**Unit 3: Assignment 2**

**Cross-Cultural Stereotypes and Communication**

Read the scenarios below and write a 2–4 page paper (excluding cover page) that addresses the following:

**Analyze cross-cultural contact that police officers and civilian employees have with citizens, victims, suspects, and coworkers.**

Cultural differences may lead to erroneous conclusions about Asian/Pacific American behaviors. These misunderstandings can cause the entire system to become involved in a family’s life (courts, district attorneys, police, child protective services, etc.)

* Include common stereotypes and communication styles that affect cross-cultural contact that police officers and civilian employees have with citizens, victims, suspects, and coworkers.
* Analyze how important cross-cultural knowledge is for police officers and civilian employees.

**Scenario 1**

Seng Chang and Kaying Lor were glad to learn Monday afternoon that their family’s journey through the courts was over. Police took away the couple’s four children on April 30 after employees at Sherman Elementary School noticed marks on the youngsters’ bodies. The marks had been produced by a traditional Asian healing technique commonly called coining. The children were returned to their parents on May 3 but officially remained in state custody. Prosecutors Monday dropped the case against Chang and Lor after medical experts reviewed the case and determined that there was no evidence of child abuse… The family is Hmong, and ethnic group from the hills of Laos. Lor said he and his wife will continue using the coining remedy when their children are sick. The technique involves rubbing ointment into the skin with a coin or spoon. He said he hopes those who investigate abuse allegations have learned a lesson and will listen more carefully to what parents are saying before removing children from their homes. Six other children were taken from a Vietnamese couple in a separate but similar case. Prosecutors dismissed that case last week. (Morton, 2002, p. B1)

**Scenario 2**

In northern Wisconsin, 36-year-old Chai Vang is sentenced for the murder of six deer hunters in 2004. The shooting followed a racially charged trespassing confrontation. Vang is Hmong, and the killing sparked racial tensions in both Wisconsin and Minnesota, where more than 100,000 Hmong have settled after fleeing Laos (npr.org). In retaliation, almost 3 years later in 2007, 28-year-old James Nichols is charged in connection with the killing of a Hmong hunter, Cha Vang, who was found shot and stabbed to death in a wildlife area near Green Bay, WI. The complaint against James Nichols also alleges that he made disparaging remarks about Hmong people to the investigators who questioned him. Relatives of the man who was killed have speculated that the slaying was racially motivated and may have come in retaliation for the 2004 murder of six white hunters at the hands of a Chai Vang (Wilcoxen, 2007).

# Halsted, G. (2005, November 7). Wisconsin Hunting Season Opens Amid Racial Tension. NPR. Retrieved from <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4993208>

Wilcoxen, W. (2007, January 17). Wisconsin authorities reveal details of Hmong hunter’s death. MPR News. Retrieved from <http://www.mprnews.org/story/2007/01/16/huntercharged>

**Directions**

In addition to fulfilling the specifics of the Assignment, a successful paper must also meet the following criteria:

* Include a cover page and references page in 10–12 point font (Arial, Courier, and Times New Roman are acceptable)
* Viewpoint and purpose should be clearly established and sustained
* Assignment should follow the conventions of Standard American English (correct grammar, punctuation, etc.)
* Writing should be well ordered, logical, and unified, as well as original and insightful
* Your work should display superior content, organization, style, and mechanics
* Appropriate citation style should be followed

You should also make sure to:

* Include a title page with full name, class name, section number, and date
* Include an introductory and concluding paragraph and demonstrate college-level communication through the composition of original materials in Standard American English
* Use examples to support your discussion
* Cite all sources on a separate reference page at the end of your paper and cited within the body of your paper using APA format

Lastly, please label your assignments: username-assignmentt-unit#.doc. For example, a student named Tina Allen would name her file TAllen-Anatomical Terminology-Unit 3.doc. Submit your Assignment by selecting the Unit 3: Assignment 2 in the Dropbox by the end of Unit 3.

**Checklist for the Unit 3: Assignment 2**

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| ***Criteria: Ask yourself the following questions.*** | **Not Yet** | **Yes** |
| **Content** |  |  |
| Did you ***identify*** four or more ways that criminal justice practitioners and civilian employees have contact with citizens, victims, suspects, and co-workers? |  |  |
| Did you ***examine*** four or more ways that criminal justice practitioners and civilian employees have contact with citizens, victims, suspects, and co-workers? |  |  |
| Did you ***demonstrate*** exemplary comprehension of the various elements of culture and their application to and effect on human life; analyze and critique elements of culture and superbly integrates this knowledge with topic of assignment; synthesize elements of culture citing examples and factual support? |  |  |
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| **Research** |  |  |
| Is your research ***current***? |  |  |
| Did you use at least two credible sources beyond the text material and discuss how you evaluated the credibility of the resources used? |  |  |
| Did you discuss all the required areas in a ***substantive*** manner? |  |  |
| Did you use appropriate ***reference*** material to support major statements? |  |  |
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| **Quality** |  |  |
| Is your content ***complete*** enough to address the topic and questions? |  |  |
| Is there a logical flow to your ideas? |  |  |
| Did you present the material in a ***clear and concise*** manner to provide easy readability? |  |  |
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| **Format** |  |  |
| Did you prepare your Assignment as a ***Microsoft® Word®*** document? |  |  |
| Did you ***label your file*** correctly? |  |  |
| Did you use ***APA*** format to cite your sources? |  |  |
| Did you check your document for ***grammar and spelling?*** |  |  |
| Does your Assignment fulfill the ***length*** requirements? |  |  |