



THE WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY  
ANTH 260 – 80  
MYTH AND FOLKLORE AND THE MODERN WORLD

WELCOME



Hello. I'm Dr. Anita M. Barrow, your professor for Anth 260-80 taught fully on-line. Learning about Anthropology can be fun and practical. I look forward to meeting you *online* on **Saturday, December 26, 2010**. Start preparing for the class now. Review Blackboard usage and make sure your computer is in good working order. Purchase books.

### **Campus E Mail**

Use the Campus address assigned to students for all email communication in this course. Check your Campus e-mail regularly and delete old messages. Campus e-mail addresses have limited space. A full box will block your ability to receive e-mails.

### **Communicate in Microsoft Word**

All files submitted in this course must be in Microsoft word. No exceptions. Files that are not sent in Microsoft Word cannot be opened and will not be graded.

### **Blackboard: Help for the Online Course**

While there are no required face- to- face meetings, students are required to work with student technology consultants (STC'S) [www.wpunj.edu/stc/](http://www.wpunj.edu/stc/) in the Atrium or another Campus computer lab if this is their first on-line course. Students who are familiar with on-line course formats are encouraged to work with STC'S to improve their skills or review Blackboard usage.

On-line instructions for logging on to the course and getting started on Blackboard may be found at [http://www.wpunj.edu/bb/students/policies\\_s.htm](http://www.wpunj.edu/bb/students/policies_s.htm)

Student training workshops in computer technology and multimedia applications are held in the Atrium, Room 121, and at the Valley Road Campus, Room 104. Blackboard's homepage <http://bb.wpunj.edu/> contains several other features designed to assist students with reporting problems, help files and using e-mail.

This is a *three week intensive* course and students need to log on to the course daily, Monday – Friday and check their e-mail with regularity. Assignments include reading, projects, a powerpoint presentation, group work and discussion boards.

Make sure that you have access to a working computer with the programs needed to successfully complete the course. No make-up assignments are given in this class.

Use Campus or public computers found, for example, in libraries and at other Universities, if you do not have a computer or when you experience computer problems.

Consult with IRT staff should you experience technical difficulties. You may fill out a problem form <http://euphrates.wpunj.edu/bb/sc/> or call the University help desk, at extension # 4357.

### **Accessing Blackboard:**

To log on to Bb point your web browser to <http://bb.wpunj.edu> and click the Login button in the upper left. Then enter your username and password in the spaces provided and click login again -- you'll find your course Bb sites listed on the right.

Some things to be aware of working with Blackboard:

1. You probably won't find all your courses listed; the only ones that will appear are those that have been activated by the professor teaching the course. Professors who don't use Blackboard will not activate their courses.
2. Your username is comprised of your last name and first initial, usually appended with a numeral. If you don't know your WPUNJ system username password you can use the Username lookup link at <http://bb.wpunj.edu> , or go to it directly at: [https://webapps.wpunj.edu/misc/username\\_lookup/username\\_lookup.cfm](https://webapps.wpunj.edu/misc/username_lookup/username_lookup.cfm)

3. If you are already logged in to the WPUNJ system through WPCConnect you won't have to re-enter your username and password -- just click the first login button.
4. Extensive Bb help, including a number of dynamic animations, can be found at <http://www.wpunj.edu/irt/teambb/student/>
5. You can always obtain Bb help by using the Problem Report form at <http://bb.wpunj.edu> , or by going to it directly at: <http://euphrates.wpunj.edu/bb/sc/> .

### **WPUNJ Student Email:**

To log on to WPUNJ Student Email point your web browser to <http://student.wpunj.edu> and enter your username, then RETURN. A dialogue box will pop up, into when you re-enter your username and password, then RETURN.

Some things to be aware of as you work with Student email:

1. Blackboard courses will use student email; third-party email addresses will not work on Bb.
2. If you are already logged in to the WPUNJ system through WPCConnect you won't have to re-enter your username and password -- just click the Email tab.

### **Course Description**

This course covers the same material as a classroom-based Anthropology course in an on-line format. The course is highly interactive. Students must be able to work largely independently keeping up weekly with assignments.

A detailed Syllabus will be posted (*Syllabus*) on the first day of class. Announcements may be posted notifying students of any changes/additions to the Syllabus.

**Anth260: Myth and Folklore and the Modern World** is designed to give students an overview of issues anthropologists are interested in when they study myth and folklore in contemporary society. Although we will focus on the collection and analysis of American folklore, myths and corresponding rituals will also be examined globally within the holistic and cross-cultural context of the discipline of socio-cultural anthropology.