

THE SOUTHWEST IN THE WORLD

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1. ARCHAEOLOGY: SCIENCE / HISTORY

- A. Concerning relativism:** methodological (anthropological) relativism (OK) vs. philosophical relativism and constructivism (not OK) (Boghossian)
- B. Questioning heritage:** heritage, NAGPRA, & "indigenous" archaeology vs. history, conventional archaeology & science— two different realms (Lowenthal)
- C. History & science:** (1) "World History" vs. "path dependence;" (2) "cliometrics;" (3) the historical sciences (Gould, Turchin, Morris, Diamond, Dark)
- D. Archaeology: history or/&vs science?**

2. THE ANCIENT SOUTHWEST

- A. Does SW archaeology matter? (1) NO:** NAGPRA & heritage; (2) YES: history & science
- B. SW prehistory in brief:** historical geography *à la* David Meinig
- C. Sites:** Aztec, Black Mountain, Chaco, Chimney Rock, Old Town, Paquimé, Pinnacle, Redrock, Yellow Jacket. Hohokam, honored in the breach...
- D. Triangulation:** new methods via historical triangulation (NOT Kirsch's use of term)
Sites: Chaco, Paquimé

3. TOWN & CITY

- A. Settlement scalar thresholds:** Dunbar Number → Kosse/Lekson threshold
Sites: YJ, then Chaco; Old Town and Redrock
- B. Urbanism:** Trigger + Smith + Fletcher = new, more useful definition
Sites: YJ (no), Chaco (yes); Paquime (yes); Old Town (no); Hohokam (maybe)

4. REGION & STATE

- A. Regional scales:** (Lekson 2004, expanded)
Sites: Chimney Rock & Chaco; YJ & Aztec; Blk Mtn, Redrock & Paquime
- B. Secondary states:** (1) 2ndry states in theory; (2) Chaco as Altepemel (Gutierrez, Hirth); (3) Chumash, Chaco, Cahokia, Calusa; (4) The problem of Hohokam

5. WAR & PLACE

- A. Human-environmental interactions:** (Berry & Benson, Kohler, CCAC, Dean et al)
Sites: Pinnacle and Mesa Verde; Blk Mtn and Paquime
- B. War and violence:** (Kohler + LeBlanc + Lekson 2002 + B&B)
Sites: Chaco, Pinnacle, Mesa Verde & YJ, Paquimé

6. RISES & FALLS

- A. Secular (Turchin) cycles:** (Turchin, Dark, Tainter, Kohler)
Sites: Shabik, Blue Mesa, Chaco, Aztec & Paquime
- B. Societal collapse:** it happens... (Tainter, Yoffee, Nelson)
Sites: Chaco, Aztec, Paquime, Hohokam

7. ARCHAEOLOGY: SCIENCE, HISTORY...OR ART?

APPENDIX: Methodology of Regional Interaction in the Southwest