

## **Ethnographies by Culture Area, Region, and Topic**

The following list contains suggestions for ethnographic research projects in Anthropology Courses at Douglas College taught by McIlwraith. Some of these texts may not be available at Douglas, although all of them can be ordered through inter-library loan. If you are interested in researching a group in a particular geographic region, or culture area, this list is for you!

Be sure to refer to the specific instructions on the assignment handout before selecting an ethnography or ethnographies to read and evaluate. Discussions with the instructor about your choices are recommended.

### **Australian Aborigines**

Hart, C.W.M., and Arnold Pilling (1979)

*The Tiwi of North Australia.*

McIntosh, Ian S. (2000)

*Aboriginal reconciliation and the Dreaming: Warramiri Yolngu and the quest for equality.*

Tonkinson, Robert (1991)

*The Mardu Aborigines: living the dream in Australia's desert.*

Tonkinson, Robert (1974)

*Aboriginal Victors of the Desert Crusade.*

### **Amazonian indigenous peoples**

Chagnon, Napoleon (1997)

*Yanomamo. 5<sup>th</sup> ed.*

Crocker, William H. (2004)

*The Canela: kinship, ritual, and sex in an Amazonian tribe.*

Early, John D. and John F. Peters (2000)

*The Xilixana Yanomami of the Amazon: history, social structure, and population dynamics.*

Macdonald, Theodore, Jr. (1999)

*Ethnicity and culture amidst new "neighbors": the Runa of Ecuador's Amazon region.*

Peters, John F. (1998)

*Life among the Yanomami : the story of change among the Xilixana on the Mucajai River in Brazil*

Rabben, Linda (2004)

*Brazil's Indians and the onslaught of civilization: the Yanomami and the Kayapo.*

Ramos, Alcida Rita (1995)

*Sanuma Memories: Yanomami ethnography in times of crisis*

Reed, Richard (1997)

*Forest Dwellers, Forest Protectors: Indigenous models for international development.*

[Paraguay – tropical rainforest; periphery of Amazonian region]

Stearman, Allyn MacLean (1988)

*Yuqui: Forest Nomads in a Changing World.* [Bolivia – tropical rainforest; periphery of Amazonian region]

### **Pastoralists - Africa**

Rigby, Peter (1985)

*Persistent Pastoralists: nomadic societies in transition.*

Goldschmidt, Walter (1986)

*The Sebei : a study in adaptation.*

### **Pacific Islands – Polynesia, Micronesia, Melanesia**

Barnett, H.G. (1979)

*Being a Palauan.*

Brewis, Alexandra (1996)

*Lives on the Line: women and ecology on a Pacific atoll.*

Duffie, Mary Katharine (2001)

*Through the Eye of a Needle: a Maori elder remembers.*

Hanson, F. Allan (1983)

*Rapan Lifeways: society and history on a Polynesian island.*

Heider, Karl G. (1979)

*Grand Valley Dani: peaceful warriors.* [Note: UBC has 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. – 1997]

Herd, Gilbert (1987)

*The Sambia: ritual and gender in New Guinea.*

Kiste, Robert C. (1974)

*The Bikinians: a study in forced migration.*

Labby, David (1976)

*The Demystification of Yap: dialectics of culture on a Micronesian island.*

Lindenbaum, Shirley (1979)

*Kuru Sorcery: disease and danger in the New Guinea highlands.*

Marshall, Mac and Leslie B. Marshall (1990)

*Silent voices speak: women and prohibition in Truk.*

Ongka, Andrew Strathern and Pamela J. Stewart (1998)

*Collaborations and Conflicts: a leader through time.*

Ward, Martha (1989)

*Nest in the Wind: adventures in anthropology on a tropical island.*

Weiner, Annette (1988)

*The Trobrianders of Papua New Guinea.*

Weiner, Annette B. (1976)

*Women of Value, Men of Renown: new perspectives in Trobriand exchange.*

## **Middle East**

Abu-Lughod, Lila (1993)

*Writing women's worlds: Bedouin stories.* [Egypt]

Lancaster, William (1981)

*The Rwala Bedouins Today.*

Menely, Anne (1996)

*Tournaments of Value: sociability and hierarchy in a Yemeni town.*

## **Andes**

Allen, Catherine J. (1988)

*The Hold Life Has: coca and cultural identity in an Andean community.*

Bastien, Joseph (1985)

*Mountain of the condor: metaphor and ritual in an Andean ayllu.*

Bourque, Susan C. and Kay Barbara Warren (1981)

*Women of the Andes: patriarchy and social change in two Peruvian towns.*

Brush, Stephen B. (1977)

*Mountain, Field, and Family: the economy and human ecology of an Andean valley.*

Flores Ochoa, Jorge A. (1979)

*Pastoralists of the Andes: the alpaca herders of Parata.*

Isbell, Billie Jean (1985)

*To Defend Ourselves: ecology and ritual in an Andean village.*

Meyerson, Julia (1990)

*'Tambo: life in an Andean village.*

## **China; East Asia**

Chance, Norman A. (1991)

*China's Urban Villagers: changing life in a Beijing suburb.*

Gladney, Dru C. (1998)

*Ethnic Identity in China: the making of a Muslim minority.*

Wolf, Margery (1968)

*The House of Lim: a study of a Chinese farm family.*

Wolf, Margery (1972)

*Women and the Family in Rural Taiwan.*

Wong, Bernard (1982)

*Chinatown: economic adaptation and ethnic identity of the Chinese. [immigrant Chinese community in the US.]*

## **India; South Asia [includes Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka]**

- Adams, Vincanne (1996)  
*Tigers of the snow and other virtual Sherpas: an ethnography of Himalayan encounters.*
- Baker, Victoria J. (1998)  
*A Sinhalese Village in Sri Lanka: coping with uncertainty.*
- Freeman, James (1985)  
*Scarcity and Opportunity in an Indian village.*
- Fuller, C.J. (1976)  
*The Nayars Today.*
- Gough, Kathleen (1981)  
*Rural society in southeast India.*
- Jones, Rex L. and Shirley Kurz Jones (1976)  
*The Himalayan Woman: a study of Limbu women in marriage and divorce.*
- Hitchcock, John T. (1980)  
*A Mountain Village in Nepal.*
- Kolenda, Pauline (1985)  
*Caste in Contemporary India.*
- Mahmood, Cynthia Keppley (2000)  
*The Guru's gift: an ethnography exploring gender equality with North American Sikh women. [note – this concerns an immigrant community, rather than Sikhs in India]*
- Nanda, Serena (1989)  
*Neither man nor woman: the Hijras of India.*
- Ortner, Sherry B. (1978)  
*Sherpas through their rituals.*
- Preston, James J. (1985)  
*Cult of the Goddess: social and religious change in a Hindu temple.*
- Rao, Aparna (1998)  
*Autonomy: life cycle, gender and status among Himalayan pastoralists.*
- Von Furer-Hamendorf, Christoph (1980)  
*A Himalayan Tribe: from cattle to cash.*
- Watkins, Joanne (1996)  
*Spirited Women: gender, religion and cultural identity in the Nepal Himalaya.*

## **Europe**

- Ennew, Judith (1980)  
*The Western Isles Today.*
- Gmelch, George (1977)  
*The Irish Tinkers: the urbanization of an itinerant people.*
- Golde, Gunter (1975)  
*Catholics and Protestants: agricultural modernization in two German villages.*
- Ingold, Tim (1976)  
*The Skolt Lapps Today.*

Okely, Judith (1983)

*The Traveller-Gypsies.*

Pelto, Pertti J. (1973)

*The Snowmobile Revolution: technology and social change in the Arctic.*

Ward, Martha (1993)

*The Hidden Life of Tirol.*

## **United States; Canada**

### **First Nations/Native Americans:**

Brody, Hugh (1981)

*Maps and Dreams: Indians and the British Columbia frontier.*

Grobsmith, Elizabeth (1981)

*Lakota of the Rosebud: a contemporary ethnography.*

Niezen, Ronald (1998)

*Defending the Land: sovereignty and forest life in James Bay Cree society.*

Prins, Harald (1996)

*The Mi'kmaq: resistance, accommodation and cultural survival.*

Tedlock, Barbara (1992)

*The beautiful and the dangerous: encounters with the Zuni Indians.*

Underhill, Ruth (1979)

*Papago Woman.*

### **Euro-North Americans:**

English-Lueck, J.A. (2002)

*Cultures@Silicon Valley.*

Esman, Marjorie R. (1985)

*Henderson, Louisiana: cultural adaptation in a Cajun community.*

### **African Americans/African Canadians:**

Whitfield, Harvey A. (2005)

*From American Slaves to Nova Scotian Subjects: the case of the Black refugees, 1813-1840. [this is an ethnohistorical study].*

## **Other North America**

Chavez, Leo (1998)

*Shadowed Lives: undocumented immigrants in American society.*

Mahmood, Cynthia Keppley (2000)

*The Guru's gift: an ethnography exploring gender equality with North American Sikh women.*

Wong, Bernard (1982)

*Chinatown: economic adaptation and ethnic identity of the Chinese.*

Adler, Rachel H. (2004)

*Yucatecans in Dallas, Texas: breaching the border, bridging the distance.*

Grenier, Guillermo J. and Lisandro Perez (2003)

*The Legacy of Exile: Cubans in the United States.*

### **Development anthropology; global inequality**

Reed, Richard (1997)

*Forest Dwellers, Forest Protectors: Indigenous models for international development.*

Dentan, Robert Knox, et al

*Malaysia and the “Original People”: a case study of the impact of development on indigenous peoples.*

### **Indigenous peoples**

The following list is incomplete. Many of the other ethnographies concern people that may be identified as “Indigenous”. See also “First Nations/Native Americans”, “Circumpolar region” and “Mexico and Central America” (below).

Chiñas, Beverley (1993)

*La Zandunga: of fieldwork and friendship in southern Mexico.*

Dentan, Robert Knox, et al

*Malaysia and the “Original People”: a case study of the impact of development on indigenous peoples.*

Fondahl, Gail A. (1998)

*Gaining Ground? Evenkis, land, and reform in southeastern Siberia.*

McGee, R. Jon (1990)

*Life, ritual, and religion among the Lacandon Maya.*

Nuttall, Mark (1992)

*Arctic Homeland: kinship, community and development in northwest Greenland.*

Sjoberg, Katarina (1993)

*The Return of the Ainu: cultural mobilization and the practice of ethnicity in Japan.*

Sutlive, Vinson (1988)

*The Iban of Sarawak: chronicle of a vanishing world.*

## Other Ethnographic Areas

### Israel

Bowes, Alison M. (1989)  
*Kibbutz Goshen: an Israeli commune.*

### North Africa

Abu-Lughod, Lila (1993)  
*Writing women's worlds: Bedouin stories*

Boddy, Janice (1989)  
*Wombs and alien spirits: Women, men and the Zar cult in northern Sudan.*

Fernea, Elizabeth and Robert Fernea (1991)  
*Nubian Ethnographies*

Fernea, Elizabeth (1980)  
*A Street in Marrakech.*

Keenan, Jeremy (2004)  
*The lesser gods of the Sahara : social change and contested terrain amongst the Tuareg of Algeria.*

Lancaster, William (1981)  
*The Rwala Bedouins Today.*

### West Africa

Eades, J.S. (1980)  
*The Yoruba Today.*

Lundgren, Nancy (2002)  
*Watch and Pray: a portrait of Fante village life.*

Rasmussen, Susan (1997)  
*The poetics and politics of Tuareg aging : life course and personal destiny in Niger.*

Rasmussen, Susan (2001)  
*Healing in Community: medicine, contested terrains, and cultural encounters.*

Schaffer, Matt (1980)  
*Mandinko: the ethnography of a West African holy land.*

Stoller, Paul (1989)  
*The taste of ethnographic things: the senses in anthropology.* [Songhai people – Niger]

## **East Africa**

Harris, Grace Gredys (1978)

*Casting out anger: religion among the Taita of Kenya.*

Swartz, Marc J. (1991)

*The Way the World is: cultural processes and social relations among the Mombasa Swahili.*

[Swahili-speaking peoples – Mombasa, Kenya]

## **Southern Africa**

Lee, Richard (2002)

*The Dobe Ju/'hoansi.*

Kottak, Conrad Phillip (1980)

*The past in the present : history, ecology, and cultural variation in highland Madagascar.*

Marshall, Lorna (1999)

*Nyae Nyae !Kung: beliefs and rituals.*

Suggs, David N. (2002)

*A Bagful of Locusts and the Baboon Woman: constructions of gender, change and continuity in Botswana.*

Turner, Edith (1992)

*Experiencing Ritual: a new interpretation of African healing.* [Ndembu people-Zambia]

## **Mexico and Central America**

Chiñas, Beverley (1993)

*La Zandunga: of fieldwork and friendship in southern Mexico.*

Chiñas, Beverley (1992)

*The Isthmus Zapotecs : a matrifocal culture of Mexico.*

Collier, George A. (1975)

*Fields of the Tzotzil: the ecological bases of tradition in highland Chiapas.*

Hull, Cindy L. (2004)

*Katun: a twenty-year journey with the Maya.*

McGee, R. Jon (1990)

*Life, ritual, and religion among the Lacandon Maya.*

Reck, Gregory G. (1986)

*In the Shadow of Tlaloc: life in a Mexican village.*

Stephen, Lynn (1991)

*Zapotec Woman.*

Young, James Clay and Linda C. Garro (1994)

*Medical Choice in a Mexican Village.*

## South America

- Goldstein, Donna M. (2003)  
*Laughter Out of Place: race, class, violence and sexuality in a Rio shantytown.*
- Kottak, Conrad Phillip (1999)  
*Assault on Paradise : social change in a Brazilian village.*
- Kloos, Peter (1977)  
*The Akuriyo of Surinam: a case of emergence from isolation.*
- Scheper-Hughes, Nancy (1992)  
*Death Without Weeping: the violence of everyday life in Brazil.*

## Circumpolar Region (Arctic and Subarctic)

- Balicki, Asen (1989)  
*The Netsilik Eskimo.*
- Brody, Hugh (1981)  
*Maps and Dreams: Indians and the British Columbia frontier.*
- Fondahl, Gail A. (1998)  
*Gaining Ground? Evenkis, land, and reform in southeastern Siberia.*
- Ingold, Tim (1976)  
*The Skolt Lapps Today.*
- Laughlin, William S. (1980)  
*Aleuts: survivors of the Bering land bridge.*
- Nuttall, Mark (1992)  
*Arctic Homeland: kinship, community and development in northwest Greenland.*
- Ohnuki-Tierney, Emiko (1974)  
*The Ainu of the Northwest Coast of Southern Sakhalin.*
- Pelto, Pertti J. (1973)  
*The Snowmobile Revolution: technology and social change in the Arctic.*
- Sjoberg, Katarina (1993)  
*The Return of the Ainu: cultural mobilization and the practice of ethnicity in Japan.*
- Van Deusen, Kira (2001)  
*The flying tiger : women shamans and storytellers of the Amur.*

## Southeast Asia

- Barth, Fredrik (1993)  
*Balinese Worlds* [Bali – Indonesia]
- Dentan, Robert Knox, et al (1997)  
*Malaysia and the “Original People”: a case study of the impact of development on indigenous peoples.*
- Dentan, Robert Knox (1979)  
*The Semai: a non-violent people of Malaya.*
- Fox, James J. (1977)  
*Harvest of the Palm: ecological change in eastern Indonesia.*

- Keyes, Charles F. (1977)  
*The Golden Peninsula: culture and adaptation in mainland Southeast Asia.*
- Lansing, Stephen (1995)  
*The Balinese.*
- Ness, Sally Ann (1992)  
*Body, movement, and culture: kinesthetic and visual symbolism in a Philippine community.*
- Sutlive, Vinson (1988)  
*The Iban of Sarawak: chronicle of a vanishing world.*
- Tsing, Anna (1993)  
*In the Realm of the Diamond Queen: marginality in an out-of-the-way place.*

## Ethnographies by Selected Topics

### Anthropology of Women / Gender Studies

- Abu-Lughod, Lila (1998)  
*Writing women's worlds: Bedouin stories.*
- Boddy, Janice (1989)  
*Wombs and alien spirits: Women, men and the Zar cult in northern Sudan.*
- Bourque, Susan C. and Kay Barbara Warren (1981)  
*Women of the Andes: patriarchy and social change in two Peruvian towns.*
- Brewis, Alexandra (1996)  
*Lives on the Line: women and ecology on a Pacific atoll.*
- Herdt, Gilbert (1987)  
*The Sambia: ritual and gender in New Guinea.*
- Jones, Rex L. and Shirley Kurz Jones (1976)  
*The Himalayan Woman: a study of Limbu women in marriage and divorce.*
- Mahmood, Cynthia Keppley (2000)  
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- Nanda, Serena (1989)  
*Neither man nor woman: the Hijras of India.*
- Underhill, Ruth (1979)  
*Papago Woman.*
- Stephen, Lynn (1991)  
*Zapotec Woman.*
- Suggs, David N. (2002)  
*A Bagful of Locusts and the Baboon Woman: constructions of gender, change and continuity in Botswana.*
- Van Deusen, Kira (2001)  
*The flying tiger : women shamans and storytellers of the Amur.*

Watkins, Joanne (1996)

*Spirited Women: gender, religion and cultural identity in the Nepal Himalaya.*

### **Medical Anthropology**

Quinlan, Marsha B. (2004)

*From the Bush: the front line of health care in a Caribbean village.*

Rasmussen, Susan (2001)

*Healing in Community: medicine, contested terrains, and cultural encounters among the Tuareg.*

Rasmussen, Susan (1997)

*The poetics and politics of Tuareg aging : life course and personal destiny in Niger.*

Turner, Edith (1992)

*Experiencing Ritual: a new interpretation of African healing.*

Young, James Clay and Linda C. Garro (1994)

*Medical Choice in a Mexican Village.*

### **Ethnohistory**

Boyd, Robert T. (1996)

*People of the Dalles: the Indians of the Wascopam Mission: a historical ethnography based on the papers of the Methodist missionaries.*

Harkin, Michael Eugene (1997)

*The Heiltsuks: dialogues of culture and history on the Northwest Coast.*

Marshall, Ingeborg (1996)

*A history and ethnography of the Beothuk.*

Whitfield, Harvey A. (2005)

*From American Slaves to Nova Scotian Subjects: the case of the Black refugees, 1813-1840*

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