A seminar treating the contributions of anthropological and archaeological understanding to development programs in "underdeveloped" and developing societies. Our particular focus will be on case studies treating of development in food production, in nutrition and in health care delivery. Topics to be considered: different perspectives on development within the world system; appraising the changing measures and indicators of development and underdevelopment; the role of the main development agencies, public and private, and their use of anthropological knowledge; the problems of ethnographic field inquiry in the context of development programs; the cultural construction of "well being", comparative deprivation and perceived underdevelopment; the social organization and politics of underdevelopment; the pull and push of world market mechanisms, consumerism, commodity fetishism and local resistance or acquiescence; future scenarios of "development."

Responsibilities:

Three papers are assigned for this course: two short papers of no more than five pages and a long research paper or case study of no more than 20 pages. The due date on the short papers will be given in class. The first paper will be a critical comparison of the first two of the three books to be purchased: James Ferguson's The Anti Politics Machine _ 1994 (1990) and Robert Nefting's Smallholders, Householders, Farm Families and the Ecology of Intensive Sustainable Agriculture 1993. The second paper will be a critical review of the Chiapas rebellion as treated in the book Basta! by George Collier with Eliz. Lowery Quaraitello (Oakland CA: Food First Books). The final paper will be a research paper examining the problematics of a particular case of development and will be due Monday June 3rd. Corollary readings for each section of the course are listed in a supplementary bibliography, as are the major sources on development indicators and development statistics. This supplementary bibliography should prove useful for the final paper. Occasional background bibliographies will be handed out treating particular cases. In most lectures time will be left for discussion for which the reading is essential.

I. Introduction to Syllabus. JWF/AK

Wednesday March 27

II. World System and Development Perspectives. 2 sessions

Friday March 29

JWF "A Revelatory Evening in the Third World"
Doughty, Paul.  

Kane, Joe  
1994 "Moi Goes to Washington," New Yorker, May 2, pp. 72-81. [YK3907]

Nef, Jorge  
[[YN2282]]

Escobar, Arturo  
[YE2522]

Case 1: Petroleum Exploitation in the Ecuadorian Amazon

Wednesday April 3  
AK "Contradictory Meanings of Development,"  
Carneiro da Cunha, Manuela  
nd (1 995) The Role of Traditional Peoples in Conservation. ms.  
Escobar, Arturo, Encountering development, Chapters 1-3.

Case 2: Extractivism and Conservation in Brazil

III. Indicators of Well Being: The Appraisal of Demographic and Development Statistics. 2 Sessions  
Friday April 5  
JWF/RLF "The GDP and the GPI: What Are the Indicators of Progress and Quality of Life?"  
Gross, D. and B. Underwood,  

Ferguson, James  


Thu,Kendall  

Case 3. "Agricultural Development in Northeast Brazil and the Middle West"
Wednesday April 10
AK "Indicators of Agricultural Development"
Bray, Francesca

IV. Developers and the Politics of Development
Friday April 12
JWF "Development as Enterprise, Development as Inquiry, Development as Prudential Reasoning"

1976 Questions and Answers. March.
[HC59.7.W659 plus year]
Hirschman, Albert O.
Moore, Henrietta L. and Megan Vaughan

Wednesday April 17
AK: "Regional Politics and the Development Enterprise"
Fearnside, Philip M.
nd (1 995) Environmental Services as a Strategy for Sustainable Development in Rural Amazonia. ms [ ]
Johnson, Allen
Chibnik, Michael

V. Anthropologists on Development and Among Developers 3 sessions

Friday April 19
Ferguson, James
Ms. “Anthropology and Its Evil Twin: Development in the Constitution of the Discipline”

Ferguson, Anne E.


Case 4. The Recurrent Sahel Crises in Africa

Wednesday April 24
AK “Contradictory Values and a New Guiding Ethic’
Chase-Smith, Richard, and Cesar C. Tapuy

Escobar, Arturo

Friday April 26
Guest lecture: Mauro Almeida: “Extractive Reserves in Brazil”

VI. Food Production as the Engine of Development 3 Sessions.

Wednesday May 1
AK “The social ecology of food production.”
Netting, Robert McC.

Geertz, D.

Bennett, John

Friday May 3
AK “Big agricultural development” versus "sustainable development: a social and environmental critique.”
Ferguson, James


**Wednesday May 8**

AK "The role of indigenous technical knowledge and natural resource management/ the role (past and future) of small holders in agricultural development."


**Friday May 10**

**VII. The Bread of Everyday Life: Malnutrition and Food Security**, 1 Session.


Lindenbaum, Shirley


VIII. Reproduction, Health and Health Care Delivery. 2 Sessions

Wednesday May 15, Caroline Bledsoe, guest lecturer
Miscarriages, stillbirths, and contraception: tiny numbers, far-reaching significance.
Bledsoe, Caroline
1995 Numerators and denominators in the study of high fertility populations: Past and potential contributions from cultural anthropology. ms 22pp. [YB12735]
1995 Contraception and "natural" fertility in America. ms 28pp. [YB12738]

Friday May 17
RLF "Planned Interventions, or none?"

Bastien, Joseph
Brown, J. Larry, and Ernesto Pollitt
1996 Malnutrition, Poverty and Intellectual Development. Scientific American (274(2) Feb:38-43) [ ]

Levine, Robert

Abernethy, Virginia

**IX. Scenarios of the Future Evolution of Development.**

JWF "Relative Deprivation, the Depolitization of Poverty and Global Integration."  
**Wednesday May 22**

Nash, J.  

Collier, George, with Elizabeth Lowery Quaratiello  

Falk, Richard, S.S. Kim and S.H. Mondlovitz, eds  

Hirschman, Albert  

AK "Meeting the Needs of South and North"  
**Friday May 24**

Vickers, William  

**Wednesday 29 and Friday May 31**

**Project Reviews and Pizza**