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2011 Visitors to Hmong Resource Center Library

Hmong Resource Center User Stats From
Jan. 1, 2011 – Aug. 1, 2011

Total number of visitors: 176

Number of Hmong visitors: 107

Number of non-Hmong visitors: 69

Over the age of 18: 156

Under the age of 18: 20

Academic Users (Affiliated with a college or
university): 70

Argosy University

Carleton College

Century College

College of St. Benedict

Dakota County Technical College

Hamilton College

Inverhill Community College

Metropolitan State University

St. Catherine University

St. Paul College

University of St. Thomas

University of Wisconsin – Madison

University of Wisconsin – River Falls

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Winona State University

New Acquisition: Hmong America: Reconstructing Community in Diaspora

A recent addition to the Hmong Resource Center Library is Chia Youyee Vang's *Hmong America: Reconstructing Community in Diaspora*. This recently published volume examines the historical development of Hmong American communities. The author describes Hmong experiences in Asia and assesses aspects of Hmong community building in the United States to demonstrate how new Hmong identities have emerged which have relevance for common assumptions about race and ethnicity in the United States. The author conducted her research in Minneapolis-St. Paul and other Hmong enclaves throughout the United States.

Race Relations Collection

The Hmong Resource Center Library maintains a unique collection of hundreds of newspaper articles from regional and national newspapers related to Race Relations issues experienced by Hmong residing in the United States beginning in the late 1970s up to the present-day. These articles are primarily from Minneapolis-St. Paul, Wisconsin and California newspapers and describe bias crimes, as well as issues with the criminal justice system, housing and employment, etc. The Race Relations Collection may be viewed during the normal operating hours of the Hmong Resource Center Library.

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Recent Additions to the Hmong Resource Center Library

Theses/Dissertations

Shannon Marie Feliciano. (2011). Understanding Infant Feeding Choices Among Hmong American Women in Saint Paul, MN. PhD Dissertation, Temple University. The author of this graduate study conducted a qualitative analysis of infant-feeding patterns among 21 Hmong mothers residing in Minnesota.

Rachael Schuster. (2010). Examining Treatment Outcomes for Hmong American Youth with Delinquency Problems. PhD Dissertation, Indiana University. This graduate study assesses and compares the outcomes of an evidence-based family therapy treatment and residential treatment among a sample of 153 Hmong American youth. The author's findings indicated that Hmong American juveniles who received family therapy were much less likely to re-offend compared to those who received residential treatment.

Philippe N. Thao. (2010). Proprietors without a Spiritual Pillar: The Search for Revitalization among Hmong in the Midwestern United States. PhD Dissertation, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. This graduate study provides an anthropological analysis of Hmong American cultural adaptation in Wisconsin. Topics covered include clans, kinship and social hierarchy in the Hmong community, entrepreneurship, farming and gardening, July 4th festivals, beauty pageants, secondary migration and chicken farming, religious practices and family life.

Maying Adeline Va. (2010). Cross-linguistic Influence in a Third Language: The Case of Hmong-English Bilingual Learners of French. M.A. Thesis, University of California – Davis. This graduate Linguistics study investigates whether certain morpho-syntactic features of French are more prone to avoidance than others as a result of cross-linguistic influences from English as a first or second language and Hmong as a first language.

Her Vang. (2010). Dreaming of Home, Dreaming of Land: Displacements and Hmong Transnational Politics, 1975-2010. PhD Dissertation, University of Minnesota. This graduate study investigates the historical development of transnational politics among the Hmong from 1975 when the Hmong first arrived in the U.S. as refugees to 2010 when the Lao PDR government rejected the late Hmong leader General Vang Pao's request to return to Laos.

Kong Meng Vang. (2010). Mental Health: Identifying Barriers to Hmong Students' Use of Mental Health Services. PhD Dissertation, California State University, Fresno. This graduate study assesses the impact of acculturation and perceived stigmatization effects upon Hmong high school students' attitudes toward seeking mental health services and perceived barriers.

Chai W. Xiong. (2010). A Critical Hermeneutic Approach to Hmong Leadership in the Lao PDR: Horizons of Forgiveness and Action through Imagination in Community Development. PhD Dissertation, University of San Francisco. The author of this graduate study utilized hermeneutic theory to explore contemporary Hmong leadership in the Lao PDR and implications for community development.

Ava Yang. (2010). Themes in the Career Development of 1.5 Generation Hmong American Women. PhD Dissertation, University of Minnesota. This graduate study assesses the ways in which 1.5 generation Hmong American women have experienced, understood and attempted to navigate their career development trajectories.

Cher Vang. (2009). The Relationship Among Acculturation, Cultural Adjustment Difficulties, and Psychological Symptoms Among Hmong Americans. PhD Dissertation, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

This graduate study investigates relationships among acculturation, cultural adjustment issues and psychological distress among a sample of Hmong Americans residing in the Midwestern U.S.

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Academic Journal Articles

Peter I. De Costa. (2010). "From Hmong Refugee to Transformer: A Bourdieusian Take on a Hmong Learner's Trajectory." TESOL Quarterly 44(3): 517-541. This article provides a case study of a Hmong male refugee Adult ESL (English as a Second Language) learner utilizing the Bourdieusian concepts of capital, habitus and field. The article is intended to provide insights for both practice and research in the study of Adult ESL instruction.

Daryl Fjuii and Alyssa Kaying Vang. (2010). "Neuropsychology of Hmong Americans." In The neuropsychology of Asian Americans, edited by Daryl Fjuii, 71-88. New York: Taylor and Francis. This article presents basic information about Hmong culture and suggested treatment strategies for Neuropsychologists working with Hmong clients of various ages and lengths of residence in the United States.

Rika Ito. (2010). "Accommodation to the Local Majority Norm by Hmong Americans in the Twin Cities, Minnesota." American Speech 85(2): 141-162. This linguistic study assesses selected English sounds spoken by Hmong Americans in a U.S. region experiencing a process of vowel space restructuring.

James S. Lai. (2010). "Eau Claire, Wisconsin: The Political Rise of the Hmong American Community." In Asian American Political Action: Suburban Transformations, edited by James S. Lai. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 199-212. This article describes political and electoral engagement of Hmong Americans in Eau Claire, WI from the late 1970s until 2008.

Andrew J. Portis, Mark Laliberte, Penny Tatman, Maikia Moua, Kathleen Culhane-Pera, Naim M. Maalouf, and Khashayar Sakhaee. (2010). "High Prevalence of Gouty Arthritis Among the Hmong Population in Minnesota." Arthritis Care and Research 62(10): 1386-1391. The authors of this study evaluated the prevalence of gout among Hmong residing in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area compared with that in non-Hmong populations. The authors observed a significant association between Hmong ethnicity and the prevalence of gout, both self-reported and physician diagnosed.

Ngo Thi Thanh Tam. (2010). "Ethnic and Transnational Dimensions of Recent Protestant Conversion among the Hmong in Northern Vietnam." Social Compass 57(3): 332-344. This study presents a case study of Hmong conversion to Protestantism in Northern Vietnam. The author argues that both ethnic and transnational factors are intrinsic to understanding Hmong conversions to Evangelical Protestantism in Vietnam.

Martha Ratliff. (2009). "Loanwords in White Hmong". In Loanwords in the World's Languages: A Comparative Handbook edited by Martin Haspelmath and Uri Tadmor, 638-658. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. This article describes a sizable study of loanwords in White Hmong.

Martha Ratliff. (2009). "White Hmong vocabulary". In World Loanword Database, edited by Martin Haspelmath and Uri Tadmor, 1,292 entries. Munich: Max Planck Digital Library. This online database contains more than 1,000 meaning-word pairs in White Hmong. The vocabulary contained in the database was part of a sizable study of loanwords in White Hmong conducted by the researcher. View the database here: <http://wold.livingsources.org/vocabulary/25>

ABOUT THE HMONG RESOURCE CENTER LIBRARY:

Founded in the late 1990s, the Hmong Resource Center library is open to the public. The library is supported in part by foundation grants and individual donations.

Hours of Operation: Monday and Wednesday 11-3 PM, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 2-4 PM. Other times by appointment.

Librarians: Xai Lor and Cher Vue

Advisor: Mark E. Pfeifer, PhD

Self-Service Photocopier available on site. Copying is 10 cents per page. Items may only be used in the library with the exception of videos which may be checked out.

The growing collections include 836 Hmong-related books, 258 Hmong-related theses and dissertations, 842 Hmong-related academic journal articles, over 3,500 Hmong-related newspaper articles and more than 200 videos. The library likely has the largest collection of Hmong-related theses and dissertations and journal articles of any institution in the United States.

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