

**The UCSD Psychological & Medical Anthropology Seminar Series Presents:
Bridget Haas, PhD, Visiting Assistant Professor at Case Western Reserve University**

“Asylum takes so much of you:”

The affective debris of the US asylum regime

Drawing on longitudinal ethnographic fieldwork with affirmative asylum applicants in the Midwestern United States, this presentation traces the lived experiences of various aftermaths of asylum case outcomes (a granting or denial of an asylum claim). In doing so, I argue that the socioemotional and psychological effects of the asylum regime were not bounded by the temporal parameters of the asylum adjudication period. Rather, the experience of asylum-seeking had consequences that far outlasted a granting or denial of asylum. In particular, I focus on the affective debris of the bureaucratic violences of the US asylum system and its embodied and transnationally shared effects over time, even when the outcome was desired—a granting of asylum status.

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10:00-11:30

Social Sciences Building Room 107



Bridget M. Haas, PhD (UCSD), is a visiting assistant professor of Anthropology at Case Western Reserve University, and a previous NIH-funded postdoctoral fellow in the CWRU School of Medicine. Dr. Haas' longitudinal ethnographic work has explored the emotional, psychological, and social effects of immigration policies on asylum applicants in the US. Her current research focuses on the intersection of trauma and family dynamics in the context of local refugee resettlement.