



Introduction to the Vietnamese Community in New Orleans East

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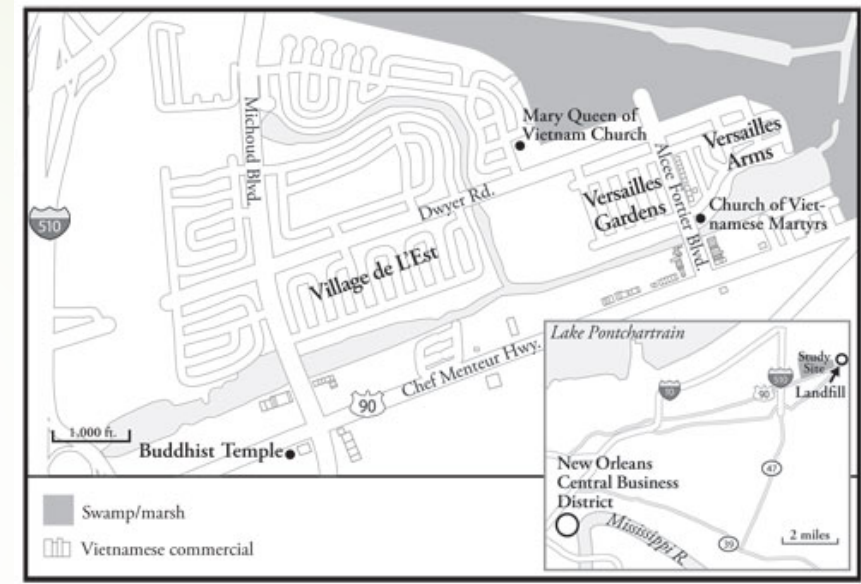
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From the Far East to New Orleans East



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Credit: Mai Do

Hurricane Katrina – August 29, 2005



Right after Hurricane Katrina...

- ❖ Most Vietnamese-Americans evacuated to Houston, Dallas and Atlanta
- ❖ During this time, Fr. Vien Nguyen, pastor of MQVN Church, traveled to different cities to visit his parishioners
- ❖ Community started coming back in October 2005
- ❖ Faced with many challenges
 - ↯ Community was designated as green space
 - ↯ Fought to have water and energy turned on
 - ↯ Set-up tent city



A Major Setback – and a Galvanizing Moment

- ★ In February 2006, Mayor Nagin used executive power to open a landfill close to the community



Credit: Citylab.com

Post Katrina

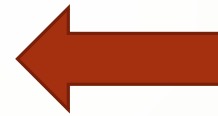
- ▶ May 2006, Mary Queen of Viet Nam Community Development Corporation (MQVN CDC) and the Vietnamese American Young Leader Association (VAYLA) were formed.



Who am I?

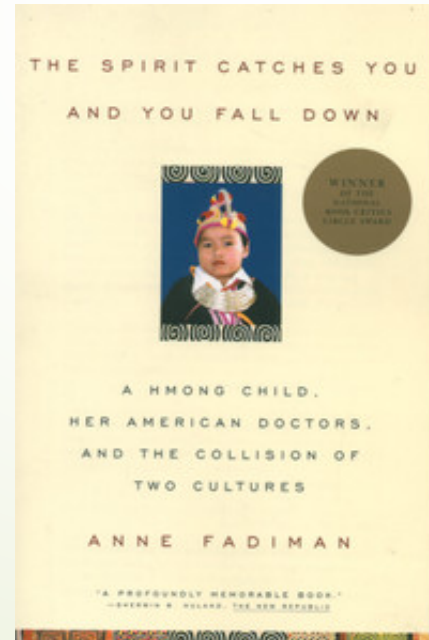


CULTURAL
BROKER



Cultural Broker ... what is it?

- “the act of bridging, linking or mediating between groups or persons of differing cultural backgrounds for the purpose of reducing conflict or producing change”. (Jezewski, in Jezewski & Sotnik, 2001)



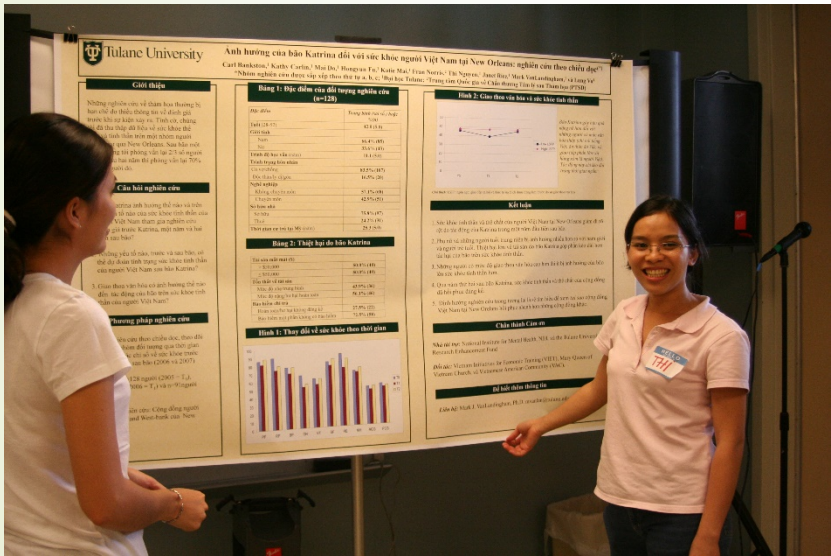


Cultural Brokers ... what do they do?

- Example 1: Community Outreach
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Respondent briefings and Community Health Fairs



Community Health Fair



Respondent luncheon and briefing

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Respondent Outreach




New Year's Card from our Team

KATIVA NOLA Community Service

November 3rd to November 17th

Bridging Two Worlds Presents:
**NOTABLE VIETNAMESE
AMERICAN WOMEN**



An exhibit celebrating the achievements and overcoming hardships of Vietnamese American Women in the greater New Orleans area.


The exhibit can be found in the mezzanine (middle-floor) of the LBC (201 Boggs, 70118) at Tulane University Uptown Campus.

Closing Ceremony

Friday, November 17th at 2:00 pm
Qatar Ballroom of LBC
Guest Speaker - Cyndi Nguyen

Food and drink will be provided.

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KATIVA NOLA team helped Vietnamese families with debris removal after the February 2017 tornado in Eastern New Orleans. Photo by Kate Tynan

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Tooting our Horn

Tulane University School of Public Health and
Tropical Medicine is conducting the

KATIVA NOLA Study



We're closing the study this year. If you have been a participant in the past, we would like to ask you questions one final time about your health and well-being after Katrina. If we don't talk to *all* of the original participants like you, it becomes very difficult for us to convince federal, state and local officials about needs for health and other services for Vietnamese community.

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Tác động của bão Katrina
trên cộng đồng người
Việt Nam ở New Orleans, LA



Escaping the Flooded community in August 2005. Photo by Hui Dinh Nguyen



Post-Katrina Interviews in July 2016. Photo by Mark VanLandingham



KATIVA NOLA team helped Vietnamese families with debris removal after the February 2017 tornado in Eastern New Orleans. Photo by Kate Tynan

KATIVA NOLA has made numerous contributions to academic research and policy. For example:

- We have documented and interpreted many of the challenges that the community has overcome since its establishment in 1975.
- We have provided essential pre-Katrina and post-Katrina data on the community's health needs to support the opening of the community's health clinic in 2008.

In addition to these scholarly contributions, KATIVA NOLA has also contributed to New Orleans' Vietnamese American community in many other ways. For example:

- We organized, funded, and implemented a series of life history interviews of the Vietnamese community's elderly, while training Vietnamese youth in interviewing and filming techniques.
- We funded and collaborated with Common Ground in 2010 to produce a guide to mental health services in the area in Vietnamese.
- We prepared an up-to-date report on the health needs of the community in 2015.

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Cultural Brokers ... what do they do?

- Example 2: Mitigate mishaps
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Before

THE RESEARCH TEAM & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
- Mary Queen of Vietnam Church Community Development Corporation
- Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training (VIET)
- Vietnamese American Community in Louisiana (VAC)
- Boat People SOS (BPSOS)

Financial Support

- The National Institutes for Child and Human Development (NICHD), an institute of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) – 2002–2005; 2009–2011
- The National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH) – 2006
- Tulane University's Research Enhancement Award – 2007 interviews
- The Thomas C. Keller professorship at Tulane University – 2007

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Hurricane Katrina's Impacts on Vietnamese Americans Living In New Orleans, LA



More information



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After

NHÓM NGHIÊN CỨU VÀ CÁC THÀNH VIÊN TỪ CỘNG ĐỒNG

- Trường Y tế Cộng đồng và Y học Nhiệt đới, Đại học Tulane
- Nhà thơ Maria Nữ vương Việt Nam
- Cơ quan Phát triển Cộng đồng MQVN
- Tổ chức Đào tạo Phát triển Kinh tế cho người Việt (VIET)
- Cộng đồng người Việt tại Mỹ thuộc bang Louisiana (VAC/LA)
- Văn phòng BPSOS
- Trung tâm Quốc gia về PTSD

Hỗ trợ tài chính

- Viện Quốc gia Phát triển Trẻ em và Con người (NICHD), một phần viện của Viện Sức khỏe Quốc gia (NIH) – 2002-2005; 2009-2011
- Viện Quốc gia Sức khỏe Tinh thần (NIMH) – 2006
- Giải thưởng Tăng cường Nghiên cứu của Đại học Tulane – cho các phỏng vấn thực hiện năm 2007
- Quý Giáo sư mang tên Thomas C. Keller thuộc Đại học Tulane – 2007

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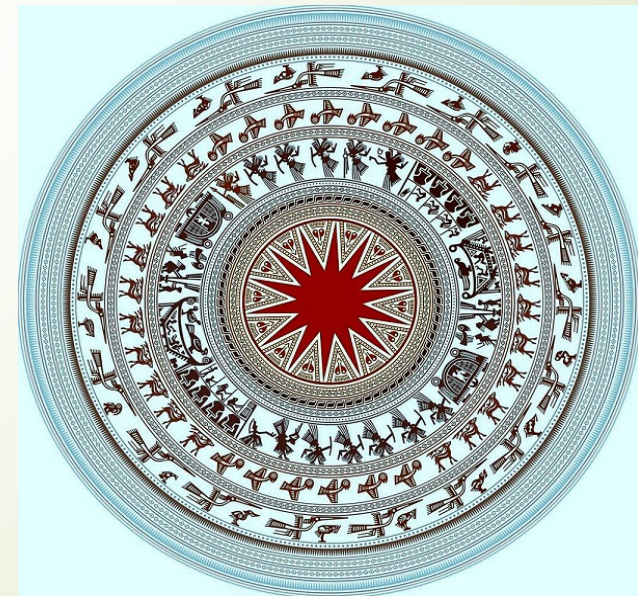
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Đối với người Việt Nam, hoa sen tượng trưng cho sự lạc quan. Cây tre tượng trưng cho sức mạnh, sự linh hoạt và tinh kiên cường.



Conclusions and take away

- ▶ In research focusing on non-mainstream populations, “stuff” happens. :)
- ▶ A cultural broker can help sooth ruffled feathers, mend fences, and help emphasize what the research team is doing to help the community (in addition to generating important and interesting research about the community, of course). :)



I am looking forward to your comments and questions, and to our discussion.

The End.

Thank you! Cám ơn!