Established in January 2001, MMAC is an interdisciplinary discussion group housed in UCLA's Department of Anthropology. In addition to hosting talks and discussions with scholars from UCLA and beyond, the group provides a forum for exploring recent research and classical and contemporary theoretical perspectives that inform psychocultural studies and medical anthropology.

Topics explored in recent years include: critical perspectives on health, mental health and illness, healing, memory, emotion, subjectivity & self-processes, religion & spirituality, psychopathology, cultural phenomenology, public health & health disparities, caregiving in family contexts, therapeutic applications, research methods & ethics, and psychoanalysis.

“Anthropology 193 – Mind, Medicine and Culture” is the associated journal and reading seminar in psychological and medical anthropology. MMAC is primarily a graduate seminar that is also regularly attended by faculty members and postdoctoral scholars. Undergraduate students are admitted by consent of the instructor. Topics vary from quarter to quarter and the seminar may be repeated for credit. Undergraduate participants are expected to have some preparatory background in psychological or medical anthropology. If interested in enrolling, please send a note to the instructor describing your preparatory background, such as courses in medical or psychological anthropology (or some other relevant background). Space in the seminar is limited. If you decide not to take the seminar after being told you will be given a PTE number, please inform the instructor so another student may be admitted in your place. PTE numbers are distributed at the end of the first class.

Course requirements: active participation in discussion of assigned reading.

Grading: P / NP only.

Information about the schedule and how to access assigned readings are announced through a listserv.

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