
Guide to the Gayle Morrison Files on Southeast Asian Refugees, 1969-2001

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: This collection contains materials acquired by Gayle Morrison during the time she served with the Lao Family Community, Inc., and the Governor's Task Force regarding issues of Southeast Asian refugees living both in the United States and in camps located in Southeast Asia. Materials relating to the Lao Family Community and the Governor's Task Force include correspondence and information on agencies at the local, state, and federal level. The agencies and services included in the collection deal with the issues and challenges Southeast Asian refugees face living in the United States and ways of helping the refugees adapt to their new home and surroundings.

Language: English

Selected digitized images from this collection.

Access

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Biography

Gayle Morrison has been active in several organizations working with Southeast Asians since the 1970s. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from California State University in Fullerton, California, in 1972. She then went on to receive a Master of Arts degree in Educational Counseling and Psychology in 1976 from Chapman University in Orange, California. She began her involvement with Southeast Asian organizations by working in the Home Support Program in Orange County. This program sent counselors into the homes of Southeast Asians where they educated members of the household in areas such as health care.

Morrison was also a member of the Refugee Forum of Orange County from 1978 to 1991. The forum was a county wide, inter-agency group of professionals and interested individuals who met to facilitate refugee resettlement through group problem solving and information sharing. From November 1985 through June 1988, Morrison served as the chairperson of the Linkages Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Refugee Forum.

Morrison was the Assistant Executive Director of the Lao Family Community, Inc. (LFC), located in Orange County, California, from December 1988 to June 1990. During that time she performed all grant writing for program expansion of new programs. Within this organization, she established and coordinated an English as a Second Language (ESL) program for preliterate and survival level adult refugee students. She also assisted the executive director in developing and providing services for refugees and was responsible for all personnel management. She served as the Executive Director of LFC from June 1990 through February 1991. During this time, Morrison was responsible for all agency planning and supervised and reviewed all agency programs. She also reviewed all fiscal records to determine the agency's solvency.

Morrison went on to serve as Personnel Administrator for the Lao-Hmong Security Agency in Garden Grove, California, from March 1991 to the present. This private business trains and employs Southeast Asians, especially former Hmong and Lao soldiers, as security guards for warehouse and industrial sites throughout California.

Morrison has also been a member of various statewide committees, including the Governor's Task Force Citizen Advisory Committee from 1979-1981. Several articles by Morrison have been published, as well as the book, *Sky is Falling: An Oral History of the CIA's Evacuation of the Hmong from Laos*, in 1999.

Morrison currently lives in Santa Ana, California, where she continues to serve as an expert consultant for several organizations involved with Southeast Asian refugees. She has recently received a one-year research fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the purpose of completing oral history research regarding the Hmong who were United States allies and remained in Laos after 1975. This activity is part of the Hmong Oral History Project, an independent project of Morrison's that has been ongoing since 1988.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

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Each series is arranged alphabetically by topic. The materials in each file are arranged chronologically.

The collection is arranged into four series.

- Series 1. Lao Family Community, Inc., 1977-1990. 1.5 linear ft.
- Series 2. Orange County and California Agencies and Services, 1976-1998. 1.4 linear ft.
- Series 3. Non-California state and national organizations, 1976-2000. 2.6 linear ft.
- Series 4. Printed Ephemera, 1969-2001. 1 linear ft.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Morrison, Gayle--Archives.

Refugee Forum of Orange County--Archives.

Lao Family Community--Archives.

Hmong (Asian people)--California--Archival resources.

Laotians--California--Archival resources.

Refugees--Asia, Southeastern--Archival resources.

Refugees--California--Archival resources.

Refugees--Vietnam--Archival resources.

Southeast Asians--California--Archival resources.

Vietnamese--California--Archival resources.

Genres and Forms of Material

Ephemera--20th century.

Sound recordings--20th century.

Index Terms Related to this Collection

Refugee Forum of Orange County.

Lao Family Community.

Online Archive of California.

Southeast Asian Archive.

Related Collections

This collection is supplemented by materials in the SEA Archive's newspaper clippings file. Additional material on the Refugee Forum of Orange County can be found in the Collection on Refugee Forums (MS-SEA019).

Series 1. Lao Family Community, Inc.,1977-1990.

Physical Description: 1.5 linear ft.

Scope and Content Note

This series contains materials--primarily workshop information, proposals, reports, and correspondence--documenting the activity of Lao Family Community, Inc. Materials also document other agencies that Lao Family Community, Inc. worked with, and other divisions of Lao Family Community located in California and Minnesota.

Arrangement

The series is arranged alphabetically by topic and then chronologically within each file.

Box 568-H-1

Applications for employment, 1982-1986.

Access Information

Access to materials in this file is restricted until 2062-01-01.

Box 1 : 2

Asian and Pacific Islander Advisory Committee, final report, 1981-1989

Box 1 : 3-7

Budget for fiscal year 1982

Box 1 : 3

Community action agency, 1982

Box 1 : 4

County of Riverside Office on Aging, 1981-1982

Box 1 : 5

Department of Social Services, 1981-1982

Box 1 : 6

Economic Development Department, 1981-1982

Box 1 : 7

Office of Child Development, 1981-1982

Box 1 : 8

Budget information, 1985-1988

Box 1 : 9

Correspondence, 1978-1990

Box 1 : 10

Department of Social Services materials, 1987-1989

Box 1 : 11

Education services, 1977-1989

Box 1 : 12-13

English as a Second Language, 1983-1990.

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box 1 : 14-18

English as a Second Language curriculum, 1985-1989.

Physical Description: 5 folders.

Box 1 : 19

Lao-American business development center, 1985

Box 1 : 20

Lao Family Community of Fresno, Inc. materials, 1988-1989

Box AV-6 :

Audio cassette tapes, Indochinese Child Abuse Prevention Project, 1989.

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Physical Description: 3 cassettes.

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Box 1 : 21

Lao Family Community of Merced, newsletters, 1990

Box 1 : 22

Lao Family Community of Minnesota, Inc., 1988

Box 1 : 23

Lao Family Monthly News, 1986-1987

Box 2

Ledger for fiscal year, 1980-1981.

Physical Description: 2 items.

Box 1 : 24

Living skills workshops, 1979

Box 1 : 25

Miscellaneous materials, 1985-1989

Box 1 : 26

Parent handbook, circa 1980-circa 1989

Box 1 : 27-28

Program administration, 1979-1981.

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box 1 : 29

Proposal, 1981

Box 1 : 30-31 **Proposal for fiscal year 1979-1980.**

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box 1 : 32 **Refugee resettlement materials, 1986-1988**
Box 1 : 33 **Request for proposal no. 35073, 1985-1986**
Box 1 : 34 **Rural Ventures, Inc. 1985**
Box 1 : 35 **Targeted Assistance Program, 1983-1985**
Box 1 : 36 **United Way, 1983-1984**
Box 1 : 37 **University of California, Irvine, 1984-1985**

Series 2. Orange County and California agencies and services,1976-1998.

Physical Description: 1.4 linear ft.

Scope and Content Note

This series comprises materials produced by various Orange County and California agencies serving Southeast Asians. Materials include correspondence, conference and meeting documentation, and reports. The agencies received their funding both from government and private sources. The agencies and services documented cover a range of issues, including health care, education, and employment.

Arrangement

The series is arranged alphabetically by topic and arranged chronologically within each file.

- Box 3 : 1 **California Department of Social Services, 1985-1986**
- Box 3 : 2 **California Department of Social Services, Orange County refugee services plan for 1984-1986, 1984**
- Box 3 : 3 **California legislature, 1983**
- Box 3 : 4 **Cambodian American community, 1986-1998**
- Box 3 : 5 **City of Santa Ana, 1984**
- Box 3 : 6 **County of Orange, welfare exemption, 1985**
- Box 3 : 7 **Cross cultural workshops, 1976-1989**
- Box 3 : 8 **Department of Motor Vehicles of California, 1986-1990**
- Box 3 : 9 **Ethnic Orange County, 1985**
- Box 3 : 10 **Fresno County planning information, 1990**
- Box 3 : 11 **Greater Avenues For Independence (GAIN), 1987-1989**
- Box 3 : 12-16 **Governor's task force, citizen advisory committee**
- Box 3 : 12-14 **General files, 1979-1981.**

Physical Description: 3 folders.

- Box 3 : 15 **Orange County refugee forum, 1981**
- Box 3 : 16 **Statewide forum, 1981**
- Box 3 : 17 **Highland Lao agricultural activities in California, 1986**
- Box 3 : 18 **Hmong resettlement study of Orange County, 1983**
- Box 3 : 19 **Home management workshops, 1981**
- Box 3 : 20 **Immigrant students and the California public schools project, 1988**
- Box 3 : 21 **Minigrant program, 1985**
- Box 3 : 22 **Miscellaneous, 1987-1992**
- Box 3 : 23 **Orange County child care, 1980**
- Box 3 : 24 **Orange County disability services, 1985-1989**
- Box 3 : 25 **Orange County environmental management agency, 1983**
- Box 3 : 26 **Orange County Refugee Community Resources Opportunity Project, Inc., 1989**
- Box 3 : 27 **Orange County refugee services, 1980-1990**
- Box 3 : 28 **Orange County Vietnamese activities, 1976-1989**
- Box 3 : 29 **Orange County volunteer agencies, 1981-1989**
- Box 3 : 30 **Rancho Santiago Community College district, 1982**
- Box 3 : 31-35 **Refugee Forum of Orange County, 1986-1990.**

Physical Description: 5 folders.

- Box 3 : 36 **San Jose City College, 1980**
- Box 4 : 1 **San Jose City College guide, circa 1980**
- Box 4 : 2 **Santa Ana College, 1977-1978**
- Box 4 : 3 **Senior community service employment program, 1985-1987**
- Box 4 : 4 **Southeast Asian health services, 1982-1989**
- Box 4 : 5 **Southeast Asian mental health services, 1985-1990**
- Box 4 : 6 **Southeast Asian refugee mental health conference, 1986-1989**
- Box 4 : 7 **Southeast Asian refugee resettlement at the local level, 1983**
- Box 4 : 8 **Southern California Association of Philanthropy (SCAP), 1987-1988**

Box 4 : 9	United Cambodian community, 1991
Box 4 : 10	University of California, Berkeley, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, 1985-1992
Box 4 : 11	University of California, Los Angeles, thesis of Bosseba Kong, 1984
Box 4 : 12	Vietnamese Community of Orange County, Inc., 1988-1989
Box 4 : 13	Vietnamese League of Orange County, 1985

Series 3. **Non-California state and national organizations,1976-2000.**

Physical Description: 2.6 linear ft.

Scope and Content Note

This series consists of materials from various state and federal agencies and services working with Southeast Asians. Materials include correspondence, conference and meeting documentation, and reports. The agencies are funded by both government and private sources. The services provided for Southeast Asians include health care, education, and employment.

Arrangement

The series is arranged alphabetically by topic and arranged chronologically within each file.

Box 5 : 1 **American committee refugee conference, 1992-1993**
Box 5 : 2-3 **Bureau for Refugee Programs, resource manual, 1983.**

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box 5 : 4 **Cellar book shop, undated**
Box 5 : 5 **Census of 1990, 1990**
Box 5 : 6-7 **Center for Applied Linguistics, 1981-1985.**

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box 5 : 8 **Center for Applied Linguistics, curriculum, 1981-1990**
Box 5 : 9 **Citizenship materials, 1988-1989**
Box 5 : 10 **Code of federal regulations, 1979**
Box 5 : 11 **Conference on Indochinese education and social services, 1990-1991**
Box 5 : 12 **Cross cultural activities, 1980**
Box 5 : 13 **Domestic violence in refugee communities reports, 1982-1988**
Box 5 : 14 **Federal register, 1983-1986**
Box 5 : 15 **Geneva conference on refugees, 1989**
Box 5 : 16 **Hmong/Highlander development fund, 1984-1986**
Box 5 : 17 **Hmong resettlement study of Minnesota, 1984**
Box 5 : 18-19 **Indochinese language resource center, medical guide and glossary, 1980.**

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box 5 : 20 **Indochina refugee action center, 1979-1985**
Box 5 : 21 - 6 : 1 **Intensive English as a second language and cultural orientation program, cultural orientation resource manual, 1982.**

Physical Description: 5 folders.

Box 6 : 2 - 7 : 2 **Intensive English as a second language and cultural orientation program,**
Box 6 : 2-3 **ESL resource manual, 1982.**

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box 7 : 1-2 **Pre-employment training resource manual, 1983.**

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box 6 : 4 **International visitors services, 1985-1986**
Box 6 : 5 **Laotian overseas organization constitution, circa 1980**
Box 6 : 6 **Liberal democratic party, 1992-1993**
Box 6 : 7 **Mainstream English Language Training Project (MELT), 1985**
Box 6 : 8 **Mainstream English Language Training-Technical Assistance Project (MELT-TAP), 1985**
Box 6 : 9 **Migration and refugee affairs committee of interaction, 1986**

Box 6 : 10 **Miscellaneous, 1976-1999**
Box 6 : 11-13 **Mutual Assistance Association, 1980-1986.**

Physical Description: 3 folders.

Box 6 : 14 **National conference of state legislatures, 2000**
Box 6 : 15 **Office of youth programs, 1980**
Box 6 : 16 **Planned secondary resettlement, 1983**
Box 6 : 17 **Refugee admissions and allocations for fiscal year 1987, 1987**
Box 6 : 18 **Refugee affairs management team, 1981**
Box 6 : 19 **Refugee education guides, 1979-1981**
Box 6 : 20 **Refugee educator's network, 1991**
Box 6 : 21 **Refugee policy group, 1979**
Box 6 : 22 **Senate bills, 1984-1990**
Box 6 : 23 **Sudden Unexpected Nocturnal Death Syndrome (SUNDS) planning project, 1984**
Box 6 : 24 **United States Commission on Civil Rights**
Box 6 : 25-26 **United States Committee for Refugees, 1986-1992.**

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box 6 : 27-30, 8 : 1-3**United States Department of Health and Human Services**
Box 6 : 27-28 **Federal register, 1981-1982.**

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box 6 : 29-30, 8 : 1-2 **Office of Refugee Resettlement, 1984-1992.**

Physical Description: 4 folders.

Box 8 : 3 **Refugee mental health, 1988**
Box 8 : 4 **United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, employment discrimination, 1986**
Box 8 : 5 **Use of interpreter services, circa 1980**
Box 8 : 6 **Women's commission for refugee women and children, 1996**

Series 4. **Printed ephemera,1969-2001.**

Physical Description: 1.5 linear ft.

Scope and Content Note

This series comprises printed materials, including directories, magazines, and newsletters, that document the issues faced by Southeast Asian refugees living in the United States. The materials include information on cultural events, health and safety, employment, and education.

Arrangement

The series is arranged alphabetically by type of ephemera and then chronologically within each file.

- Box 9 : 1-2 **Booklets, Center for Applied Linguistics, 1981-1987.**
- Physical Description:** 2 folders.
- Box 9 : 3 **Books on Southeast Asia and the Indochina war, 1996-1997**
- Box 9 : 4 **Bulletin, *The Cormosea*, 1989**
- Box 9 : 5-7 **Directories**
- Box 9 : 5-6 **Hmong-American residence and business directory, Minnesota /Wisconsin edition, 1997-2001.**
- Physical Description:** 2 folders.
- Box 9 : 7 **Vietnamese business directories, 1985-1990**
- Box 9 : 8-16 , FB-42 **Magazines**
- : 2
- Box 9 : 8 **Articles, 1969-1991**
- Box 9 : 9 ***The Elephant Ear*, 1984**
- Box 9 : 10 ***Local Cultures*, 1991-1992**
- Box FB-42 : 2 ***Los Angeles Times Magazine*, 1986-1993**
- Box 9 : 11 ***The News*, 1983**
- Box 9 : 12 ***Passage*, 1996**
- Box 9 : 13-15 ***Refugees*, 1984-1989.**
- Physical Description:** 3 folders.
- Box 9 : 16 ***Vietnam Business Journal*, 1995**
- Box 9 : 17- 9 **Newsletters**
- Box 9 : 17 ***Hmong Foundation Newsletter*, undated**
- Box 9 : 18 ***Hmong National Development*, 1994**
- Box 9 : 19 ***Human Rights Observer*, 1992**
- Box 9 : 20 ***The IRAC Bridge*, 1984-1990**
- Box 9 : 21 ***The IRAC Resource Bulletin*, 1988-1989**
- Box 9 : 22 ***Monday*, 1987-1996**
- Box 9 : 23 ***Quilting Bee*, 1985**
- Box 9 : 24-26 ***Refugee Reports*, 1986-1990.**
- Physical Description:** 3 folders.
- Box 9 : 27 ***Resettlement Review*, 1989**
- Box 9 : 28 ***Voice of Indochina*, 1985**
- Box 9 : 29 ***Women's Commission News*, 1995-1998**
- Box 9 : 30-31, **Newspapers**
- FB-23, FB-31
- Box 9 : 30 **Articles, 1988-1989**
- Box FB-23 : 4 ***Asian American Register*, 1999**
- Box FB-23 : 5 ***California Hmong Times*, 1993**

Box FB-23 : 6-8

Homng Times, 1998-2000.

Physical Description: 3 folders.

Box FB-31 : 8

Miscellaneous, 1978-1998

Box 9 : 31

Pamphlets, health and safety, 1981-1986