

MONUMENTS AND MEMORY

Topics in Archaeological Method and Theory



It is the stated purpose of archaeology to interpret the human past. However, this fascination with the things that came before is not new. Social memory, the construction of a collective notion about the way things used to be, looms large in the archaeological record, particularly through the material representations of these memories — monuments. Moreover, monuments (ancient, historical, and modern) continue to carry great power in the contemporary world. Their construction and removal has always been and continues to be a matter of great social importance. This class explores issues of memory and monumentality through world-wide case studies ranging from the American South to the islands of Polynesia and from 5000 BC to the present.

ANTH 5490

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Thursdays 1:45 - 4:45 pm



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This seminar-style course is designed for graduate students in anthropology and related disciplines (NELC, AAMW, CLAS, ANCH, etc.) but is also open to advanced undergraduates by permission of instructor.