

Message/Announcement from H. Russell Bernard

H. Russell Bernard, an Honorary Member of the IUAES and Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at the University of Florida, USA, is an internationally renowned methodologist committed to enhancing research skills among professional anthropologists as well as students. Known for his National Science Foundation-funded “methods camps” or short-term summer courses offered to PhD-level anthropologists in courses designed to “train the trainers,” Professor Bernard has developed a distance learning program in Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology at the University of Florida. These online courses are available to anthropologists and students of anthropology anywhere in the world.

The cost per course is \$1,200. Although this tuition fee may be expensive for colleagues and students in developing countries, the courses are limited to 20 participants, and they combine online lectures and exercises with live, interactive sessions – sort of online office hours. The live sessions are archived, so anyone who cannot make the live sessions can log in at any time, and go back over the lessons. Once an instructor in Nairobi or Caracas takes one of these courses, she or he can teach it.

All the courses in this program carry three optional graduate credits at the University of Florida – that is, they may be taken for transferable university credit or as continuing education. Moreover, undergraduate students can take these courses with permission of the instructor.

Course offered this summer and potentially in subsequent years are:

May 11-June 19

- Text Analysis
- Network Analysis
- Methods of behavioral observation
- Geospatial analysis

June 27-August 7

- Video analysis

New courses that will eventually be available online are being developed at the methods camp. For example, a course on statistics in ethnographic research and another on cultural domain analysis are being planned for 2016 and 2017, respectively.

Further information, including syllabi for these courses and registration forms can be found here: <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/rma>.