

Thursday, June 26th, 2025

The Center for Multicultural Training in Psychology (CMTP)

53rd Annual Dinner

**"50 Years after the fall of Saigon:
Reflections and Connections of Three Child Refugees."**

Panelists



Facilitator



Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 10:00 pm

Location: BMC Hiebert Lounge, 14th floor
Boston University School of Medicine
72 East Concord Street, Boston, MA 02215

Free Parking on street (meter ends at 6:00pm)

Parking Garage located at 720 Albany Street

Dinner Will Be Served



Dr.'s Charmain Jackman, Olivia Moorehead-Slaughter, & David Trimble will be available to sign their new books:

"The Black Therapist's Guide to Private Practice and Entrepreneurship"

"The Parents' Guide to Psychological First Aid"

"A Seeker's Journey into Sacred Time and Space"

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53rd CMTP Annual Dinner Panelists' Biographies

Catherine Vuky, PhD, is an assistant professor and program director at William James College, where she founded the *Asian Mental Health Concentration*, the first national graduate program dedicated to addressing the mental health needs of the Asian community. She is also the Director of Clinical Policies and Training and Associate Director of the Behavioral Health Department at South Cove Community Health Center. With over 20 years of experience serving immigrant and refugee families, Dr. Vuky is committed to providing culturally responsive care and increasing access through multilingual educational materials. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she launched the *Asian Providers' Network* to support and mentor emerging professionals. She consults for the Asian Community Fund at The Boston Foundation and led a convening of 10 Asian-led organizations to collaboratively address mental health disparities across Massachusetts securing funding to expand supervision and training through secondary supervisor roles. Dr. Vuky also advises Dalat University in Vietnam on launching a campus counseling center.

Le Ngu, Ph.D. At the age of 5, Le Ngu boarded a fishing boat with two older siblings in an attempt to escape Vietnam in the aftermath of the "American War." After a yearlong journey that included pirates and refugee camps, Le and her siblings made it to America on May 6, 1980. This year marks 45 years since Le arrived in the US and 50 years since the "Fall of Saigon." Le is now a psychologist and owner of InSight Psychological Services, a practice in Salt Lake City. She earned a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Utah and completed her doctoral internship at the Center Multicultural Training in Psychology. She is passionate about working with people who have a history of trauma and immigration adjustment issues. In addition to clinical work, Le also supervises clinicians in training. When she is not working, Le likes to spend time with her husband and three children skiing in the winter, biking in the summer, and traveling any time of the year.

Kim T. Nghiem, Psy.D. is a child refugee of the Vietnam War. She grew up in Rochester, NY and attended SUNY Geneseo. Dr. Nghiem received her master's from CUNY City College and earned her doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the American School of Professional Psychology - Hawaii Campus. She completed her internship and postdoctoral training at the Center for Multicultural Training in Psychology (CMTP) | Boston Medical Center. Dr. Nghiem served as the Director of the Asian Mental Health Program, Cambridge Health Alliance for 14 years before she returned to her hometown (2019) to raise daughter and be closer to elders. Currently, she works in private practice and sits on several nonprofit boards that serve under resourced communities including immigrants, foster families and veterans/first responders. Dr. Nghiem is a single mum by intention, trauma expert, storyteller, fairy godmother, equalizer, and Eco therapist. In her leisure time, she loves spending time with her chosen family, listening to live music, practicing tai chi, and interbeing with nature and the cosmos.

Linda Piwowarczyk, M.D. is a psychiatrist, board certified in psychiatry and internal medicine who has been a co-founder and director of the Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights ("BCRHHR") at BMC. She received her M.D. degree from Poland, M.P.H. from Boston University, and completed residency at Carney Hospital and at Boston City Hospital. She is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the BU School of Medicine and a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. She was awarded the Sarah Haley Memorial Award for Clinical Excellence by the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. She has provided health care for immigrant and refugee populations, including survivors of torture, for over thirty years. She first began working with refugees in 1993, as a Fellow in International Psychiatry at the Indochinese Psychiatry Clinic and completed an internship at the Geneva headquarters of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. She served on the Executive Committee of the National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs 2002-2021. In 2017, she was awarded the Human Rights Award on behalf of the NCTTP from the American Psychiatric Association. In 2022, she was awarded the Sarah B. Ignatius Award for Justice & Excellence in Law by the Political Asylum/Immigration Project.