



# Honors Anthropology 6

## Cultural Anthropology

What is “culture”? Is it the language you speak? Your religion? Your economic system? This riveting Honors Course will show you how anthropologists approach the complex concept of “culture” while trying to understand human behavior and globalization.



You’ll learn how anthropology can help solve social problems and even get to encounter first-hand ethnographic fieldwork done with Thai peasant women working in sweatshops as well as a controversial study of the “crack cocaine culture” of Spanish Harlem in NYC.

**TuTh 8-9:20AM IGETC Area 4A, CSU Area D1, Honors: Social/Beh Sci**

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**Professor Liana Padilla-Wilson** is an LMC graduate whose passion for anthropology took her to Saint Mary’s College (B.S.) and Arizona State (M.S.). Her graduate work focused on migration and involved extensive fieldwork around the U.S.-Mexico border. This focus on Latin American and Mayan studies took her to Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Chile. A recipient of the prestigious Irvine Scholar Award and the Rigoberta Menchu Award, Professor Padilla-Wilson lives in Brentwood with her husband and three children.

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# Honors English 145

## Survey of World Literature II

*“Only connect the prose and the passion, and both will be exalted”* -E.M. Forster

From Tsangyang Gyatso’s Tibetan love poems to classic American novels like *Moby Dick*, great works of literature help us understand who we are and how our perspective fits into today’s global society.



This first-ever Honors Course will expose you to works from around the world and

give you the tools you need to relate it to your life. You’ll get to read Eliza Heywood (an 18th century actress and writer), Persian poet Ghalib, excerpts from famous works by Leo Tolstoy and more. Don’t miss this class!

**W 4-6:50PM IGETC Area 3B; CSU Area C2; Honors Humanities/Art**

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**Professor James Noel** first came to the United States from his native London via a student exchange program. After completing high school in Modesto and attending Master’s University in Southern California on an athletic scholarship, he returned to England to play four years of professional basketball. A back injury ended that career, but his PhD in Literature from Goldsmiths University of London brought him back to America and Los Medanos College. James’ passion for literature (his thesis was on Melville’s *Moby Dick*) drives him to help today’s students connect their lives to good books.



# Honors English 221

Advanced Composition & Critical Thinking

What do a Superbowl ad, a presidential campaign speech and a column in the *LMC Experience* have in common? They're all arguments: someone is trying to persuade you using reasoning, rhetorical bluster, or some such trickery. Honors English 221 focuses on analyzing arguments and bringing your academic writing skills up to the next level in preparation for transfer. But don't take



it from us, here's what LMC & UC Berkeley alumnus Miguel Mauricio says, "*My experience at Cal has been great, but it has also been challenging. LMC as a whole did not prepare me, but there are two classes that I have taken there that did and one of them was Mr. Sterling's 221 class.*"

*Use this class as practice to prepare yourself for your future academic careers.*" How's that for persuasion?!

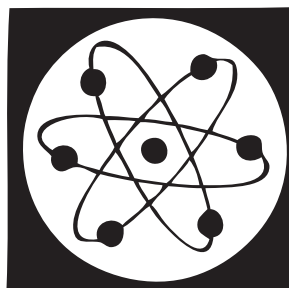
**TuTh12:30-1:50PM IGETC Area 1B, CSU Area A3; Honors: Humanities/Arts**

**Professor Alex Sterling** has an MA in philosophy from Purdue University and an MA in English from Cal State East Bay, and has been a full-time member of the LMC English department since 2006. Alex has an adorable family—wife Julianne, and two boys, Jasper and Adlai—with whom of late he can be seen shouting from the couch while watching the Golden State Warriors. Alex loves to read (especially on his patio in Albany), and has been reading political philosophy in recent years in addition to novels and various nonfiction.

# Honors Physical Science 5

General Physical Science

Have you ever wondered what's inside those little packets labeled "do not eat" in new shoes? Do you worry about global warming? Can solar energy and fuel cells replace fossil fuels? Will we ever travel to a galaxy far, far away? Take this stimulating survey class and find out.



The answers to these questions and more will be pursued in an engaging format. We will avoid boring calculations and focus on the more interesting and relevant concepts of physics, chemistry, earth science, and astronomy. No previous science experience is required; just bring a natural curiosity for the world around us.

**MW 12:30-1:50PM & M 11-11:50AM IGETC Area 5A, CSU Area B1, Honors: Math/Science**

**Professor Dennis Gravert** received his BS in Physics from Santa Clara University and his PhD in Organic Chemistry from Stanford University. After completing a postdoctoral fellowship at The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla he taught chemistry for 9 years in Minnesota. He came to his senses in 2007 when he gave up his snow shovel and moved back to California to teach at LMC. He was on hand to help his colleagues move into the science building and promptly tested the smoke alarms with a dazzling chemical demonstration.

# Honors Philosophy 2

The Ethics of Information  
 Honors Seminar

Do you have a Facebook page, Tumblr blog or an e-mail account? Do you follow anyone on Twitter or buy anything online? Do you worry about the government or corporations tracking this information and what they're doing with it? Should you?



This class will take you on a journey to analyze how the collection and use of information impacts us and ask deep questions about ethical behavior in this modern "information age."

We'll study established moral principles and then apply them as we try to answer questions related to dilemmas of ownership, access, privacy and security such as:

- Should people who reveal government secrets like WikiLeaks' Julian Assange and NSA whistle blower Edward Snowden be considered traitors or heroes?
- Who owns the photos you post on your Facebook page?
- Should it be legal for the US government to conduct wide-spread data collection on its citizens?
- Is "internet bullying" a form of free speech that should be protected?

This seminar has been designed especially for Honors Students and is taught by two dynamic professors whose areas of expertise are perfect for this provocative class. Don't miss it!

**TuTh 9:30-10:50AM IGETC Area 3B; CSU Area C2; Honors Seminar**

**Professor Christina Goff** is a research librarian and also serves as the Library Director for Los Medanos College. She loves working one-on-one with students who have challenging research projects and spending time in the Sierras. Christina is the proud mother of two.

**Professor Cindy McGrath** stepped out of the newsroom and into the classroom in 1988. She has won numerous statewide awards for her teaching and also serves as the advisor for *The LMC Experience*. Cindy spent 11 years in Florida as an editor at the *St. Petersburg Times*. She writes in inches, measures in picas and tosses terms around the journalism lab like "dogleg", "raw wrap" and "bastard type." In one of her less sane moments, she worked as the Sacramento press coordinator for the Dukakis for President primary campaign. Chalk it up to her Massachusetts roots. Cindy is also well-known for teaching archery at the Honors Retreat.