

Anthro 300: Memory and Trauma

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Course Time: Tues/Thurs 1:20-2:50PM

Course Description: How does one grapple and make sense of violence, loss, and trauma? How does one remember and commemorate these experiences? What does trauma and memory teach us about our relationships to one another? This course critically examines trauma and memory as social, political, and cultural experiences and as in tension between individual and collective identity, history and the present, representation and experience, and facts and memory. We will read texts from anthropology, critical

refugee studies, cultural studies, ethnic studies, literature, and psychoanalysis. This course will heavily focus on Southeast Asian refugee experiences of trauma and memory while engaging theories of trauma and memory transdisciplinary.

