

# THE ANTHROPOLOGY INTERNSHIP / RESEARCH THESIS PROSPECTUS (L. Price's Version 9/94)

- I. **ABSTRACT/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** (1 page maximum)
  - 2 sentences -- problem statement
  - 1-2 sentences -- principal aims
  - 1-2 sentences -- locale and / or cultural group
  - 2 sentences -- principal bodies of relevant theory
  - 3 sentences -- main data collection methods
  - 1-2 sentences -- analytic approach
  - 1 sentence -- timeframe for completion
  
- II. **INTRODUCTION** (1-2 pages)

Description of the problem to be investigated and why it is exciting, compelling, and institutional tie-in (if any)
  
- III. **AIMS** (1 page maximum)

Clear, precise, operationalizable.
  
- IV. **"SIGNIFICANCE" -- THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK**

Major theoretical paradigms you are using / exploring / testing; key citations (not as many as thesis, could be as few as 2 or 3 in each major body of theory, if they are the right ones).
  
- V. **ETHNOGRAPHIC/REGIONAL/PREHISTORIC CONTEXT**

Where you are doing the study (what human population / region are you concerned with?)  
What are the important characteristics of the group, region or set of sites (historically, demographically, culturally, etc.?)
  
- VI. **RESEARCH PLAN**
  - A. **Study population:** What group of people or what group of artifacts/sites are you proposing to study?
  - B. **Sampling:** Who or what are you actually collecting data from and how are you choosing these? -- e.g. convenience, snowball, quota, systematic, random sample.
  - C. **Recruitment:** How are you getting agreement to participate from the people you want in your study or how are you securing access to the archaeological evidence you wish to investigate?
  - D. **Procedures:** What data are you collecting, when? -- e.g. human subjects and informed consent procedure. If interviews, how many interviews, how far apart, where? If museum collections, how many, where are they located and how long will you spend examining each, etc.
  - E. **Methods for data collection:** What techniques are you using for collecting data and why did you choose these particular methods? -- e.g. direct observation of behavior (what are the key things to observe?), life history method, striation measurements, ceramic attributes, focus groups, network questionnaire, etc.
  - F. **Methods for analysis:** What do you plan to pull out of the data once you have it and why? -- e.g. descriptive account, with what emphasis, comparative-if so, what are you comparing, testing hypothesis-if so, what variables and statistical techniques will be used.
  
- VII. **CONCLUSION** (1 page)
  
- VIII. **REFERENCES CITED**
  
- IX. **APPENDICES**

Interview instruments, site maps, other documentation as appropriate.