HIST 6992

Tavern of the Seas: The Maritime History and Archaeology of Cape Town, South Africa

Summer Study Abroad Program
Summer Session I
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Course Description

This is a selected course contributing to three of six hours of credit for the summer study abroad program. Maritime History of South Africa will emphasize the maritime and urban heritage of Cape Town, South Africa. Summer abroad activities will highlight the contribution of this strategic southern African seaport to global maritime history. We at the dominant role that ecological and heritage tourism currently play in South Africa.

We will explore the impact of the Cape sea port through time on the economy of the various seafaring nations and analyze the array of social interactions between seafarers, colonists and indigenous peoples through historical and archaeological journal articles and an array of primary sources including government documents, correspondence, period newspapers and material culture. Students will tour maritime research centers, museums, and participate in trips to local shipwrecks.

The study will include fieldwork documenting beached shipwrecks using a variety of traditional archaeological techniques. The students team will conduct research in the Cape Town repositories to more fully understand the historical context of the shipwrecks within South African history. Shipwreck documentation projects include Thomas Tucker a World War II American Liberty ship and the Kakapoa (1900) a South African supply ship that represent both South African and United States heritage. The Thomas Tucker is included on the South African shipwreck trail and will expose students to maritime heritage tourism concepts, plus add to the archaeological information on the wreck for trail stewards and heritage stakeholders. Students who have completed an ECU scientific diver course will participate in underwater archaeological activities on three shipwrecks in Simons Bay including Bata (Dutch 1806), Brunswick (British 1805) and Clan Stuart (British 1911).

Course Requirements:

Paper on the a selected shipwreck (10 pages)..........................20%
Classroom discussion and group reports...............................20%
Daily academic journal entries on sites visited in South Africa.....20%
Paper selected African maritime history issue (10 pages)............40%

Responsibilities of Students:

Attend all classes held before departure for Cape Town, South Africa.
1. Complete all assigned group reports or projects.
2. Attend all events and sites listed on the trip itinerary.
3. Submit 10-page essays by last pre-departure class.
4. Submit a daily academic journal on June 18.
5. Submit 10-page paper on or before June 18.
Schedule of Classroom Meetings:

Pre-Class Communications: Various emails and announcements to students via email distribution list and web site: http://core.ecu.edu/hist/wilburnk/Stud (6:00-9:00 p.m.) dates and locations.

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Selected Readings:

Readings will be posted in Blackboard for the class and online discussions will be scheduled in advance of departure

Baderoon, G.

Boshoff, J., et al.

Boshoff, Jaco

Harris, Lynn
A Historical and Archaeological Investigation of Table Bay, Cape Town, Master’s Thesis, East Carolina University, 1988.

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Sadler, Nigel

Turner, Malcolm
*Shipwrecks and Salvage in South Africa.* Struik Publishers, 1999

Webster, Jane

Werz, Bruno


*Diving up the Human Past: Perspectives of Maritime Archaeology with Specific Reference to Developments in South Africa until 1996.* (BAR International Series 749). Oxford: Archaeopress, 1999

**Cape Town City Archaeology Reports**

Hall, Martin.

Malan, Antonio


**Research in Cape Town**

**Primary**

Cape Archives VC 14
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Cape Archives VC 25

1947 *The Gateway to South Africa: Description of the Cape Town Foreshore Plan.*
General Manager of South African Railways, Cape Town.

Fulton, Thomas W.
1911 *The Sovereignty of the Sea: An Historical Account of the Claims of England to the Dominion of the British Seas, and of the Evolution of the Territorial Waters, with Special*

Leibbrandt, H.C.V.
1887 Rambles Through the Archives of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, 1688-1700. J.C. Juta and Co., Cape Town.
1898 Precis of the Archives of the Cape of Good Hope: Letter and Documents Received, 1649-1662. W. A. Richards and Sons, Cape Town.
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Theal, George, M.

Secondary
Anschuetz, Kurt, Wilshusen Richard, and Cherie Scheick.

Ash, Aidan

Barber, R.J.

Boshoff, Willem H., and Johan Fourie.

Bowens, Amanda (editor).

Boxer, Charles R.

1979 Dutch-Asiatic Shipping in the 17th and 18th Centuries. Vol. 1: Introduction, Vol. 2: Outward-bound voyages from the Netherlands to Asia and the Cape, 1597-1797, Vol. 3:
Homeward-bound voyages from Asia to the Cape to the Netherlands. The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff.

Busch, Mette. 2006 The Danish Coastal Landscape, Fishery and Transport, 1050-1700. In Fishery, Trade and Piracy: Fisherman and Fisherman’s Settlements in and Around the North Sea Area in the Middle Ages and Later, Marnix Pieters, Frans Verhaeghe and Glen Gevaert, editors, pp. 195-206. Flemish Heritage Institute, Brussel, BE.

Burman, Jose. 1976 The Bay of Storms: Table Bay, 1503-1860. Human and Rousseau, Cape Town.


Web Sites
http://www.capegrace.com/blog/this-is-cape-town/kakapo-shipwreck-of-1900/
http://wikitravel.org/en/Diving_the_Cape_Peninsula_and_False_Bay
http://wikitravel.org/en/Diving_the_Cape_Peninsula_and_False_Bay/Brunswick

Cape Peninsula, False Bay and Simons Bay