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My overall evaluation of the course is simply that it was excellent! It is one of the two best archaeology courses I have taken (out of 20-25), the other being Method and Theory (P.S. MacNeish).

I teach arky & anth - introductory and intermediate levels including physical anth & arky - I can use much of the things I learned in this course in my teaching profession. Was very pleased with the way the instructor and T. Moore backed each other up, i.e. Assisted each other for the students' benefit. The organization was superb -- videotaping, casts of Old World and New World type specimens etc. Movies shown were also a very important part of the entire course.

From the point of view of my research interests - S. Alberta prehistory and my frequent preparation of detailed site reports - I have a much better grasp of lithic technology and what to look for on specimens collected.*

This examination of specimens produced by the instructor plus our replication of specimens is the only way to teach lithic technology. I audited a similar course at U. of C. -- was entirely theory -- we never even looked at an artifact.

I have several suggestions to improve the course a bit:

(1) Orient lectures from earliest times and techniques to present. This was generally done but there tended to be a bit of jumping around.

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eg. Lower Paleolithic
Oldowan
Choukoutien
Acheulean
Levalloisian
Mousterian

etc.

(2) I would like instructor to take pieces of debitage, tools, etc. and tell us from their morphology what he can conclude in terms of technology used to produce them.

I would very much like the U. of L. to run more one-week courses, perhaps in Techniques, using qualified specialists. This is an opportunity which many of us who are working in the summer can take advantage of. The regular 3½ week session would be impossible for many practicing archaeologists to attend.

(I view this as my summer break -- something to look forward to -- challenging.)

I would like another lithics course, but also perhaps, analytical techniques using actual specimens, ceramic analysis and maybe something on environmental studies. I like the idea of theory + practical application for any of these courses.

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