

Anth 331

Paper 1 Assignment

Due date: October 9, 2018

How is behavior normalized or made deviant? In what ways is the interpretation of behavior a reflection of the management of social relations in a society? To respond to these questions, compare and contrast the assigned reading selections by Obeyesekere and Ong. How might Obeyesekere's discussion/analysis of matter hair relate to Ong's discussion/analysis of spirit possession in Malaysia? And, what do their discussions tell us about how signs of moral and/or social chaos can be made to reflect deviance, sickness, or normalized behavior? In writing your response, also draw on the assigned articles by Benedict; and Lock and Nguyen; and the recommended reading by Goffman to frame your analysis.

n.b.: This paper does not require outside research, only work with the reading assigned for the week Dichotomies: the Normal and Pathological.

Format: The paper should be 3-4 pages, double spaced, 12 point font, Times new roman, or larger; one-inch margins; and page numbers. Citations should be in text: e.g. (Ong 1988: 30). You may add a separate page with your bibliography (American Anthropologist format).