Mark Pfeifer publishes Hmong reference bibliography


The work begins by describing the Hmong history as a mountain-dwelling ethnic group residing in southwest China. In the 18th and 19th centuries, the Hmong began migrating southeast to Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand. Then in the second half of the 20th century, due mainly to their participation in the Second Indochina War (1954-1975), the Hmong began migrating to the West. Today, the Hmong are one of the fastest growing ethnic origin populations in the United States, growing from about 94,000 in the 1990 census to about 190,000 in the U.S. census bureau's 2005 American Community Survey.

With this rapid expansion in the population, a substantially increased interest in Hmong-related written works, multimedia materials, and websites among students, scholars, service professionals, and the general public has arisen.

To help meet that interest, Mark E. Pfeifer has compiled and authored this bibliography, which includes full reference information (including internet links to articles where available) and descriptive summaries for 610 Hmong-related works.

The work is organized into the following subject areas: Hmong in Asia, Hmong culture, The Hmong Language, Traditional Hmong Religion and Christianity, Hmong Music and Storytelling, Hmong Embroidery and Clothing, Hmong American Cultural Arts, The War in Laos and Refugee Resettlement Issues, Hmong Families, Parenting, and Gender Roles, Settlement Patterns, Housing and Socioeconomic Incorporation, Hmong Cultural Adaptation, Race Relations, The Law, and Political Incorporation, Literacy and Educational Adaptation, Physical and Mental Health, Personal Narratives of Hmong Americans, Juvenile Literature and Curriculum Materials for Teachers, Videos and DVDs, Internet Resources.

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The newly published bibliography builds on Pfeifer’s six years working at Hmong Cultural Center in Saint Paul.

“The annotations were mostly compiled from the many years I published the Hmong Studies e-newsletter for the center,” said Pfeifer. “My work at the center over the years on the newsletter gave me the extensive descriptions of research works in Hmong Studies that I used in compiling this reference book.

“I composed and edited each of the 610 annotations in the volume,” he added. “I believe this work with its inclusion in academic and public libraries will serve to significantly advance information about contemporary research in Hmong Studies. The last Hmong Studies bibliography was published back in 1996 by the University of Minnesota.”


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