New Spring semester class!

ANTH 3095
Technology and Society: Archaeological Perspectives

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Tues. & Thurs. 11-12:15, Oak Hall Room 401

In this seminar you will examine the concept of technology in archaeological and more recent contexts, looking at relationships between ‘technology’ and ‘nature,’ and some of the ways that technologies are incorporated into our daily rituals, practice, and identity. We will consider how technological innovation occurs and how technological practices are transmitted across generations and space, will conduct hands-on examination and manufacture of some of those durable and perishable material technologies that are traditionally the focus of archaeologists (e.g., items of stone, clay, wood, or fiber), and will engage contemporary use and interpretation of ‘things’ and the extent to which various technologies shape our everyday lives.