Syllabus

ART 4391-001 and 5390 – 001 Latin American Folk Art
Spring 2014  Tues. and Thurs. 11 am - 12:15 pm  Room: ARC, room 114

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will exam folk artworks made in Latin America, with a special emphasis on works made in Mexico. It will cover works such as Oaxacan wood carvings and ceramics, santos, votive retablos, Ayahuascan vision imagery, Huichol yarn painting, Panamanian molas, and a variety of pottery, paper-mâché, metal work and weavings. Students will choose from selected pieces in Tyler Art Museum’s Boeckman collection to conduct research and learn about preparing information for catalogs and exhibitions; students will gain a basic knowledge of curatorial methodologies.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: to familiarize students with a variety of Latin American folk arts, the regions where they are made and the artists who make them. Students will explore post-colonial theories concerning non-canonical art and the intellectual discourse which surrounds them. Students will develop written and oral communications skills through discussions, PowerPoint presentations and writing assignments. In addition, students will achieve a full understanding of a chosen artwork, including its historical and cultural context. This course is intended to develop critical thinking skills.

CLASS FORMAT: Power-point lectures, as well as professor and student led class discussions of readings and images. Some classes will be held at the Tyler Museum of Art; see “Course Calendar.”

REQUIRED TEXT: (All of these books can be purchased “used” for considerably less expense.)


Additional reading assignments will be placed on Blackboard or handed out in class.

BLACKBOARD: All assignments, course calendar, grades and announcements will be posted on BLACKBOARD. If you need technical support, contact the UT IT department: on campus, ext. 5555, off campus, (903) 565-5555, or email: itsupport@patriots.uttler.edu

Requirements: Attendance, Participation in class discussions are required. You will receive a participation grade, which is 40% of the total grade. Students are required to read all assigned material. Each student is required to prepare THREE questions based upon the reading for EACH class meeting and turn in these questions on a single typed sheet of paper at the beginning of class (make an extra copy to retain for yourself). Additionally, Dr. Lisot may ask questions in class on the assigned readings. Students will sign up to present and lead class discussions on two of the readings. Graduate students will present and lead three discussions. The grade for the PRESENTATIONS will be factored into the student’s participation grade. Since the class is conducted in most part as a discussion, it is expected that each student will contribute fully by asking questions and making comments. Remember that the success of this class depends on the quality of this preparation. If a student is not committed to completing these assignments, she or he should not take this class.

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor by the second class meeting. If a student misses a class they must get notes from a classmate covering the missed class and still turn in questions on the assigned readings.

Assigned reading should be completed before the discussion / lectures for which they are assigned. Course calendar with assigned readings will be handed out in class (and posted on Blackboard).

Examinations: There will be no examinations in this class.

Writing Assignments: Each student will submit three (3) writing assignments to the professor. Graduate students are expected to write papers at the higher range of length. The topic of each writing assignment will be the following:

1st assignment: Critique of “Celebration of Life and Death” exhibition at the Tyler Museum of Art (3 - 4 pgs.) 10%

2nd assignment: Negotiating the conceptual “other:” post-colonialism, hybridity and interpretation, critical reading and commentary on several, articles handed out in class and posted on Blackboard (7 – 9 pgs.) 20%

3rd assignment: Research Paper on artwork from TMA (10 - 15 pgs.) 30%
ASSIGNED PAPERS:
You are required to demonstrate an understanding of the readings and concepts discussed in class. Your papers must contain your own ideas and opinions. Use quotes sparingly. Never use an author’s words without crediting the author. You should credit an author even when paraphrasing their ideas - if you do not - it is plagiarism. Each writing assignment must follow the “Instructions for Art History Papers” handed out in class and posted on Blackboard.

No late papers will be accepted.

FINAL GRADE WILL BE CALCULATED ON THESE PERCENTAGES:

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GRADES: will be posted on Blackboard and written on returned papers. Students are responsible to check online to be sure that their grades have posted and are correct. If a grade is missing that means that the professor did not receive your work. Contact Dr. Lisot immediately if you think there is an error.

CONVERSION CHART FROM PERCENTAGES TO LETTER GRADES:

- A 90-100%
- B 80-89%
- C 70-79%
- D 60-69%
- F 0-59%

ETIQUETTE: NO LAPTOP COMPUTERS, IPADS, CELL PHONES ALLOWED TO BE ON DURING CLASS. (If you are unable to take notes by hand you must speak with Dr. Lisot to get permission to bring a laptop.) Turn off all cell phones during class. Students are expected to be attentive to the lectures / discussions and not engage in unnecessary chatter or texting.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: all cheating and/or plagiarism will be treated with the utmost severity as per UT Tyler policy. Please consult A Student Guide to Conduct and Discipline at UT Tyler (available in the Office of Student Affairs) for university regulations regarding academic dishonesty: “3.22 Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.”

Plagiarize /pla-je-,riz also j - vb -rized; -riz·ing vt [plagiary] : to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one’s own : use (a created production) without crediting the source: to commit literary theft: present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source - pla· gia· riz·er n


All papers will be uploaded into a Blackboard drop box that will search for plagiarized materials. Papers that are found to contain plagiarism will receive an immediate “F.”
More on plagiarism and citation requirements:

a. It is unacceptable to copy something out of a book, newspaper, journal, Internet site or any printed source without citing your source. The most blatant example of this is directly copying something word for word. It does not matter if it is only a phrase. If it is not yours, you must either not use it or place it in quotes and reference it.

b. You are required to use footnotes and include a bibliography at the end of your papers. Detailed information on the required citation format will be handed out in class.

STUDENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: http://www2.putyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php

GRADE REPLACEMENT / FORGIVENESS AND CENSUS DATE POLICIES: Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at http://www.putyler.edu/registrar. Each semester’s Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals (no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

STATE-MANDATED COURSE DROP POLICY: Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date). Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

DISABILITY SERVICES: In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the above criteria applies to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu
STUDENT ABSENCE DUE TO RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE: Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

STUDENT ABSENCE FOR UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES: If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

SOCIAL SECURITY AND FERPA STATEMENT: It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

EMERGENCY EXITS AND EVACUATION: Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor’s directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

A course calendar with reading assignments will be handed out in class and posted on Blackboard.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Mon. Jan. 27, 2014: Census Day: last day to withdraw from class and not receive a “w” on your transcript
- Weds. March 26, 2014: Last day to drop class (no refund of tuition or fees)