ARCL 305: Archaeological Interpretation Term 1: Mon/Wed, 2:30–4:00PM | Instructor: Prof. Aleksa Alaica

Archaeological interpretation is impacted by a multitude of factors. One's approach to research is influenced by one's positionality and worldview. An archaeologist's theoretical perspective and the methodologies they employ all shape the way that their results are interpreted. To understand these processes, this course will review the larger trends in archaeological theory and debates both within archaeology and in other related disciplines to showcase the diverse approaches to archaeological research. Contemporary theoretical conversations will guide the direction of class discussions. Case studies will highlight the historical underpinnings for enduring theoretical models that will permit an exploration of broader themes, including materiality, social networks, cognition, feasting, urbanism, indigenizing theories and other non-Western Enlightenment thought.



