

Psychology 270T The Psychology of Culture and Diversity  
**SECTION III**

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This is an ever-changing brief course for school psychology students who will be working with the culturally and economically diverse population of the Central Valley of California. This semester, students will be engaging in 10 hours of volunteer placement with a community organization working with a culturally diverse population. For most of you, the placement will be with Stone Soup, an organization which provides a wide range of services to the southeast Asian population in Fresno. (If Stone Soup does not work out for you, please come see me to make your own arrangements for an alternative placement.)

**INITIAL MEETING**

We will have an initial meeting with the Executive Director of Stone Soup, Kathy Garabed, on **Tuesday Sept. 9th at 5pm** at Stone Soup, which is at 1345 Bulldog Lane, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile west of campus. (A map with directions is on their website, [www.stonesoupfresno.org](http://www.stonesoupfresno.org)). Ms. Garabed will describe the project she has in mind, which will involve working with Southeast Asian students and their parents, explain how you can get involved, and get you started on working out a schedule. Schedules will be flexible.

**REQUIRED READING**

None. However, I highly recommend: Fadiman, Anne (1997). The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down (New York: Noonday Press). It is a great description of Hmong culture and the problems of crossing this cultural gap.

**FINAL MEETING**

We will also meet as a group once at the end of the semester, on campus, to discuss our experiences. I will announce the time/day of this meeting later on.

**WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT**

You will turn in a brief (2-3 page double-spaced paper) describing your experiences at Stone Soup. You should also address what you learned about this cultural community and how you might apply your insights as a school psychologist.