

SOUTHEASTERN U.S. PREHISTORY

SECOND 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. (25 points each, due by 5:00PM on October 22...please send your essays as email attachments to crodning@tulane.edu)

1. Discuss the earthworks in the Southeast that date to the Archaic period. Why is it surprising that relatively large earthworks were built in some areas of the Southeast at this early date? What is the relationship between moundbuilding during the Archaic and the settlement patterns and subsistence practices characteristic of this period of prehistory?
2. Discuss the significance of the Poverty Point site and the Poverty Point exchange system to our understanding of Late Archaic lifeways in the Southeast.
3. Discuss archaeological evidence of technological innovations during the Archaic and Woodland periods in the Southeast.
4. Discuss evidence of plant domestication and the significance of domesticated plants to native peoples during the Archaic and Woodland periods in the Southeast.
5. Compare and contrast the nature of Archaic-period and Woodland-period earthworks in the Southeast.
6. Discuss the major characteristics of Late Woodland settlements and societies in the Southeast.