

Homicide in the Cambodian Community

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This is the story of a teenage daughter of Cambodians, survivors of the Khmer Rouge, who kills her newborn and receives a lengthy prison sentence in Connecticut. The speaker investigates the cultural and psychological circumstances in order to understand the reason for the crime. In addition he finds other similar crimes in Connecticut, all of which leads to an effort, along with a *pro bono* lawyer, for clemency.

Doug Hood is from a military family. He attended three high schools, none of which exist today. He got a degree in Physics from the University of Florida, worked for GE, then attended the Physician Associate Program at Yale. While at Yale he was a Fellow at Pierson College, mostly because he was a three-time New England running champion – and they needed a runner. He has published short stories and essays which have been included in three anthologies. Doug now works in Neurology at Yale New Haven Hospital. .

Doug's writing began in the 90's, first with short stories, then essays and a children's book about China. About 25 pieces have been published and six were included in anthologies. A long-time member of Authors Guild, he attended Breadloaf and the Yale Writing Conferences and was credited in two best-sellers by Wally Lamb. The concentration is now on literary narrative, in particular investigative work on "other side of society," the victims, the poor, the failures, those that have been unfairly sentenced and are forgotten. Since 2010 he has been volunteering with three others to facilitate writing at the only women's prison in Connecticut, York Correctional Institute. The women have published two books. There is consideration for a third. See <http://doughood9.wix.com/doughood>

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