

To Whom it May Concern,

Larry Baron has proven to be one of the best instructors that I have worked with at the University of Texas El Paso. Not only does Mr. Baron possess the intellect which is required to teach higher levels of education, but also the experiences which he has had in the field supplement his lessons greatly. I have seen firsthand how the students respond and are engaged when Larry explains concepts and supports them with his personal experiences he has had doing his own research.

Mr. Baron keeps his students interested and involved in the materials with the various methods he has created. Supplementing lectures from the indigenous tribes of Mexico to the reclusive tribes of the Amazon are the many artifacts that Mr. Baron brings to class. These artifacts certainly hold the students' attentions. What is most interesting to see is how the students respond to Mr. Baron's text books. These texts have captured moments from Mr. Baron's travels and experiences as a younger man; leaving students in awe that they are being taught by a man who is known as "The Indiana Jones of the American Southwest".

It is unfortunate that I spent only my final semester of graduate studies as Mr. Baron's teaching assistant. I have learned many things about other cultures around the world and had become hypnotized by Mr. Baron's lectures on multiple occasions. I am sure that future assistants to Mr. Baron will enjoy working with him as well as learning from one of the most interesting men I have come across.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. R.', with a stylized flourish extending from the end of the 'R'.

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Dear Professor Baron,

I will admit that taking this course was a bit of a challenge for me. At the beginning, when you introduced the "Vocabulary Tests" to us, I thought they would be easy but they ended up being harder than I thought. That is why throughout the course, I studied harder for them but still the highest grade I could get was about a 75%. I was glad that you narrowed down the Final Test from 100 Vocabulary words to 50 Vocabulary words, even though I still had a hard time memorizing many of them. But overall, I enjoyed being part of your class! From the articles to the objects you brought to class, it was all very interesting and easy to understand. I personally want to thank you for taking your time on bringing those objects to class just so you could give us a demonstration of the different materials made and utilized by different cultures. Also, even though we did not focus on your book so much, I seriously loved it! It was so fun to read, especially since it was based on a true story, and inclusively I finished it in about two days. I believe you are a great professor, author, storyteller, and anthropologist. Thank you for making my 4th semester at Utep a great memorable experience!

Sincerely,

Ariana Maldonado

Course Evaluation

The class was fantastic. Larry Barron was funny, knowledgeable, and shared interesting personal stories from his life and travels with the students. The class material was splendid and made the class enjoyable overall. I enjoyed Mr. Barron's teaching style and his instruction was a positive experience. He is committed to his role as an instructor. His animated style motivates and engages every person in the class. He is very knowledgeable about anthropology and clearly possesses an intrinsic interest in studying, interacting with and preserving world cultures. The authentic cultural artifacts that were shared with the students was a highlight for me. The unique and innovative grading style implemented in the course was very interesting to me as an education major and pre-service teacher. I would consider implementing this approach in my future classroom. I truly valued and enjoyed the experience of learning from a person who is so passionate about their field of expertise. I would strongly recommend this instructor to any other student.

Thank you, Larry "It was a Hell of a Ride!"

mariey
Vargas

Dear Professor Baron,

As a student that was only taking anthropology because it was part of my education major plan, I have to personally say that your class was so much more than I expected. I really enjoyed your class, I loved all the article you would pass out, and by us having to outline the articles, this method actually helped me learn the material better. I believe you are a great professor.

Course Evaluation

Karla UH Mendocino
MWF 10:30

Professor Baron, it was a pleasure to be in your class this Semester. I truly enjoy learning about the world and its history. Your class did teach me a bunch of stuff that ~~I~~ had never imagined to be out there. Through your course I have learned to think outside the box, new ways to comprehend other cultures, and that there is so much out in the world.

Alare Jade

Course Evaluation

I am an anthropology major and this is my first anthro class I have taken. The course has given me a lot of information on how I can use and apply anthropology to my everyday life. I enjoyed all the information taught to us, I learned a lot and has kept me interested in Anthropology.

If I have any recommendations on how to better the class, I would have a more detailed syllabus of when tests would be or homework due.

Other than that I enjoyed the class and the hands on visual elements and artifacts that you would bring in to educate the class with.

Claudia

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David

Evaluation

My overall impression of this course is positive. I loved how they interacted with your labs, and everything you brought impressed me. If I was you I would continue teaching.

Evaluation

David C. Saenz

10:30 MWF

I particularly enjoyed Mr. Baron's class, and if I was an Anthropology major I would definitely want to take more classes under his command. I truly enjoyed when he brought artifacts and items to class so that it would become a hands on class with discussion. If I had to recommend the class I definitely would. Anyone that ~~wants~~ wants to know ^{more} ~~about~~ about the world and culture should definitely take this class.

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Professor Baron,

I was extremely excited to take this course this semester. I did not know anything about anthropology at the beginning of this course. Now, I am filled with so much vocabulary and facts that I can share with my peers.

thanks harry stay in touch thanks for the
dill's we made hope you are doing
good hope you stay in touch this is
my number 575-626-0109.

Talk to you later on

Ramona Samora

Jesus Rodriguez
MWF 10:30-11:20

Class evaluation

I ~~truly~~ truly enjoyed this class even though I was always late, I did really learned a lot, and of course I finally found a Professor that had really interesting topics, specially regarding Mexico. It was just a great class, and of course you were great doing your job as a Professor. At least with me you accomplished your goal as a teacher.

Brianna Calloway

TR 10:30 a.m.

Course Evaluation

I enjoyed this Cultural Anthropology course because the professor taught the lectures in a unique way. The professor brought in things he found during his travels that had to do with the culture of the people he was visiting, and would teach us about their culture by using and showing the class what he brought in that day. I believe this gave me and other students a more hands-on learning experience about other cultures

Course Evaluation

Kimberly
Hernandez
MWF

What I liked about the class is that it's a challenging class that makes you learn and makes you think about aspects of the material learned. I like how some activities that we did during class were given such as the day when ~~was~~ the whole class ~~was~~ ^{was} reviewing for the final exam and everytime someone would answer the question ^{correct} ~~right~~ you would give them a prize that consisted in gums, bracelets etc. I believe that's how some students learn when there's some fun to it.

The class was interesting I could always learn something different that could help me understand things on the future, the activities you will make us do to understand even more and the motivation you would give us to make things better every time. It was a fun and stressful semester for me but it made me force myself to do more than what I thought I could.

I also admire the dedication you would put in order for us to learn every single topic you would talk about.