

Anth 201: Community Action Project

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In mid November the class will participate in a national Community Action Project. This project is designed to give intro students information about an ongoing controversy in anthropology (the appropriate use of biological materials collected from the Yanomamo of Amazonia) and to come to an ethical decision on the question. Students then write a persuasive letter to one of the decision makers in the case promoting their point of view. Phase One of the project culminates with the electronic submission of the letter to the Community Action Project. In Phase Two of the Project, students receive four of their peers' letters electronically and evaluate them according to criteria supplied by the Project. From this peer review the top five national letters are selected. (Last Spring our class had two of the top five national entries!!) Every student receives the feed back that their peers provide about his or her letter.

Grading for the Project is awarded in TWO stages:

1. Successful completion of letter and peer evaluations= 50 pts.
(These are all or nothing points -- you either did it or you did not.)

2. Variable points on letter as determined by peer review = 25 pts. max.
In other words, 2/3 of the credit is attainable simply by doing the assignment and no credit is possible if any part of the project is not done.

You will have a special assigned TA for the Community Action Project. She will assist you in all aspects of the project including the mechanics of registration.

See the [Public Anthropology's Community Action Website](#).