



The Open School of Ethnography and Anthropology  
Community Institute of Transcultural Exchange

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Since 1991, Castañeda has taught anthropology, Latin American studies, and Latina/o cultural studies, at US and Mexican universities, including Princeton, Indiana University, University of Hawai'i, University of Houston and the Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán. In 2002–2003 he was a Fulbright Scholar in México.

Castañeda has 20 years experience conducting ethnographic and historical research on Maya culture, tourism, heritage, visual culture, nation-building, and transnationalism. He is known for his pioneering ethnographic study of archaeological heritage and tourism, *In the Museum of Maya Culture* (University of Minnesota Press, 1995) and for the award-winning ethnographic film, that he co-produced with Jeff Himpele, *Incidents of Travel in Chichén Itzá* (DER, 1997). He is co-editor with Chris Matthews of *Ethnographic Archaeologies* (AltaMira Press, 2008), a landmark text in the ethnography of archaeology.

osea is based in Bloomington, Indiana, USA, and has field facilities in Pisté, Yucatán, México, the Maya community three kilometers to the east of Chichén Itzá.

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## HERITAGE ETHNOGRAPHY FIELD SCHOOL

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*"My fourth day in Mérida, while walking the streets of El Centro Histórico, I was exposed to the Maya language for the first time..."*



*"I found the seminars intellectually stimulating. I liked the way he pushed us to ask questions and also come up with our own interpretations...they were incredibly thought provoking and constantly challenged us to consider new angles of every issue."*

*"I felt it was a great experience. I fully enjoyed doing my own research project, conducting my own interviews, and gathering all information first-hand. It made my whole project feel like it was my own."*



## OSEA Summer Program HERITAGE ETHNOGRAPHY FIELD SCHOOL

**7 WEEK PROGRAM:** May 17 – July 4, 2008  
Based in Pisté, Yucatán, México, and Maya  
Comunities surrounding Chichén Itzá

Students learn to design, conduct & complete independent research in areas of:

- Art & Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Archaeological Heritage
- Ethnography of Archaeology
- Tourism Development & Urbanism
- Community Strategies of Tourism
- Social History through Life Histories
- Applied and Action Research
- Maya Forms of Health & Healing
- Art Exhibitions and Installation
- Ecological Heritage

Students enroll in two courses and receive 8 credits in Anthropology:

- "Anthropology Seminar in Heritage Issues"
- "Ethnographic Research & Field Work Practicum"

Program includes training in basic spoken Yucatec Maya language for field work

**osea** Program Fees include:

- Direct Enrollment with Accredited University Transcript
- Homestays with Maya Families in Pisté
- Field Trips to Chichén Itzá, Ek Balam, Yaxuna, Cenote Xtohil, caves, & jungle sites

4-night/5 day Program Break allows participants free-time to explore Yucatán on their own (cost not included in program fees).

*Open to Undergraduates and Graduate Students in any social science and humanities fields.*

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 1-year college-level Spanish
- GPA of 2.5 or higher