

# Scythian Gold

Art History 407/507

Spring 2000

Tues/Thurs 12:30-13:50

Lawrence 241, Jacobson.

This course uses a major exhibition of Scythian Gold, as a point of departure for the study of gold working in the ancient world. Students will develop their own project on a gold-working tradition of their choice. Upper division or graduate standing; instructor's consent.

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# 'Beauty' captures the Oscars

LOS ANGELES — "American Beauty," a dark comedy about suburban alienation and family dysfunction, won five Academy Awards Sunday night, including for best picture, director Sam Mendes, and actor Kevin Spacey.

"This is the highlight of my day. I hope it is not all downhill from here," Spacey said jokingly, a racy reference to the film's opening. It was his second Oscar: He won for best supporting actor of 1995 for

"The Usual Suspects."

Alan Ball picked up the Oscar for original screenplay, and Conrad L. Hall won as the film's cinematographer.

Hilary Swank, who portrayed a woman passing as a man in "Boys Don't Cry," won as best actress.

She thanked the real-life inspiration for her role, Brandon Teena, saying: "His legacy lives on through our movie to remind us to always be ourselves ...."

Michael Caine, from "The Cider House Rules," won his second best supporting actor Oscar. Angelina Jolie, the disruptive mental patient in "Girl, Interrupted," won for supporting actress — a generation after her father, Jon Voight, took home an Oscar.

"The Matrix" won four Oscars — for film editing, sound, sound effects editing and visual effects.

The Associated Press

## U.S. Census

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format, which asks only seven subjects including name, sex, race, age, etc. One in six residences, however, will need to fill in 27 more questions regarding ancestry, employment and education among others.

On campus, census enumerators will be conducting counts of all dorm residents beginning April 28, following the nationally designated Census Day on April 1. Those living in off-campus housing should have already received their forms, which are due to be returned by mail no later than April 11.

Mike Steenhout, manager of the local census office, said students who live and attend school full-time in Eugene need to be counted as such, not as members of their parents household elsewhere. Even students with citizenship in another country will be counted as Oregonians because they currently live and work here.

"Some \$200 billion per year in

federal funds is at stake," he said. "A lot of money comes to universities, and those subsidies are based on population counts."

Steenhout wanted to encourage students to participate, reiterating that all information is held in confidence, protected by federal law and unique in America in that it is constitutionally mandated. Also, Oregon was the 14th most undercounted state in the last census, some of which affected campus communities across the state.

"It's so important because it is literally the cornerstone of our democracy," he said.

For college students in particular, such data is used by employers to understand the incoming workforce demographic, and federally subsidized loan funds are determined from collected information.

"The census isn't only a head count," said Kanhaiya Vaidya, senior demographer for the state of Oregon, "but shows us how populations are changing over time."

He said Oregon suffered a 1.9-

percent undercount in the 1990 census, missing approximately 54,000 state residents and resulting in the forfeiture of "at least \$4 million dollars per year in federal money." A state the size of California, for example, lost more than \$200 million a year from an insufficient count.

Vaidya's office, through tracking and analysis of population figures, makes recommendations to Gov. Kitzhaber for the specific allocation of government dollars throughout the state, including those targeting minority programs and Native American reservations.

"We are anxious for the 2000 census so we can benchmark trends," he said. "Student enrollment, for instance, was down but now the 18 to 24 age group is higher, so more people are entering college. It's important to track."

The local census office is hiring from the community for help with enumeration, especially bilingual individuals to help with Latino populations. Contact 888-325-7733 for more information.

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