The Psychological & Medical Anthropology Seminar Series at UC San Diego Presents:

When the Trial Ends: Moral Experiences of Caregiving in a Randomized Controlled Trial in Goa, India

In this presentation, I engage experiences of peer counselors in the Thinking Healthy Program Peer-delivered (THPP), a randomized controlled trial of a psychological intervention for perinatal depression in Goa, India. I explore how caregiving is experienced by peer counselors in an RCT, a context in which care is given for a finite period and is removed at the study's end.

I ask how the THPP trial affects its delivery agents, with attention to how caregiving impacts its caregivers. I suggest that moral aspects of caregiving are particularly relevant for peers, and that the context of an RCT is central to these moral experiences, particularly at a trial's end, when peer counselors are asked to end care that, in many cases, remains needed.

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