiethnicity: Challenges to the Concept of Nation-State by Jost Delbruck  
<http://www.law.indiana.edu/glsj/vol2/delbruck.html>
- Fourth World Nations in the Era of Globalisation:An Introduction to Contemporary Theorizing Posed by Indigenous Nations by Kathy Seton <http://www.law.indiana.edu/glsj/vol2/delbruck.html>
- Aboriginal Law and Legislation <http://www.bloorstreet.com/300block/ablawleg.htm>

## WEEK 6 (10/3-5)

### NORTH AMERICA

#### Web Readings

- *U. S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8* <http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/constitution.articlei.html>  
(Find references to Indians)
- *American Indian Sovereignty: "Now you See It, Now You Don't,"* by Peter d'Errico  
<http://www.nativeweb.org/pages/legal/sovereignty.html>
- *Tribal Sovereignty by Mark A. Chavaree* <http://www.ptla.org/wabanaki/sovereign.htm>
- *MAINE: American Indian Internet Resources: Micmac, Maliseet, Penobscot, and Passamaquoddy* (Surf for issues) <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Congress/5156/nativeresources.html>
- *Indigenous Peoples' Rights* by Chief Abel Bosum, Ouje-Bougoumou Cree Nation  
<http://www.yvwiiusdinvoihii.net/political/bosum.html>
- *FAQ and Study Guide about U.S. Tribes* <http://indy4.fdl.cc.mn.us/~isk/maps/tribesfaq.html>
- *American Indians Today* <http://www.halcyon.com/pub/FWDP/Americas/biafaq91.txt>
- *AIM: American Indian Movement* <http://www.dickshovel.com/AIMIntro.html>

## WEEK 7 (10/10)

### CANADA

#### Web Readings

- *A Brief Introduction to Aboriginal Law in Canada* <http://www.bloorstreet.com/200block/brintro.htm>
- *The Assembly of First Nations* <http://www.afn.ca/Main.htm>  
(Surf three or four links on rights issues)

## WEEK 7 (10/12)

## HAWAII

### Web Readings

- Aloha! <http://hawaii-nation.org/index.html> (Concentrate on the site entitled HAWAII OVERVIEW <http://hawaii-nation.org/overview.html>)

## WEEK 8 (10/17-19)

## CENTRAL AMERICA

### Web Readings

- *World History Archives: Native Americans in Central America* <http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/41/index-h.html>
- *Panama: Mining Concessions and Indigenous Peoples in Panama*  
Author: Atencio Lopez <http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/41/index-h.html>
- *Costa Rica: The Rights of the Indigenous People to Biodiversity*  
Author: Ruben Chacon <http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/conventi/costaric-eng.htm>
- *Honduras: The Development of Tourism in the Bahia De Tela* Author: Roy Guevara Arzu <http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/conventi/hondur-eng.htm>
- *El Salvador: Reality and Problems of Indigenous Peoples* Author: Amadeo Martinez <http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/conventi/elsalvador-eng.htm>

## WEEKS 9-10 (10/31 & 11/7)

## MEXICO

### Web Readings

- *World History Archives: Native Americans in Mexico* <http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/41/index-c.html>
- *Understanding Chiapas*  
<http://www.ezln.org/understanding-chiapas.html#Understanding Chiapas>
- *Zapatista Front of National Liberation*  
<http://www.ezln.org/fzln/index.html#Zapatista Front of National Liberation>
- *Aspects of Neoliberalism (Read all links)*  
<http://www.utexas.edu/students/nave/cultural.html#Aspects of Neoliberalism>
- *North East Zapatista Solidarity Network* <http://zapnet.rootmedia.org/>

## WEEK 10 (11/9)

## GUATEMALA

### Web Readings

- *Guatemala: Maya Movement at the Political Crossroads* <http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/41/040.html>
- *Voices of the Pueblo Maya: A new age in Guatemalan politics* <http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/41/035.html>
- *Guatemala Peace Talks: Are Maya Rights Negotiable?* <http://abyayala.nativeweb.org/maya/zapeta.html#Guatemala Peace Talks>
- *Negotiating Rights: The Guatemalan Peace Process* [http://www.c-r.org/acc\\_guat/Contents.htm](http://www.c-r.org/acc_guat/Contents.htm)
- *Guatemala: Memory of Silence* <http://hrdata.aaas.org/ceh/report/english/>

## WEEK 11 (11/14)

### PERU

#### Web Readings

- *World History Archives: Native Americans in South America (Andean)* <http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/41/index-da.html> (Read: Documents for Native American History in Peru)
- *Peru: Exploration and Exploitation of Gas of Camisea* Author: Mercedes Manriquez <http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/conventi/peru-eng.htm>

## WEEK 11 (11/16)

### BRAZIL

#### Web Readings

- *World History Archives: Native Americans in South America (Amazonian)* <http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/41/index-e.html>  
(Read articles on the struggle for land rights in Brazil)
- *The Exploitation of Wood in Indigenous Territories*  
Author: Paulo Celso de Oliveira Pankararu <http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/conventi/brazil-eng.htm>
- *Yanomami in Peril* <http://www.halcyon.com/pub/FWDP/Americas/yanomami.txt#Yanomami%20in%20Peril>
- *Chronology of Yanomami Genocide* <http://nativenet.uthscsa.edu/archive/nl/9308/0275.html>
- *Yanomami Resource Page* <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/shaman/yanobiblio.html>
- *Yanomami Articles on NativeNet* <http://nativenet.uthscsa.edu/archive/nl/yanomami.html>

## WEEK 12 (11/21)

### COLOMBIA

- *Colombia: Deforestation Within Indigenous Territories*  
Author: Luis Antonio Ortega Miticanoy <http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/conventi/colomb-eng.htm>

## WEEK 12 (11/23)

### U'WA

#### Web Readings

- *U'wa People (AmazonWatch)* <http://www.amazonwatch.org/uwa/>  
(Read all articles listed):
  1. The U'wa People
  2. U'wa in Crisis
  3. Letter from the U'wa People <http://kafka.uvic.ca/~vipirg/SISIS/sov/uwa.html>

## WEEK 13 (11/28)

### EMBERA-KATIO

#### Web Readings

- *The Embera Katio People Under Threat by Urrá Hydroelectric Project* <http://www.igc.apc.org/colhrnet/urgentaction/urra.htm>
- *Columbia--Fears of a Massacre* <http://www.survival.org.uk/colombia.htm>
- *Asylum sought for 2,500 Colombian Indians* <http://www.rose-hulman.edu/~delacova/colombia/asylum.htm>
- *The Urrá hydroelectric project* <http://www.igc.org/colhrnet/newsletter/y1999/summer99art/urra.htm>
- *Colombia: Indigenous People Killed Opposing Dam* <http://www.corpwatch.org/trac/corner/worldnews/other/300.html>
- *Statement from the Great Councils of Río Sinu and Río Verde* <http://www.corpwatch.org/trac/corner/worldnews/other/300.html>

## WEEK 14 (11/30)

### CHILE AND ARGENTINA (MAPUCHE)

#### Web Readings

- *Mapuche Inter-Regional Council* <http://members.aol.com/mapulink/>
- *Chilean Government to Make It Better for the Mapuche* <http://www.xs4all.nl/~rehue/art/perez2.html>
- *The situation according to the Mapuche organisation Xeg-Xeg* <http://www.xs4all.nl/~rehue/art/perez1.html>
- *World History Archives: Native Americans in South America (Andean)* <http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/41/index-dg.html>  
(Read sites under Documents for the History of Mapuche Nation)
- *Argentina: Depletion in the Region of Susques, Jujuy* Author: Nimia apaza <http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/conventi/argentin-eng.htm>

## WEEK 15 (12/5-12)

### ECUADOR

#### Book Reading

- Lucas. Kinnto. *La Rebelión de Los Indios*. Quito, Ecuador

#### Web Readings

- *Abya Yala Net: Indigenous Peoples of Ecuador* <http://abyayala.nativeweb.org/ecuador/>
- *World History Archives: Native American history in Ecuador* <http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/41/index-db.html>
- *Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador: CONAIE* [http://conaie.nativeweb.org/brochure.html#Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities](http://conaie.nativeweb.org/brochure.html#Confederation%20of%20Indigenous%20Nationalities)
- *CONFENIAE: THE CONFEDERATION OF THE NATIONALITIES INDIGENOUS TO THE AMAZON OF ECUADOR* <http://www.applicom.com/confeniae/english/>
- *Fueling Destruction in the Amazon* <http://www.halcyon.com/pub/FWDP/Americas/macass.txt#Fueling%20Destruction%20in%20the%20Amazon>
- *The Rio Piro Declaration* <http://www.halcyon.com/pub/FWDP/Americas/macass.txt#Fueling%20Destruction%20in%20the%20Amazon>
- *Oil Exploration in the Amazon* [http://abyayala.nativeweb.org/ecuador/amazon/oil/#Oil Exploration in the Amazon](http://abyayala.nativeweb.org/ecuador/amazon/oil/#Oil%20Exploration%20in%20the%20Amazon)
- *Aguinda v. Texaco* <http://www.texacorainforest.org/>
- *INITIATIVES FOR PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF HOLDERS OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES* by Antonio Jacanimijoy (COICA, Quito) [http://www.wipo.int/eng/meetings/1998/indip/rt98\\_4a.html](http://www.wipo.int/eng/meetings/1998/indip/rt98_4a.html)