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Engagements in Transdisciplinary Professional Practice: Trauma-informed strategies for working with survivors of torture

Friday, October 6
12:00-1:30 PM
Fung (CHAT) House
48 Professors Row
Medford, MA 02155

*Lunch will be provided*

What role does an anthropologist have in a clinical setting? How do you leverage epidemiology in professional spiritual practices? Is it possible to integrate theories across disciplines to inform practice in durable ways to alleviate suffering in communities? Fernando Ona will share his experiences integrating trauma-informed transdisciplinary approaches to his professional work with refugees and asylum seekers who are survivors of torture. He will discuss how he has leveraged his training in public health, social science, social work and divinity to inform his professional practice.

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