

ANTHRO 349 Advanced Physical Anthropology: Deceit and self-deception

Assigned book: Trivers, R. 2011. The Folly of Fools: the Logic of Deceit and Self-deception in Human Life. N.Y. Basic Books.

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January 23 Introduction

30 Chapter 1 Evolutionary logic of self-deception

February 6 Chapter 2 Deception in nature

13 Chapter 3 Neurophysiology and imposed self-deception

20 Chapter 4 Self-deception in the family

27 Chapter 5 Self-deception and sex

March 5 Chapter 6 Immunology of self-deception

12 -spring break-

19 Chapter 7 Social psychology of self-deception (Dr Jacobson)

26 Chapter 8 Self-deception in everyday life

April 2 Chapter 9 Airplane and space disasters

9 Chapters 10 and 11 False historical narratives and war

16 Chapter 12 Religion

23 Chapter 13 and 14 Social sciences and fighting one's own self-deception

30 Exam

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Exam will be written, with choice, based on readings; it will count for 60% of the grade, the remainder being based on classroom participation.

An additional paper or two will be assigned each week on the topic under discussion. They will be provided to the class via pdf's over the internet.

