

Problems in Archaeology: Context of Neogene Old World Sites

The course will examine the context of important finds (bones and stones) at major Old World sites through the Neogene. The focus will be on the Plio-Pleistocene of East Africa, but we will range farther afield as appropriate. Familiarity with the temporal and spatial frameworks of sites, along with development of environmental records through indicators and proxies will be emphasized.

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Course Requirements: Students will be expected to attend class regularly and to participate in discussions. Grades will be determined on the basis of class participation and a research project.

Tentative Schedule

Week 1	19 Jan	Introduction & Global Context I
Week 2	26 Jan	Global Context II
Week 3	2 Feb	Chad, Lukeino and Lothagam: Miocene origins
Week 4	9 Feb	Kanapoi and Allia Bay: Home to <i>Australopithecus anamensis</i>
Week 5	16 Feb	Grasslands and Savannas: Evidence from Isotopes
Week 6	23 Feb	Omo Group I
Week 7	2 Mar	Omo Group II
Week 8	9 Mar	Omo Group III
Week 9	16 Mar	Spring Break
Week 10	23 Mar	Middle Awash
Week 11	30 Mar	Olduvai Gorge
Week 12	6 Apr	Ologesailie
Week 13	13 Apr	Eastern Asia

Week 14 20 Apr Intro Europe and Surviving Glacial-Interglacial Variability

Week 15 27 Apr Student Presentations