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2012 Visitors to Hmong Resource Center Library

Hmong Resource Center User Stats From Jan. 1, 2012 – August 31, 2012

Total number of visitors: 282

% of Hmong visitors: 37%

% of non-Hmong visitors: 63%

% Over the age of 18: 78%

% Under the age of 18: 22%

Academic Users (Affiliated with a college or university):

49% of visitors were affiliated with a college or university. Visitors affiliated with the following institutions used the library: Alaska Pacific University, Brigham Young University, Columbia University, Harvard University, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, University of Saint Thomas, Herzing University, Macalester College, Hamline University, University of Saint Catherine, College of Saint Scholastica, Bethel University, Carlton College, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

New Website for Resource Center Library

The Hmong Cultural Center has launched a new website for the Hmong Resource Center Library at www.hmonglibrary.org. The website includes information about the library including library policies, hours and updated dissertations, books and journal articles holdings lists.

The new website also includes links to the library newsletter (current and back issues), and a special webpage documenting the strong collection of Hmong Health-related research included in the library. The Hmong Health collection encompasses about ¼ of the entire library collection and includes dozens of theses and dissertations and hundreds of journal articles related to studies of Hmong Health (including special collections pertaining to Elderly Hmong Health, Disabilities, Mental Health, Pregnancy and Childbirth, and Sudden Nightmare Death Syndrome (*SUNDS*)). Check out the New Hmong Resource Center Library webpage today!

Historic Photos donated to the Hmong Resource Center Library

Photo journalist Takeuchi Shosuke has donated a DVD of photos included in his *Laos as Battlefield* book collection (2005, Mekong Publishing) to the Hmong Resource Center Library. The photographs vividly depict the Hmong experience in Laos before and after 1975. Photos also document the Hmong refugee experience in Thailand and the United States. The Hmong Cultural Center thanks Takeuchi Shosuke for this generous donation of important historic photographs for usage by researchers visiting the Hmong Resource Center Library.

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Recent Additions to the Hmong Resource Center Library

Books/Theses/Dissertations

Sally A. Baas. (2011). What Does It Mean to be Hmong in the Twin Cities of Minnesota, According to the 18 Clan Council and Associated Hmong Men and Women Leaders? EdD Dissertation, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. This graduate research study provides findings of a research study of Hmong American leaders related to key characteristics associated with the maintenance of a Hmong identity in a Minnesota context. The researcher's results focused on six themes: language (to speak, read, and write the Hmong language); culture (to sew and wear traditional Hmong clothes; engagement in spiritual life (to understand and participate in Hmong rituals and to play traditional musical instruments); to respect one's family; and the provision of leadership to assure the continuation of Hmong practices, "to be Hmong, in the Hmong way".

Prasit Leepreecha, et al. (Editors). (2011). The Lao Hmong in Thailand: State Policies and Operations (1975-2009). Bangkok: Sriboon Computer-Printing. This scholarly anthology includes several articles related to the experiences of the Lao Hmong in Thailand since the end of the Vietnam War era. The compilation was produced by the Asian Research Center for Migration, Institute of Asian Studies of Chulalongkorn University. Articles in the volume include: "The Hmong Ethnic Group in the Context of the Modern Nation-State", "Hmong Displaced Persons from Laos in Shelters for Displaced Persons in Thailand: Resettlement and Repatriation," "The Lao Hmong in Thamkrabok as a National Security Problem and Hmong Resettlement in the U.S." as well as "The Repatriation of Ban Huay Nam Khao and Nongkhai Lao Hmong Back to Laos."

Kao Xiong. (2011). The effects of language practices of Hmong students on Hmong families. PhD Dissertation, University of Wisconsin-Madison. This dissertation study addresses the following interrelated issues among 5 Hmong families in Central WI, language practices, family relationships, role reversal, parental involvement, loss of heritage language and code switching.

Academic Journal Articles

Xiaoyun Cai, et al. (2011). "Human Migration through Bottlenecks from Southeast Asia into East Asia during Last Glacial Maximum Revealed by Y Chromosomes." PLoS ONE 6(8) 1-10. This article discusses a molecular anthropological lineage study of the Y-chromosome data from 1,652 individuals belonging to 47 Mon-Khmer (MK) and Hmong-Mien (HM) speaking populations that are distributed across Southeast Asia and East Asia.

Lisa L. Capps. (2011). "Ua Neeb Khu: A Hmong American Healing Ceremony." Journal of Holistic Nursing 29 (2): 98-106. The researcher utilized a qualitative ethnographic case study method with participant observation to analyze a spiritual healing ceremony performed by a shaman healer (txiv neeb) for an elderly Hmong American male residing in the Midwestern United States. The healing ritual was filmed and reviewed with the shaman healer to identify symbolic meanings and processes.

Siu-Woo Cheung. (2012). "Appropriating Otherness and the Contention of Miao Identity in China." The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology 13(2): 142-169. This paper discusses the construction of the Miao identity category in China by the Han majority and minority ethnic populations. The author postulates that in the face of Imperial expansion and nation-building projects in pre-modern and modern Chinese history, non-Han natives actively appropriated Miao otherness to form their own identities, through which the Miao ethnic boundary was constructed and demarcated within the Chinese state.

Christina M. Esposito. (2012). "An Acoustic and Electrolottographic Study of White Hmong Tone and Phonation." Journal of Phonetics 40: 466-476. This study investigates tone and phonation in White Hmong. Thirty-two speakers were recorded producing words with the seven tones and audio and electrolottographic recordings were made.

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Academic Journal Articles

Lisa Franzen-Castle and Chery Smith. (2012). "Shifts in Hmong Culture: Competing Medical Frameworks." *Journal of Immigrant Minority Health*, Epub Ahead of Print. This paper examines the ways in which language contraction, acculturation, and perception of modernity impact medicinal practices among younger and older generations of Hmong. The authors conducted focus groups with newly immigrated and well established Hmong adults (n = 69) and children (n = 68) in St. Paul/Minneapolis, MN, USA.

Fiona M. Garlich, et al. (2012). "Poisoning and suicide by cyanide jewelry cleaner in the U.S. Hmong community: A case series." *Clinical Toxicology* (2012), 50, 136–140. The authors of this study describe eight cases in which cyanide-containing products were ingested by Hmong patients. Seven cases were suicide attempts involving the ingestion of a locally-purchased substance intended for cleaning metal, coins, or jewelry. The researchers suggest that clinicians should be aware that unusual and potentially lethal products containing cyanide are widely available at ethnic markets.

Trisha Halvorson, et al. (2012). "Pregnancy and birth in Minnesota's Hmong Population: Changing Practices. *Minnesota Medicine* 95(5): 49-52. This article summarizes how some of the perinatal practices of the Hmong have evolved over time in Minnesota as well as how providers have adapted in order to provide their Hmong patients with culturally sensitive care.

Urvashi Mulasi-Pokhriyal and Chery Smith. (2012). "Comparison of the Block Kid's Food Frequency Questionnaire with a 24 h dietary recall methodology among Hmong-American children, 9–18 years of age." *British Journal of Nutrition*, 1-7. This study investigates the appropriateness of specific dietary assessment measures among Hmong-American children (n 335) of 9–18 years of age.

Christian Postert, Udo Dannlowski, Jörg M. Müller, Carsten Konrad. (2012). "Beyond the Blues: Towards a Cross-Cultural Phenomenology of Depressed Mood." *Psychopathology* 2012;45:185-192. This qualitative study examines English and Laotian Hmong semantic and pragmatic differences in depressed mood and investigates their relevance for cross-cultural psychiatric research and practice. The study is based upon ethnographic fieldwork conducted from 2000 to 2002 among the Hmong in Laos.

Toshiyuki Sakuragi and Judith W. Fuller. (2012). "Shape and Function in Hmong Classifier Choices." *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research*. Epub Ahead of Print. This study looks at classifiers in the Hmong language with a particular focus on gaining insights into the underlying cognitive process of categorization. Forty-three Hmong speakers participated in the study. The results of the experiments indicate limitations of explaining common Hmong classifiers in terms of configurational characteristics and suggested a need for greater attention to functional characteristics.

Kamonnate Srithi, Chusie Trisonthi, Prasit Wangpakapattanawong, Prachaya Srisanga and Henrik Balslev. (2012). "Plant Diversity in Hmong and Mien Homegardens in Northern Thailand." *Economic Botany* 66(2): 192-306. The authors of this study surveyed 180 home gardens in three Hmong and three Mien villages in northern Thailand to study floristic diversity and composition and to assess the impact of forced migration and ecological conditions for the development of the rich homegarden flora.

Julia Voorhees, Keiko Goto, Stephanie Bianco-Simeral, Cindy Wolff (2012). "Impact of the Harvest of the Month Program on Low-Income Hmong and White Middle School Students." *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior* 43(4), Supplement 2: S152-S154. The researchers note the absence of studies demonstrating effective fruit and vegetable consumption interventions among Hmong youth despite a growing body of evidence that obesity rates are higher among Hmong youth than the national averages for Asian or non-Hispanic white middle school-age children. This article describes the use of the Harvest of the Month (HOTM) intervention to effect such changes.

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 10 AM-Noon Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 2-4 PM. Other times by appointment.

Librarian: Xai Lor

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 over 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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