Ethnographies by Series / Additional Ethnographies

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.

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.

Note: For ethnographies in a series, search in the Douglas Catalogue by series title.

Series: *Case Studies in Cultural Anthropology* (83 ethnographies at Douglas)


Strangers in a not-so-strange land: Indian immigrants in the global age / by Arthur W. Helweg, c2004

Himalayan Herders / by Naomi H. Bishop, c1998

Waorani: the contexts of violence and war / by Clayton Robarchek and Carole Robarchek, c1998

The White Man Will Eat You!: an anthropologist among the Imbonggu of Papua New Guinea / by William E. Worsley, c1993


Samoan Village: then and now / by Lowell Don Holmes, c1992 [2nd ed. – orig. pub. 1974]

Katun : a twenty-year journey with the Maya / Cindy L. Hull c2004


From the bush : the front line of health care in a Caribbean village / Marsha B. Quinlan, 2004

The Dobe Ju/'hoansi / Richard B. Lee, c2003 (3rd ed.)

Watch and pray : a portrait of Fante village life in transition / Nancy Lundgren, c2002

A bagful of locusts and the baboon woman : constructions of gender, change, and continuity in Botswana / David N. Suggs, 2002
Through the eye of the needle : a Maori elder remembers / Mary Katharine Duffie, c2001

Collaborations & conflicts : a leader through time / Andrew Strathern and Pamela J. Stewart, c2000

Shadowed lives : undocumented immigrants in American society / Leo Chavez, c1998


Ethnic identity in China : the making of a Muslim minority nationality / Dru C. Gladney, c1998

Yanomamo / Napoleon A. Chagnon, c1997 (5th ed.)

Lives on the line : women and ecology on a Pacific atoll / Alexandra Brewis, c1996

The Mi'kmaq : resistance, accommodation, and cultural survival / Harald E.L. Prins, c1996

The Balinese / J. Stephen Lansing, c1995

The Isthmus Zapotecs : a matrifocal culture of Mexico / Beverly Newbold Chinas, c1992

The Mardu aborigines : living the dream in Australia's desert / Robert Tonkinson, c1991

[Note: there is an older ed. – make sure you get the right one]

China's urban villagers : changing life in a Beijing suburb / Norman A. Chance, c1991

The Trobrianders of Papua New Guinea / Annette B. Weiner, c1988

Yuqui : forest nomads in a changing world / Allyn MacLean Stearman, 1988

The Sambia : ritual and gender in New Guinea / Gilbert Herdt, c1987

The Sebei : a study in adaptation / by Walter Goldschmidt, c1986

Henderson, Louisiana : cultural adaptation in a Cajun community / by Marjorie R. Esman, c1985

Chinatown: economic adaptation and ethnic identity of the Chinese / by Bernard P. Wong, c1982

Lakota of the Rosebud : a contemporary ethnography / by Elizabeth S. Grobsmith, c1981

Aleuts: survivors of the Bering land bridge/ by William S. Laughlin, c1980

A Mountain Village in Nepal / by John T. Hitchcock, c1980

Mandinko: the ethnography of a West African holy land / by Matt Schaffer, c1980
The Tiwi of North Australia / by C. W. M. Hart and Arnold R. Pilling, c1979

Being a Palauan / by H. G. Barnett, c1979

Grand Valley Dani: peaceful warriors / by Karl G. Heider, c1979

Papago Woman / by Ruth Underhill, c1979

The Semai: a non-violent people of Malaya / by Robert Dentan Knox, c1979

The Ainu of the Northwest Coast of Southern Sakhalin / by Emiko Ohnuki-Tierney, c1974

Series: Cultural Survival Studies in Ethnicity and Change

Aboriginal reconciliation and the Dreaming : Warramiri Yolngu and the quest for equality / Ian S. McIntosh, c2000

Ethnicity and culture amidst new "neighbors" : the Runa of Ecuador's Amazon region / Theodore Macdonald, c1999


Defending the land : sovereignty and forest life in James Bay Cree society / Ronald Niezen, c1998

Malaysia and the "original people" : a case study of the impact of development on indigenous peoples / Robert Knox Dentan ... [et al.], c1997

Forest dwellers, forest protectors : indigenous models for international development / Richard Reed, c1997

Ariaal Pastoralists of Kenya: surviving drought and development in Africa’s arid lands / by Elliot Fratkin, c1998

AlterNatives: community, identity, and environmental justice on Walpole Island / by Robert M. Van Wynsberghe, c2002
Series: *New Immigrants*

The Legacy of Exile: Cubans in the United States / by Guillermo J. Grenier and Lisandro Perez, c2003

Yucatecans in Dallas, Texas: breaching the border, bridging the distance / by Rachel H. Adler, c2004


Pride Against Prejudice: Haitians in the United States / by Alex Stepick, c1998

From the Ganges to the Hudson: Indian immigrants in New York city / by Johanna Lessinger, c1995

A Visa for a Dream: Dominicans in the United States / by Patricia R. Pessar, c1995

Ethnographies of China (and Tibet)

Tibetan diary: from birth to death and beyond in a Himalayan valley of Nepal / Geoff Childs, c2004

The age of wild ghosts: memory, violence, and place in Southwest China / Erik Mueggler, c2001

A society without fathers or husbands: the Na of China / Cai Hua; translated by Asti Hustvedt, c2001

Producing Guanxi: sentiment, self, and subculture in a North China village / Andrew B. Kipnis, c1997
Other Ethnographies

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

Adams, Vincanne (1996)
  *Tigers of the snow and other virtual Sherpas: an ethnography of Himalayan encounters.*

Allen, Catherine J. (1988)
  *The Hold Life Has: coca and cultural identity in an Andean community.*

Balicki, Asen (1989)
  *The Netsilik Eskimo.*

Barth, Fredrik (1993)
  *Balinese Worlds.*

Basso, Keith (1996)
  *Wisdom Sits in Places (Apache)*

Bastien, Joseph (1985)
  *Mountain of the condor: metaphor and ritual in an Andean ayllu.*

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

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

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

Brody, Hugh (1981)
  *Maps and Dreams: Indians and the British Columbia frontier.*

Brush, Stephen B. (1977)
  *Mountain, Field, and Family: the economy and human ecology of an Andean valley.*

Chiñas, Beverley (1993)
  *La Zandunga: of fieldwork and friendship in southern Mexico.*

Collier, George A. (1975)
  *Fields of the Tzotzil: the ecological bases of tradition in highland Chiapas.*

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

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

  *Cultures@Silicon Valley.*

Ennew, Judith (1980)
  *The Western Isles Today.*

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

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

Flores Ochoa, Jorge A. (1979)
  *Pastoralists of the Andes: the alpaca herders of Parata.*
Fox, James J. (1977)
  *Harvest of the Palm: ecological change in eastern Indonesia.*

Freeman, James (1985)
  *Scarcity and Opportunity in an Indian village.*

Fuller, C.J. (1976)
  *The Nayars 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.*

  *Laughter Out of Place: race, class, violence and sexuality in a Rio shantytown.*

Gough, Kathleen (1981)
  *Rural society in southeast India.*

Hanson, F. Allan (1983)
  *Rapan Lifeways: society and history on a Polynesian island.*

Harris, Grace Gredys (1978)
  *Casting out anger: religion among the Taita of Kenya.*

  *A Mountain Village in Nepal.*

Ingold, Tim (1976)
  *The Skolt Lapps Today.*

Jones, Rex L. and Shirley Kurz Jones (1976)
  *The Himalayan Woman: a study of Limbu women in marriage and divorce.*

Isbell, Billie Jean (1985)
  *To Defend Ourselves: ecology and ritual in an Andean village.*

  *The lesser gods of the Sahara: social change and contested terrain amongst the Tuareg of Algeria.*

Keyes, Charles F. (1977)
  *The Golden Peninsula: culture and adaptation in mainland Southeast Asia.*

  *The Bikinians: a study in forced migration.*

Kolenda, Pauline (1985)
  *Caste in Contemporary India.*

Kottak, Conrad Phillip (1999)
  *Assault on Paradise: social change in a Brazilian village.*

Kottak, Conrad Phillip (1980)
  *The past in the present: history, ecology, and cultural variation in highland Madagascar.*

Kloos, Peter (1977)
  *The Akuriyo of Surinam: a case of emergence from isolation.*

Labby, David (1976)
  *The Demystificaiton of Yap: dialectics of culture on a Micronesian island.*

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

Lindenbaum, Shirley (1979)
Mahmood, Cynthia Keppley (2000)
   *The Guru’s gift: an ethnography exploring gender equality with North American Sikh women.*
Marshall, Lorna (1999)
   *Nyae Nyae !Kung: beliefs and ritual.*
   *Silent voices speak: women and prohibition in Truk.*
McGee, R. Jon (1990)
   *Life, ritual, and religion among the Lacandon Maya.*
Menely, Anne (1996)
   *Tournaments of Value: sociability and hierarchy in a Yemeni town.*
Meyerson, Julia (1990)
   *Tambo: life in an Andean village.*
Nanda, Serena (1989)
   *Neither man nor woman: the Hijras of India.*
Ness, Sally Ann (1992)
   *Body, movement, and culture: kinesthetic and visual symbolism in a Philippine community.*
Nuttall, Mark (1992)
   *Arctic Homeland: kinship, community and development in northwest Greenland.*
Okely, Judith (1983)
   *The Traveller-Gypsies.*
Ortner, Sherry B. (1978)
   *Sherpas through their rituals.*
Pelto, Pertti J. (1973)
   *The Snowmobile Revolution: technology and social change in the Arctic.*
   *Life among the Yanomami : the story of change among the Xilixana on the Mucajai River in Brazil.*
Preston, James J. (1985)
   *Cult of the Goddess: social and religious change in a Hindu temple.*
   *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.*
Rao, Aparna (1998)
   *Autonomy: life cycle, gender and status among Himalayan pastoralists.*
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.*
Reck, Gregory G. (1986)
   *In the Shadow of Tlaloc: life in a Mexican village.*
Rigby, Peter (1985)
   *Persistent Pastoralists: nomadic societies in transition.*[Maasai; Baraguyu people – East Africa]
Scheppe-Hughes, Nancy (1992)
   *Death Without Weeping: the violence of everyday life in Brazil.*
Sjoberg, Katarina (1993)
   *The Return of the Ainu: cultural mobilization and the practice of ethnicity in Japan.*

Stephen, Lynn (1991)
   *Zapotec Woman.*

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

Sutlive, Vinson (1988)
   *The Iban of Sarawak: chronicle of a vanishing world.*

Swartz, Marc J. (1991)
   *The Way the World is: cultural processes and social relations among the Mombasa Swahili.* [Swahili-speaking peoples – Mombasa, Kenya]

Tedlock, Barbara (1992)
   *The beautiful and the dangerous: encounters with the Zuni Indians.*

Tonkinson, Robert (1974)
   *Aboriginal Victors of the Desert Crusade.*

Tsing, Anna (1993)
   *In the Realm of the Diamond Queen: marginality in an out-of-the-way place.*

Turner, Edith (1992)
   *Experiencing Ritual: a new interpretation of African healing.* [Ndembu people]

Van Deusen, Kira (2001)
   *The flying tiger: women shamans and storytellers of the Amur.*

Von Furer-Hamendorf, Christoph (1980)
   *A Himalayan Tribe: from cattle to cash.*

Ward, Martha (1989)
   *Nest in the Wind: adventures in anthropology on a tropical island.*

Ward, Martha (1993)
   *The Hidden Life of Tirol.*

Watkins, Joanne (1996)
   *Spirited Women: gender, religion and cultural identity in the Nepal Himalaya.*

Weiner, Annette B. (1976)
   *Women of Value, Men of Renown: new perspectives in Trobriand exchange.*

Young, James Clay and Linda C. Garro (1994)
   *Medical Choice in a Mexican Village.*

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