

## A Closer Look at Research Clusters

### TRANSNATIONAL, CULTURAL and COMMUNITY STUDIES

<b>Overview</b>	Interdisciplinary social sciences focus involving the systematic study of the history, society, politics, culture and economics of subsets of the population sharing common ethnic and racial characteristics or common traits and customs.
<b>Focus of Research at UMass Boston</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Language studies – bilingual education; Creole studies</li><li>• Community development</li><li>• Peer identification, transmission of trauma</li><li>• Health disparities</li><li>• Aging issues of ethnic and racial groups</li><li>• Immigration studies</li><li>• Training exchanges</li></ul>
<b>UMass Boston Departments Involved</b>	Africana Studies Department; Gaston Institute; Institute for Asian American Studies; Trotter Institute for the Study of Black Culture; The Gerontology Institute; Clinical Psychology Economics Department; Graduate College of Education; Fiske Center for Historical Archeology; Applied Linguistics; Research Center for Urban Cultural History; Institute for Community Inclusion; Center for Survey Research; Sociology; Anthropology; Nursing
<b>Collaborations Established</b>	Broad connections with communities in Boston from Latino, African-American, Caribbean, Vietnamese, and other Asian-Americans. Active initiatives with federal, state and local governments.
<b>Distinctive UMass Boston Approach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strong transnational research focus at UMass Boston, especially Vietnamese, Haitian</li><li>• Emphasis on community development</li></ul>