



One of the Old Parents: Desmond Bristol of Carriacou, Grenada

551: ANTH 390 01 TTh 8:30-9:45AM

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TEXT: Taking Sides: Clashing Views in
Cultural Anthropology 2nd edition
&
handouts
&
web assignments

ASSIGNMENTS (class attendance required):

1. 2 oral & written reports on 2 issues
2. 3 oral & written takes on “news” issues
3. 2 oral & written class “minutes” as “fieldnotes”

ISSUES IN ANTHROPOLOGY

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE (revision is expected as guest lecturers “come on board”)

1. Introduction to the course and explanation of the assignments (Tu 19 Jan 2006)
2. Use of Library Resources
3. “Should Anthropologists Abandon the Concept of Culture?” p 47 –
4. “Should Anthropology Stop Trying to Model Itself on the Natural Sciences?” p 2 -
5. “Do Sexually Egalitarian Societies Exist?” p 169 –
6. “Has the Islamic Revolution in Iran Subjugated Women?” p 186 –
7. “Did Napoleon Chagnon & Other Researchers Adversely Affect the Yanomami Indians of Venezuela?” p 322 –
8. “Do Museums Misrepresent Ethnic Communities Around the World?” p 297 –
9. “Does the Natural-Supernatural Distinction Exist in All Cultures?” p 148 –
10. “Are San Hunter-Gathers Basically Pastoralists Who Have Lost Their Herds?” p 107
11. “Is Ebonics (Black English) a Distinct Language from Standard English?” p 90 –
12. “Do Native Peoples Today Invent Their Traditions?” p 69 –
13. Should “Intelligent Design be Taught as an Alternative to Human Evolution?” reading to be assigned
14. “Should Anthropologists & Linguists Be Concerned about Losing Endangered Languages?” p 347 –
15. “Should Anthropologists Work to Eliminate the Practice of Female Circumcision?” p 359 –
16. “Is Ethnic Conflict Inevitable?” p 233 -