

HISTORICAL TRAUMA AND CULTURAL HEALING

Book List – Historical Trauma

These books address historical trauma as it has played out across time and space in different communities. Broad survey books along with those focused on historical trauma in African American, American Indian, Australian Aboriginal, Nazi Holocaust, Japanese and Japanese American, Northern Ireland, South African, and Vietnam War contexts are included. This list is offered as a supplemental resource to the video series located at <http://z.umn.edu/htplaylist>. It is for those interested in exploring in-depth issues related to the causes, results, and healing of historical trauma.

BOOK TITLE	AUTHORS(S)	YEAR	SUMMARY
<i>Broad Surveys and General Texts</i>			
Between Hope and Despair: Pedagogy and the Remembrance of Historical Trauma	Roger J. Simon; Sharon Rosenberg; Claudia Eppert	2000	At the end of a century of unfathomable suffering, societies are facing anew the question of how events that shock, resist assimilation, and evoke contradictory and complex responses should be remembered. Between Hope and Despair specifically examines the pedagogical problem of how remembrance is to proceed when what is to be remembered is underscored by a logic difficult to comprehend and subversive of the humane character of existence.
Beyond Individual and Collective Trauma: Intergenerational Transmission, Psychoanalytic Treatment, and the Dynamics of Forgiveness	Clara Mucci	2013	The book combines attachment theory, regulation attachment therapy, and the intergenerational transmission of trauma, showing how the clinical therapeutic process of “going beyond trauma” may result in forgiveness of past relationships and other reparatory practices in which self and other, both internal and external, are integrated and reconnected, opening the subject to creativity and new meaning in life. From early relational trauma to abuse and neglect, to massive social trauma such as war and genocide, the most recent psychoanalytic theories on trauma highlight the relevance of attachment on one side and intergenerational transmission of trauma on the other.
Breaking Cycles of Repetition: A Global Dialogue on Historical Trauma and Memory	Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela	2015	Breaking Cycles of Repetition explores the interconnected issues of intergenerational trauma and traumatic memory in societies with a history of collective violence across the globe. Each chapter's discussion offers a critical reflection on historical trauma and its repercussions, and how memory can be used as a basis for dialogue and transformation.

Cultural Trauma and Collective Identity	Jeffrey C. Alexander; Ron Eyerman; Bernard Giesen; Neil J. Smelser; Piotr Sztompka	2004	In this collaboratively authored work, five distinguished sociologists develop an ambitious theoretical model of "cultural trauma"—and on this basis build a new understanding of how social groups interact with emotion to create new and binding understandings of social responsibility. Looking at the "meaning making process" as an open-ended social dialogue in which strikingly different social narratives vie for influence, they outline a strongly constructivist approach to trauma and apply this theoretical model in a series of extensive case studies, including the Nazi Holocaust, slavery in the United States, and September 11, 2001.
Fragments of Trauma and the Social Production of Suffering: Trauma, History, and Memory	Michael O'Loughlin ; Marilyn Charles	2014	This book offers a kaleidoscope of perspectives that highlight the problem of traumatic memory. Because trauma fragments memory, storytelling is impeded by what is unknowable and what is unspeakable. Each of the contributors tackles the problem of narrativizing memory that is constructed from fragments that have been passed along the generations. When trauma is cultural as well as personal, it becomes even more invisible, as each generation's attempts at coping push the pain further below the surface. Consequently, that pain becomes increasingly ineffable, haunting succeeding generations.
Genocide and Mass Violence: Memory, Symptom, and Recovery	Devon E. Hinton; Alexander L. Hinton	2014	This book aims to examine, from a cross-cultural perspective, the effects of mass trauma on multiple levels of a group or society and the recovery processes and sources of resilience. How do particular individuals recall the trauma? How do ongoing reconciliation processes and collective representations of the trauma impact the group? How does the trauma persist in "symptoms"? How are the effects of trauma transmitted across generations in memories, rituals, symptoms, and interpersonal processes? What are local healing resources that aid recovery? To address these issues, this book brings into conversation psychological and medical anthropologists, psychiatrists, psychologists, and historians. The theoretical implications of the chapters are examined in detail using several analytic frameworks.
Haunting Legacies: Violent Histories and Transgenerational Trauma	Gabriele Schwab	2010	From mass murder to genocide, slavery to colonial suppression, acts of atrocity have lives that extend far beyond the horrific moment. They engender trauma that echoes through later generations, for those on both sides of the act. Gabriele Schwab reads these legacies in a number of narratives, primarily through the writing of postwar Germans and the descendents of Holocaust survivors. She connects their work to earlier histories of slavery and colonialism and to more recent events, such as South African Apartheid, the practice of torture after 9/11, and the "disappearances" that occurred during South American dictatorships.

I Carry Your Heart in My Heart: Family Constellations in Prison	Dan Booth Cohen	2009	Family Constellations are unlike cognitive, behavioral, and interpersonal therapies in their origin, form, and purpose. Constellations succeed by diminishing the unconscious impulses that drive destructive behaviors. The process reaches the invisible clockworks of the mind and heart to reveal how individual problems nest within a larger tapestry shaped by ancestral family traumas. In a heartbeat, the patterns release, opening the mind to reverence for life and compassion for others. This book tells stories of Dan Booth Cohen's 5 years leading monthly Systemic Family Constellation circles with prisoners. It also includes rigorously researched chapters that describe Family Constellations' historic roots and underlying philosophy.
Intergenerational Cycles of Trauma and Violence: An Attachment and Family Systems Perspective	Pamela C. Alexander	2014	Alexander founds the book on the multifaceted parent-child attachment relationship and its place in the wider family system, integrating clinical experience with close attention to the long-term neurobiological and epigenetic effects of trauma. She focuses on common outcomes of a history of maltreatment, and of child sexual abuse in particular, including peer victimization, partner violence, parenting problems, and sexual offending. A detailed review of the literature accompanies instructive case examples. Sources of trauma from outside the family, including combat exposure, political terrorism, foster care, and incarceration of parents are considered. Finally, Alexander analyzes the multiple sources of natural resilience—the neurobiological, the individual, the relational, and the social—to enable professionals of all backgrounds to tailor-make effective interventions for interrupting cycles of trauma and violence.
Intergenerational Handbook of Multigenerational Legacies of Trauma	Yael Danieli	1998 / 2010	In this extraordinary new text, the contributors explore the enduring legacy of such social shocks as war, genocide, slavery, tyranny, crime, and disease. Among the cases addressed are: instances of genocide in Turkey, Cambodia, and Russia, the plight of the families of Holocaust survivors, atomic bomb survivors in Japan, and even the children of Nazis, the long-term effects associated with the Vietnam War and the war in Yugoslavia, and the psychology arising from the legacy of slavery in America.
Memory, Narrative and Forgiveness: Perspectives on the Unfinished Journeys of the Past	Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela ; Chris N. Van der Merwe	2009	The authors address a wide range of historical events to explore the possibilities and the challenges that lie on the path of reconciliation and forgiveness between victims, perpetrators, and bystanders in societies with a history of violent conflict and unspeakable injustice. The book provides readers with a cohesive, theoretically well-grounded analysis of the impact of traumatic memories in the personal and communal lives of survivors of trauma. It explores how narrative may be creatively applied in processes of healing trauma, and how public testimony can often restore the moral balance of societies ravaged by trauma.

Narrating Trauma: On the Impact of Collective Suffering	Ron Eyerman; Jeffrey C. Alexander; Butler Breese	2013	In case studies that examine wrenching historical and contemporary crises across five continents, cultural sociologists analyze the contingencies of trauma construction and their fateful social impact. How do some events get coded as traumatic and others which seem equally painful and dramatic not? Why do culpable groups often escape being categorized as perpetrators? Why are some horrendously injured parties not seen as victims? Why do some trauma constructions lead to moral restitution and justice, while others narrow solidarity and trigger future violence? Expanding the pioneering cultural approach to trauma, contributors from around the world provide answers to these important questions.
The Ethics of Remembering and the Consequences of Forgetting: Essays on Trauma, History, and Memory	Michael O'Loughlin ; Claude Barbre	2014	This book brings together scholars from a variety of disciplines that draw on multiple perspectives to address issues that arise at the intersection of trauma, history, and memory. The authors use intergenerational trauma theory while also pushing and pulling at the edges of conventional understandings of how trauma is defined. This book respects the importance of the recuperation of memory and the creation of interstitial spaces where trauma might be voiced.
Transforming Historical Trauma Through Dialogue	David S. Derezotes	2013	This book helps readers understand the causes and treatment of historical trauma at an individual, group, and community level and demonstrates how a participatory, strengths-based approach can work effectively in its treatment. The author proposes six key models of dialogue practice and shows how these models can be used to help transform sociohistorical trauma in clients. He then applies these six dialogue models to five common practice settings, including work with community divides, social justice work, peace and conflict work, dialogues with populations across the lifespan, and community therapy.
Trans-Generational Trauma: Passing It On	Thomas Hodge	2014	This book takes a quick look at the transmission of PTSD from one generation to the next and how it happens. It provides a quick synopsis of research.
Trauma and Psychiatry: The Role of Individual and Transgenerational Traumatization in the Causation of Psychobiological Illness	Theo K. De Graff	1998	Trauma and Psychiatry is an important contribution to the responsible process of creating awareness of the significance of traumatic events and situations for the development of people, and for the way in which they live together. The author has occupied himself exhaustively with the study of all kinds and forms of traumatization. This book breathes a spirit of compassion and of inspiration. The author is genuinely concerned that these terrible things happen to people, and that these matters receive far too little clinical recognition.

African American Contexts

Crimes Against Humanity in the Land of the Free: Can a Truth and Reconciliation Process Heal Racial Conflict in America?	Imani Michelle Scott	2014	<p>This vital book considers the compelling and addictive hold that racism has had on centuries of Americans, explores historical and contemporary norms complicit in the problem, and appeals to the U.S. government to improve race relations, rectify existent social imperfections, and guard against future race-based abuses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents the inescapable evidence of persistent social violence, inequalities, and injustices perpetrated against blacks within America's borders • Identifies the negative psycho-social consequences and harmful impact of "transgenerated trauma" on both the oppressed and the oppressor in America • Emphasizes the necessity for all American citizens to share the responsibility for assuring a more just America for all its citizens
Cultural Trauma: Slavery and the Formation of African American Identity	Ron Eyerman	2002	<p>This book explores the formation of the African-American identity through the theory of cultural trauma. The trauma in question is slavery, not as an institution or as personal experience, but as collective memory--a pervasive remembrance that grounded a people's sense of itself.</p>
Jim Crow Wisdom: Memory and Identity in Black America since 1940	Jonathan Scott Holloway	2013	<p>Relying on social science, documentary film, dance, popular literature, museums, memoir, and the tourism trade, Holloway explores the stories black Americans have told about their past and why these stories are vital to understanding a modern black identity. In the process, Holloway asks much larger questions about the value of history and facts when memories do violence to both. Holloway weaves first-person and family memories into the traditional third-person historian's perspective. The result is a highly readable, rich, and deeply personal narrative that will be familiar to some, shocking to others, and thought-provoking to everyone.</p>
Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome	Joy Angela Degruy	2005	<p>While African Americans managed to emerge from chattel slavery and the oppressive decades that followed with great strength and resiliency, they did not emerge unscathed. Slavery produced centuries of physical, psychological and spiritual injury. Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing lays the groundwork for understanding how the past has influenced the present, and opens up the discussion of how we can use the strengths we have gained to heal.</p>
Trauma and Resilience in American Indian and African American Southern	Anthony S. Parent; Ulrike Wiethaus	2013	<p>Trauma and Resilience in American Indian and African American Southern History explores the dual process of a refusal to remember, that is, the force of active forgetting, and the multiple ways in which Native Americans and African Americans have kept alive memories of conquest and enslavement. Complex</p>

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<i>American Indian Contexts</i>			
Healing the Soul Wound: Counseling with American Indians and Other Native Peoples	Eduardo Duran	2006	<p>Translating theory into actual day-to-day practice, Duran presents case materials that illustrate effective intervention strategies for prevalent problems, including substance abuse, intergenerational trauma, and internalized oppression. Offering a culture-specific approach that has profound implications for all counseling and therapy, this groundbreaking volume:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides concepts and strategies directly applicable to practice. • Outlines ways of serving AI clients, translating Western metaphor in ways that make sense to Native People. • Presents a model in which patients have a relationship with the problems they are having. • Includes sections to help non-American Indian counselors generalize the concepts presented in culturally sensitive ways.
Kill the Indian, Save the Man: The Genocidal Impact of American Indian Residential Schools	Ward Churchill	2004	<p>For five consecutive generations, from roughly 1880-1980, Native American children in the United States and Canada were forcibly taken from their families and relocated to residential schools. The stated goal of this government program was to “kill the Indian to save the man.” Half of the children did not survive the experience, and those who did were left permanently scarred. The resulting alcoholism, suicide, and the transmission of trauma to their own children has led to a social disintegration with results that can only be described as genocidal.</p>
Native American Postcolonial Psychology	Eduardo Duran; Bonnie Duran	1995	<p>This book shows that it is necessary to understand intergenerational trauma and internalized oppression in order to understand Native Americans today. It makes Native American ways of conceptualizing the world available to readers.</p> <p>This book presents a theoretical discussion of problems and issues encountered in the Native American community from a perspective that accepts Native knowledge as legitimate.</p>
Remnants of a	Sharon	2012	<p>This book presents a revolutionary view of the causes behind the challenges many Native Americans face today</p>

Shattered Past	Brunner		as a result of historical trauma. The story of the Native American people is told in two ways in this creative non-fiction literary work. Brunner's retelling of the Native American history by her protagonists, Eagle and Coyote, reads as a well-written oral transcript. They travel through time to bring to life what it was like for the Native American people throughout history. In the non-fiction portion of the book the author presents an understanding of the traditional period for the Ojibwe people, the ramifications of power and control through patriarchal domination and the Church, the realization of "Manifest Destiny," the outcomes of historical trauma, and proactive ways in which Native Americans and others can make positive changes to enhance their overall well-being. "
Trauma and Resilience in American Indian and African American Southern History	Anthony S. Parent; Ulrike Wiethaus	2013	Trauma and Resilience in American Indian and African American Southern History explores the dual process of a refusal to remember, that is, the force of active forgetting, and the multiple ways in which Native Americans and African Americans have kept alive memories of conquest and enslavement. Complex narratives of loss endured during the antebellum period still resonate in the current debate over sovereignty and reparations. Remembrances of events tinged with historical trauma are critical not only to the collective memories of American Indian and African American communities but, as public health research forcefully demonstrates, to their health and well-being on every level.
<i>Australian Aboriginal Contexts</i>			
Transgenerational Trauma and the Aboriginal Preschool Child: Healing through Intervention	Norma Tracey	2014	Transgenerational Trauma and the Aboriginal Preschool Child: Healing through Intervention approaches trauma from transgenerational perspectives that go back to the early colonization of Australia, and describes what that event has historically meant for the country's Aboriginal population and its culture. This history has continued to propagate traumatically across subsequent generations. This book reveals the work underway at Gunawirra, a group in Sydney founded to work against transgenerational trauma in families with children aged 0-5. The group then began working with projects in more than forty country preschools throughout the state of New South Wales.
Trauma Trails, Recreating Song Lines: The Transgenerational Effects of Trauma in Indigenous Australia	Judy Atkinson	2002	Taking readers into the depths of sadness and despair and into the heights of celebration and hope, this disturbing account details the trauma suffered by Australia's indigenous people and the resultant "trauma trails" spread throughout the country. Then, through the use of a culturally appropriate research approach called Dadirri: Listening to one another, Judy presents and analyses the stories of a number of Indigenous people. From her analysis of these 'stories of pain,

stories of healing', she is able to point both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous readers in the direction of change and healing.

Holocaust Contexts

Breaking the Silence: Voices of the British Children of Refugees from Nazism	Merilyn Moos	2015	Very little work has looked at children whose parents fled Nazi persecution before the Holocaust. What was the impact on this second generation? How have the lives of these ordinary people been shaped by their parents' dislocation? Using a series of interviews with members of the second generation, <i>Breaking the Silence</i> is a qualitative, interdisciplinary exploration how their lives were shaped by their parents escape from persecution. It offers an insight into how the exile and fear of persecution of the parents and the deaths/murder of unknown relatives has left this generation both bereft of memories and haunted by the past.
Children of the Holocaust: Conversations with Sons and Daughters of Survivors	Helen Epstein	1979 / 1988	"I set out to find a group of people who, like me, were possessed by a history they had never lived." The daughter of Holocaust survivors, Helen Epstein traveled from America to Europe to Israel, searching for one vital thin in common: their parent's persecution by the Nazis. Epstein interviewed hundreds of men and women coping with an extraordinary legacy. In each, she found shades of herself.
Echoes of the Trauma: Relational Themes and Emotions in Children of Holocaust Survivors	Hadas Wiseman; Jacques P. Barber	2008	This book discusses the echoes of the trauma that are traced in the relational narratives that the sons and daughters of Holocaust survivors tell about their experiences growing up in survivor families. An innovative combination of the Core Conflictual Relationship Theme (CCRT) method with narrative-qualitative analysis revealed common themes and emotional patterns that are played out in the survivors' children's meaningful relationships, especially in those with their parents. The relational world of the second generation is understood in the context of an intergenerational communication style called "knowing-not knowing," in which there is a dialectical tension between knowing and not knowing the parental trauma. In the survivors' children's current parent-adolescent relationships with their own children (survivors' grandchildren), they aspire to correct the child-parent dynamics that they had experienced by trying to openly negotiate conflicts and to maintain close bonds. Clinicians treating descendents of other massive trauma would benefit from the insights offered into these complex intergenerational psychological processes.
Granddaughters of the Holocaust: Never Forgetting	Nirit Gradwohl	2013	This book delves into the intergenerational transmission of trauma to the granddaughters of Holocaust survivors. Although members of this generation did not endure the

What They Didn't Experience	Pisano		horrors of the Holocaust directly, they absorbed the experiences of both their parents and grandparents. Ten women participated in psychoanalytic interviews about their inheritance of Holocaust knowledge and memory, and their responses to this legacy. The resulting narratives revealed that frequently unspoken, unspeakable events are inevitably transmitted to, and imprinted upon, succeeding generations
Holocaust Trauma: Psychological Effects and Treatment	Natan P.F. Kellerman	2009	<i>Holocaust Trauma</i> offers a comprehensive overview of the long-term psychological effects of Holocaust trauma. It covers not only the direct effects on the actual survivors and the transmission effects upon the offspring, but also the collective effects upon other affected populations, including the Israeli Jewish and the societies in Germany and Austria. It also suggests various possible intervention approaches to deal with such long-term effects of major trauma upon individuals, groups and societies that can be generalized to other similar traumatic events.
Out of Silence: Repair Across Generations	Martin Beck Matustik	2015	<i>Out of Silence: Repair across Generations</i> is the story of one man's journey through three generations and five continents to find—and heal—a past he didn't know existed.
The Intergenerational Transmission of Trauma in Children of Holocaust Survivors	Jessica Rosenthal; James H. Park	2011	The current qualitative study sought to examine the intergenerational transmission of trauma in children of Holocaust survivors, and the different ways that this <i>secondary trauma</i> is manifested among siblings. Results suggested that several factors including birth order, gender, and parents' mental health were associated with the differential impact on children of having parents who survived the Holocaust. Moreover, the differences between siblings' experiences of their parents as survivors were most likely determined by birth order and the amount of time that elapsed between the end of the war and the subjects' dates of birth.
The Silence: How Tragedy Shapes Talk	Ruth Wajnyb	2002	Silence is often the most powerful form of communication and it is silence that still dominates the homes of Holocaust survivors and their families, even after half a century. Through interviews with children of survivors, this book explores communication in survivor families from the perspective of the postwar generation. Explaining the effects of trauma on communication, this book offers an understanding of the language of silence that often becomes the first step to healing.
Third Reich in the Unconscious	Vamik D. Volkan; Gabriele Ast; William F.	2002	<i>The Third Reich in the Unconscious: Transgenerational Transmission and Its Consequences</i> examines the effects of the Holocaust on second-generation survivors and specifically describes how historical images and trauma are transferred. The authors reveal the many ways in which the psychological legacy of the Nazi regime

	Greer Jr.		manifests itself in subsequent generations and how psychopathology, if present, can assume a number of different forms. Among the detailed case histories and treatment considerations, the text provides insight for developing strategies that will tame and eventually prevent transgenerational transmission.
Trauma and Rebirth: Intergenerational Effects of the Holocaust	John J. Sigal; Morton Weinfeld	1989	The first empirical study of the psychological consequences of the Holocaust across three generations, this book assesses the long-term and intergenerational effects of severe victimization and of other forms of exposure to excessive, prolonged stress. In addition to an intensive study of Holocaust survivors and their families, this book provides a yardstick against which the long-term and cross-generational impact of other potentially traumatic situations--war, earthquakes, flood, fire, assault, and so on--may be measured.
<i>Japanese and Japanese American Contexts</i>			
Legacy of Injustice: Exploring the Cross-Generational Impact of the Japanese American Internment	Donna K. Nagata	1993 / 2014	At the age of 6, I discovered a jar of brightly colored shells under my grandmother's kitchen sink. When I inquired where they had come from, she did not answer. Instead, she told me in broken English, "Ask your mother." My mother's response to the same question was, "Oh, I made them in camp. As time went by, "camp" remained a vague, cryptic reference to some time in the past, the past of my parents, their friends, my grand parents, and my relatives. We never directly discussed it. Much later I learned that the silence surrounding discussions about this traumatic period of my parents' lives was a phenomenon characteristic not only of my family but also of most other Japanese American families after the war.
Okinawan War Memory: Transgenerational Trauma and the War Fiction of Medoruma Shun	Kyle Ikeda	2013	This book examines Okinawan war memory through the lens of Medoruma's war fiction, and pays particular attention to the issues of second-generation war survivorship and transgenerational trauma. It explores how his texts contribute to knowledge about the war and its ongoing effects — on survivors, their offspring, and the larger community — in different ways from that of other modes of representation, such as survivor testimony, historical narrative, and realistic fiction.
The Long Defeat: Cultural Trauma, Memory, and Identity in Japan	Akiko Hashimoto	2015	Akiko Hashimoto explores the stakes of war memory in Japan after its catastrophic defeat in World War II, showing how and why defeat has become an indelible part of national collective life, especially in recent decades. Divisive war memories lie at the root of the contentious politics surrounding Japan's pacifist constitution and remilitarization, and fuel the escalating frictions in East Asia known collectively as Japan's "history problem." Drawing on ethnography, interviews, and a wealth of popular memory data, this book

identifies three preoccupations - national belonging, healing, and justice - in Japan's discourses of defeat.

Northern Ireland Context

Making Peace with the Past?: Memory, Trauma and the Irish Troubles

Graham Dawson

2010

The study focuses on personal and collective remembrance within two particular locations: the Unionist communities along the Irish Border, and nationalist Derry. It traces the formation from below of competing public narratives, one concerned with the 'ethnic cleansing' of Protestants by the Irish Republican Army, the other with British state violence on Bloody Sunday; and analyses their subjective roots in specific experiences of fear and loss, their role in ideological struggle, and their complicated relation to private, familial and individual remembering.

Transgenerational Trauma in the Northern Ireland Context: A Social Work Perspective

Karin Moser

2014

Due to the conflict in Northern Ireland its society has been traumatised for centuries. People experiencing extreme trauma during the conflict are now grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles. Consequently to not dealing with the trauma in the right way, people may pass the trauma on to their children. The children are faced with symptoms of trauma even though they have not experienced the trauma themselves and therefore do not know where the symptoms come from.

South African Contexts

South African Literature after the Truth Commission: Mapping Loss

Shane Graham

2009

In the wake of apartheid, South African culture conveys the sense of being lost in time and space. The Truth Commission provided an opportunity for South Africans to find their bearings in a nation changing at a bewildering pace; the TRC also marked the beginning of a long process of remapping space, place, and memory. In this groundbreaking book, Shane Graham investigates how post-apartheid theatre-makers and writers of fiction, poetry, and memoir have taken this project forward, using their art to come to terms with South Africa's violent past and rapidly changing present.

Trauma, Memory, and Narrative in the Contemporary South African Novel: Essays

Ewald Mengel; Michela Borzaga

2012

By looking at the South African situation through the lens of trauma, the authors make clear how the psychic deformations and injuries left behind by racism and colonialism cannot be mended by material reparation or by simply reversing economic and political power-structures. Western trauma theories are insufficient for analysing the more complex situation in a postcolony such as South Africa. This is because Western trauma concepts focus on the individual traumatized by a single identifiable event that causes PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). What we need is an understanding of trauma that sees it not only as a result of an identifiable event but also as the consequence of an historical condition - in the case of South Africa, that of

			colonialism, and, more specifically, of apartheid.
Trauma, Memory, and Narrative in the South Africa: Interviews	Ewald Mengel; Michela Borzaga; Karin Orantes	2010	Twenty years after the fall of apartheid, South Africa is still struggling with its traumatic past. In this interdisciplinary collection of interviews, prominent South African novelists, psychologists, and academics reflect on the issues of trauma, memory, and narrative. These interviews provide fascinating insights into the present state of the South African soul, its current hopes and anxieties. Rather than claiming final answers to a complex and controversial issue, this volume aims at opening up debate and making a contribution to the already existing discussion about trauma in the South African context.
<i>Vietnam War Contexts</i>			
Social Memory and War Narratives: Transmitted Trauma among Children of Vietnam War Veterans	Christina D. Weber	2015	The Vietnam War has had many long-reaching, traumatic effects, not just on the veterans of the war, but on their children as well. Christina D. Weber examines the concept of the war as a social monad, a confusing array of personal stories and public histories that disrupt traditional ways of knowing the social world. This emphasis draws out the instrumental role the traumatic subject plays in the second generation's articulation of the presence of the Vietnam War.

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