

Anthropology 418
Lab Methods: Ceramics
Spring 2024

Lab Exercise 1
Testing Clays, Building Pots, Burnishing

Part 1. In front of you is a lump of clay from which you should make a pot, using any of the hand-building techniques we've discussed. Be creative and have fun! We will fire these pots in the open later in the semester, after they have had a chance to dry.

Part 2 (to be done next week). Burnish one of the provided briquettes. These also will be fired later in the semester, after they dry. (If you don't have time, take the briquette home and burnish it with a spoon or other appropriate tool. Then bring it back at the next class. Feel free to incise your initials into the back of the briquette.)