English 651 - Ethnography

Tuesday 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm (50% internet)





Margaret Mead

Claude Levi-Strauss

What is Ethnography?

“A[n] . . . approach to discovering and investigating social and cultural patterns and meaning in communities, institutions, and other social settings.”— Schensul

Why Study It?

“I have a respect for manners as such, they are a way of dealing with people you don't agree with or like.” — Mead

“I've often been accused of making anthropology into literature, but anthropology is also field research. Writing is central to it.”

— Geertz

“The wise man doesn't give the right answers, he poses the right questions.” — Levi-Strauss

This course will equip students with the skills to select a suitable site--workplace, classroom or other social arena--and successfully compose a self-selected ethnography.

Questions? See Paul Sawyer, DVIC 233.