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HISTORY OF THE HMONG STUDIES JOURNAL

- Started in 1996 by Robin Vue-Benson, a schoolteacher at Como Park High School in Saint Paul and Anne Frank, Southeast Asian Refugee Archive Librarian at California State University, Irvine – a time when relatively few resources about the Hmong were widely available

- The journal was intended to balance perspectives of those who worked in the community with academic work

- Mark E. Pfeifer of the Hmong Resource Center Library was asked to take over as editor in mid-2002

- Articles are peer-reviewed by an editorial board of scholars and community members
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- A total of 69 scholarly articles, bibliographies, and book reviews published in 12 years. In past year, non-exclusive content distribution agreements reached with both EBSCO and ProQuest (Ethnic NewsWatch). As of early 2008, the journal is now indexed in both databases.

- In the past 12 years, the journal has greatly increased the visibility of work in Hmong Studies and made it widely accessible to students and scholars throughout the world on the internet and in academic libraries.

- Has published important work on a wide range of topics from many established and emerging scholars working on Hmong Studies issues.

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