

SOUTHEASTERN U.S. PREHISTORY

FIRST EXAM

TAKE-HOME ESSAYS

Write essays of approximately four double-spaced/typed pages each in response to any **two** of the following questions. Type your essays as if you were writing essays in an exam setting. Formal bibliographic citations are not necessary. (20 points each, due by 5:00PM on September 24...please send your essays as email attachments to crodning@tulane.edu)

1. Discuss evidence of early human settlement, the “staging areas” concept, and general characteristics of Paleoindian ways of life in the Southeast.
2. Compare and contrast Native American lifeways and settlement patterns in the Southeast during the Paleoindian and Early Archaic periods.
3. Discuss social and political organization in Middle Archaic societies of the Southeast with reference to earthworks and shell ring sites.
4. Discuss the characteristics of Middle Archaic regional interaction networks in the Southeast and their relevance to understanding social and political organization during this period.