Ever wonder why there are so many antiques stores and thrift shops in Maine? Do you have a family member that loves yard sales and flea markets? Ever use Uncle Henry’s? Ever heard the phrase "Use it up, wear it out, make do or do without!" and wonder what that's all about? Then join us for the Anthropology/Maine Studies 2017 Ethnographic Field School. This course is designed to give students first-hand experience with the process of designing and conducting ethnographic field research. Based here in Maine to ensure broad and affordable participation, students will contribute to a research project focused on “Exploring Maine’s Culture of Reuse.” Through the process, students will gain experience with research design, human subjects review, sampling methodologies, and a wide array of ethnographic research techniques including participant observation, interviews, oral histories and semi-structured questionnaires. Students will also get an introduction to qualitative data analysis and data management strategies.

Course meeting times and locations
M/W 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. – 232 S Stevens Hall
T/R 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Day trips off campus
(will sometimes be much shorter depending on destination)
June 2 to June 5 – Extended off-campus field research

The class is cross-listed with the following course numbers
ANT 490, MES 498, MES 520

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