ANTH 485: Migrant and Refugee Experiences [Special Topics in Anthropology]

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Course Description:

This course considers the experience of migrants and refugees, the many myths as well as dreams and realities that are constituted in the decision to move from "home" to some new place. While considering transnational migration through an anthropological lens, the course will focus in particular on experiences of migrants in the United States (both historical and contemporary) and the European Union—with a specific focus on memories, dreams (waking and sleeping) and the cultural changes and adjustments that are part of the process of migration as seen through food, illness, gift-giving and remittances, and other practical and symbolic aspects of migration. We will explore these topics through the lens of ethnography.

Required Books:

Nina Glick-Schiller Georges Woke up Laughing

Peter Wogan Corner Store Dreams

Others TBA