

## **Discussion – Human Ancestors & Climate Change**

### **ANTH& 205 – Biological Anthropology**

#### **I. Discussion Reading**

Vaidyanathan, Gayathri

2010 How Have Hominids Adapted to Past Climate Change? *Scientific American* April 13:1-3.

#### **II. Commentary DUE: Friday, 9:00 am**

Provide thorough answers to the following questions. Please label your responses according to the question number to facilitate reading. The answer to each question should be a few paragraphs long and contain evidence and citations to earn full credit.

1. What is the main premise of this article?
2. Choose one hominid species (except *Homo sapiens*) from either Chapter 8, 9, or 10. Describe the environment, geographical location, and time period in which this hominid lived.
3. Discuss how the physical and cultural characteristics of the hominid you chose have helped it adapt to its environment.
4. In what ways was this hominid NOT adapted to its environment? Be specific in mentioning biological and cultural characteristics.

#### **III. Discussion Replies DUE: Friday, 9:01 am through Sunday, 11:59 pm**

Please respond to at least two other students in class with thoughtful, respectful replies. Each reply should be several sentences long to count for credit.