From Clovis to Coronado:
An Introduction to Southwest Archaeology
February 3 – March 10, 2021
Wednesdays, 10 AM – 12 PM
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Course Description

This six-week online course provides an archaeological overview of American Indian societies in the Southwest from the earliest occupation at least 12,000 years ago through the colonial period, including where, when, and how they lived. Join University of Arizona Regents Professor Barbara Mills as she explores the great diversity of societies that occupied the Southwest. Learn to understand changing adaptations of southwestern peoples while looking at current debates and interpretations of the unwritten history of the past. Taught by one of the world’s leading experts in our region, the class will also look at how archaeologists piece together information from field and laboratory work, the intersection of archaeological and American Indian oral histories, and the relevance and uses of archaeology for contemporary communities.


Additional readings mentioned below will be uploaded to a virtual folder in Box@UA and the link will be shared with all registered participants.
February 3:
- The Environmental and Cultural Setting of the Southwest
- How Southwest Archaeologists Tell Time: The Stratigraphic, Tree-ring and Radiocarbon Revolutions
- Paleoindians and Megafauna Extinctions
- The Broad Spectrum Revolution: Archaic Foragers of the Early and Middle Holocene

Readings:
- Plog 2008: Chapters 1, 2, & 3 (up to page 52)

For Further Reading:

February 10:
- The Transition to Agriculture
- Early Villages of the Plateau and Southern SW

Readings:
- Plog 2008: Chapters 3 (from page 52) & 4
For Further Reading:

February 17:
- The Preclassic Hohokam World
- The Classic Period Hohokam World

Readings:
- Plog 2008: Chapters 5 (up to p. 93) & 6 (pp. 134–143)

For Further Reading:

February 24:
- Chaco’s Beginnings
- The Chaco World
- After Chaco

Readings:
- Plog 2008: Chapters 5 (from p. 96) & 6 (pp. 118–134)


**For Further Reading:**


**March 3:**

- The Great Migration
- Pueblo IV Period Coalescence and Ritual Reorganization
- Coalescence in the South: Casas Grandes & Mesoamerican Connections

**Readings:**

- Plog 2008: Chapters 6 (from p. 146) & 7
For Further Reading:


March 10:

- The Athabaskan Entry & Other Southwest Nomads
- European Contact & Colonialism
- Archaeology of the Pueblo Revolt
- SW Archaeology Today and Descendent Communities

Readings:

- Plog 2008: Chapter 8
For Further Reading: