

Transitions

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Image, reimagining, memory, and identity.

Carrying from near and far.

Memories travelling through generations, beyond borders.

Affecting lives in similar ways though they have never met.

Why do we identify similarities with trauma?

And does it travel?

Though we are all different, historically, we still connect.

Connect how you may ask? Through history, through slavery, through

the sea and being transported and through connections we made with people we meet.

Yet the more we are different, the more we are the same.

We take up space and discuss issues such as intersections of identities.

How memories transition and the effects and regrets of decisions

made and consequences that followed, or the little wins, that gave more space to be.

So now things are not the way they are supposed to be.

Yet, we continue to strive to become critical thinkers.

Stepping away from hegemonic discourses and imagining new ways of thinking.

In our works, we embrace scholarly teachings and

understanding, as learned thinkers, we step away from hegemonic practices.

Move into spaces and create a new critical thinker that listens to

Trouillot as he states that 'even in relation to The Past our authenticity.

resides in the struggles of our present' (Trouillot, 1997).

So how did we interpret this? 'Only in that present can we be true or false to the past we choose to acknowledge' (Trouillot, 1997).

So here is to memory, identity, past, present, and future changes.

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