ANTH 393
EXPLORING SENSORY ANTHROPOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

How do people experience the world? How does one analyze taste, or touch, and its cultural implications? How does one write about smell, or sound? Inspired by questions like these, and informed by imaginative approaches to ethnographic research, this course will introduce students to some of the practical and theoretical consideration of sensory anthropology.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Students will be introduced to key literature as well as a variety of case studies, exploring methodological issues and bringing attention to ways of communicating experiential knowledge. Through a significant participatory component, students will also have the opportunity to put these ideas into practice, engaging in creative hands-on activities and carrying out individual projects. Students will gain skills with which to think about, analyze, and talk about the social world, and their experience within it.