LAW AND CULTURE
The Anthropology of Law

Texts:

Assignments:
◆◆Write a response every week to the readings (2-3 pages), articulating the issues and raising questions for discussion.
►► 1 Set of observations from Court Visit
►► 1 Short Paper (4-5 pages) on an issue in the anthropology of law and conclude with a proposal for your Research Paper (several paragraphs).
►►1 Research Paper: 15-20 pages.

Aug. 31: INDEPENDENT OR INTEGRATED? Culture, Law, Rights

Sept. 7: IS IT LAW? Custom and Culture, Law and Society

Sept. 14: THE ASANTE and GHANA: Pre-Colonial, Colonial, and Post Colonial Law
Wanitzek, Ulrike. Integration of Personal Laws and the Situation of Women in Ghana:

Sept. 21: Performing Customary Law: Language and Narrative

Sept. 28: Concepts: Customary Law

Oct. 5: Concepts: Legal Pluralism and Cultures of Legality. Why so Controversial?
Oct. 12: Where Is the Space for Law and Anthropology?

◆◆Attend a Court Session in Bloomington - write up a 2 page summary of your observations. (DUE next class) ◆◆ Class will NOT meet.

⇔⇔PAPER DUE (4-5 Pgs) + Proposal for Research Paper (include at least 2 References not on the Syllabus.) (Do the readings, but no written response required).


Nov. 2: Institutions of Law and Access to Justice, cont’d: Native American Legal Issues
Recommended: Tony Hillerman detective novels set on the Navajo reservation.

**Nov. 9: Discourse, Rights, Universalism and Relativism.**

**Nov. 16 Colonialism, Globalization, Authorship and Ownership: Innovations and Implications.**

**Nov. 23: THANKSGIVING**

**Nov. 30: (AAA) Transnationalism, Internationalism, Regionalism, Individualism.**

**Dec. 7: PRESENTATIONS IN CLASS – RESEARCH TOPIC**
Dec. 12-16: RESEARCH PAPER DUE DEC 12 @ 12 NOON. My office: Stu. Bldg. 238