Punalu‘u Ahupua‘a, O‘ahu, Hawai‘i (June 18 – July 13) – ANTH 381 (3 credits)

During this program, students will work in an outdoor classroom where they will learn how to identify, document, and investigate archaeological features, artifacts, and other cultural materials. Field school research will expand knowledge of traditional agriculture, investigate the mo‘olelo of Kekuaokalani, and provide a greater understanding of wahi kūpuna (ancestral sites) within Punalu‘u Valley. Results of this research will inform community engagement, cultural heritage, and stewardship activities within Punalu‘u.

This project enables students to gain professional experience in:

- Pedestrian survey and Excavation
- Mapping, GPS recording, and GIS
- Soil descriptions and interpretation
- Artifact and faunal sorting and identification
- Archaeobotanical sampling and analysis

The field school offers a distinctive opportunity for students with prospective academic or professional careers by combining instructors from the UHM, a professional, non-profit cultural resource management company (IARII), and Kamehameha Schools. A low student-to-instructor ratio will ensure a unique learning experience with hands-on training.

Applications are available on the UHM anthropology website or by contacting Dr. Quintus, and are due on March 1, 2018. Final decisions will be made by April 1, 2018.

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