

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>WEEK 1</i>				
9- INTRODUCTION TO PALEOCLIMATOLOGY - Cenozoic paleoclimates; isotope systematics; Milankovitch cycles  1- Excel exercises (Norton 303 from 1-2 and Cole Library 212 from 2-3)  Read: Glacial World According to Wally: 163-185  HW: SPECMAP exercises	1- CLOCKS – methods (radiocarbon, U-series); suitable materials & stumbling blocks (diagenesis, initial $^{230}\text{Th}/^{232}\text{Th}$ ); precision (statistics)  Read: Glacial World According to Wally: 123-162  HW: U-Th date spreadsheet; U-series dating exercise	1- PHYSICS- heat transfer, water vapor (Rayleigh distillation), thermohaline circulation, freshwater fluxes, mode switch triggers  Read: Glacial World According to Wally: 241-270; Dansgaard (1964)  HW: Rayleigh Distillation exer	1- SEA LEVEL-shore lines, moraines, oxygen isotopes  3 – 4: GUEST LECTURE – Jeff Dorale, University of Iowa  Read: Glacial World According to Wally: 1-19; Gallup et al. (199?); Dorale et al. (2011)  HW: none	1 – OCEAN MECHANICS – ventilation (carbonate concentration, pH, preservation effects); forcing of D-O and H-events  Read: Glacial World According to Wally: 101-122 & 220-240; Edwards et al. (1993)  HW: TBD
<i>WEEK 2</i>				
1-OCEAN TEMPERATURES - sea surface paleothermometry (coral, planktic forams) via $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ , Sr/Ca, Mg/Ca, alkenones, constraining salinity & ice volume  Read: Glacial World According to Wally: 29-39; Beck et al. (1992)  HW: SST exercise	1- CONTINENTAL TEMPERATURES – mid-latitude continental via speleothems, noble gases in groundwater, tree rings, pollen spectra, microvertebrates, pedogenic carbonates, soils; mountain-top, polar, tropical  Read: ; Glacial World According to Wally: 19-28&40-51; Dansgaard (1993); Alley et al. (1997)  HW: $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ & $\delta\text{D}$ exercise	1- GUEST LECTURE: Justin Dodd and Leah Johnson (University of Northern Illinois)  Read: Fawcett et al. (2011)  HW: TBD	1- GUEST LECTURE: Alan Wanamaker (Iowa State University)  Read: Bryden et al. (2005)  HW: TBD	1 - ENSO; SOLAR VARIABILITY, sunspots, $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$  Read: Clement; Stuiver; Grootes  HW: Dongge vs $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$
<i>WEEK 3</i>				
1 – MONSOONS; continental effects; insolation; ITCZ; biological feedbacks; modeling studies  Read: Wang et al (2001); Miller et al. (2005)  HW: TBD	1 – ATMOSPHERIC GASES  Read: Glacial World According to Wally: 62-77  HW: TBD	1 – THE LAST GLACIAL CYCLE – Terminations, H-events, D-O events, cycles, boundary conditions  Read: Glacial World According to Wally: 186-219  HW: Modeling exercise	1- COLLABORATION WITH GANNES' CLASS: African monsoons and bird migrations  Read: paper supplied by Gannes)  HW: TBD	9-11: ONE-ON-ONE PROJECT CONFERENCES  1-3: ONE-ON-ONE PROJECT CONFERENCES  Read: none  HW: work on project and presentation
<i>WEEK 4</i>				
9 -11: PRESENTATIONS  1-3: PRESENTATIONS  Read: none  HW: work on project write-up	1 – REVIEW SESSION; <b>Project report due</b>	9 – <b>FINAL EXAM</b>		

## CLIMATES OF THE ICE AGE

### SPRING 2012

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**Text and Readings:** *The Glacial World According To Wally* by W.S. Broecker, as well as articles from the primary literature

#### **Grading Scheme**

10% Pop Quizzes    25% Final    20% HW    25% Research Project/Paper/Presentation    10% Discussion    10% Participation<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Participation involves contributing in a *responsible, meaningful, thoughtful* way to lectures, discussions, etc. It also involves showing up to class on time and being prepared for the lecture by having reviewed the previous days' notes.

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