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**VOLUME 10 OF HMONG STUDIES JOURNAL IS PUBLISHED AT**  
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The Hmong Studies Internet Resource Center has published the online edition of volume 10 of the Hmong Studies Journal. An internet-based journal, the Hmong Studies Journal is the only peer-reviewed academic publication devoted to the scholarly discussion of Hmong history, Hmong culture, Hmong people, and other facets of the Hmong experience in the U.S., Asia and around the world. The Hmong Studies Journal has now published 12 online issues in 10 volumes with a total of 82 scholarly articles since 1996.

Mark E. Pfeifer, PhD editor of the Hmong Studies Journal stated: "Volume 10 of the journal includes articles from multiple disciplines including Anthropology, Political Science, Library Science and Medicine while providing significant additions to both Hmong American and Hmong in Asia research. It is especially noteworthy that new work is presented in this issue related to ongoing debates in Hmong Studies pertaining to cultural identity in China and as well as the Diaspora. I am particularly pleased that an English translation of Dr. Zhiqiang Yang's important research at Guizhou University will be available to the Hmong Studies Journal's international audience of readers as part of this volume. I also believe Louisa Schein and Va-Megn Thoj's provocative analysis of Hmong portrayals in the popular film Gran Torino will especially interest many."

Articles in Volume 10 discuss a wide range of topics including the following:

- Hmong American portrayals in the film "Gran Torino."
- Hmong/Miao identity and history in China
- A bibliometric analysis of the current status of Hmong Studies research as a field of study
- A comparative analysis of Hmong American political engagement in Fresno, CA and Saint Paul, MN
- Topics in Hmong American health including barriers to diabetes prevention and Hmong women's perceptions of mammography screening

**HMONG STUDIES JOURNAL VOLUME 10 CONTENT**

**Articles**

- Gran Torino's Boys and Men with Guns: Hmong Perspectives by Louisa Schein, Rutgers University and Va-Megn Thoj
- From *Miao* to *Miaozu* - Alterity in the Formation of Modern Ethnic Groups by Zhiqiang Yang, Guizhou University

- Citation Analysis and Hmong Studies Publications: An Initial Examination by Nancy K. Herther, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- Searching for the Hmong People's Ethnic Homeland and Multiple Dimensions of Transnational Longing: From the Viewpoint of the Hmong in Laos by Sangmi Lee, Arizona State University
- Hmong Political Involvement in St. Paul, Minnesota and Fresno, California by Yang Lor, University of California, Berkeley
- Understanding Barriers to Prevention of ntshav qab zib/nsthaav qaab zib: A Hmong perspective by Miguel A. Perez and Chia Thao, California State University, Fresno
- Using Mammography Screening: Hmong Women's Perceptions and Beliefs by Pang Vang, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

### **Commentary**

- Commentary: Challenges and Complexity in the Re-Construction of Hmong History by Kou Yang, California State University, Stanislaus

### **Photo Essay**

- A Photo Essay of the Hmong Experience at Wat Thamkrabok in Thailand by Pao Lor, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

### **Book Review**

- Book Review of The Latehomecomer by Lisa Dembouski, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

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