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**Title:** The University of California, Irvine, class project on the Southeast Asian American experience

**Collection number:** MS.SEA.022

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**Language of Material:** English

**Physical Description:** 6.8 Linear feet(11 boxes and 6 oversized folders)

**Date (inclusive):** 2002-2008

**Abstract:** The collection is comprised of student projects from the Southeast Asian American Experience class (course number 151H) taught by Linda Vo. The class was first offered in 2003 within the Asian American Studies Program at the University of California, Irvine. Students' projects reflect cultural and social issues of Southeast Asian American communities in Orange County. Materials include artifacts, photographs, sound and video recordings, newsletters, ephemera, and the students' written assessment of each project.

**Language of Collection Materials:** The collection is in English, Vietnamese, and Central Khmer.

**creator:** University of California, Irvine. Dept. of Asian American Studies

#### **Access**

The collection is open for research. Original compact discs, audio cassette tapes, and video cassette tapes materials may not be used. Researchers must request that duplicate use copies be made for access.

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#### **Preferred Citation**

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#### **Acquisition Information**

Gift of Professor Linda Vo, 2003-2009.

#### **Accruals**

Additional materials are expected

#### **Processing History**

Processed by Julia Stringfellow, 2005 and Dawn Schmitz, 2009. Processing was supported by a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant.

#### **Historical Background**

The Southeast Asian American Experience class was first offered in winter quarter 2003 within the Asian American Studies Program at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). Professor Linda Vo created the class to provide a comparative overview of the ethnically, culturally, and historically diverse Southeast Asian people from Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam who relocated to the United States as refugees and immigrants. The class analyzed the resettlement process and refugees' economic adaptations, educational experiences, and social conditions. The focus of the class was on the individual voices of refugees and their experiences in order to understand how they construct their identities, negotiate cultural challenges, recreate communities, and engage in acts of resistance. An interdisciplinary approach was used, drawing upon theoretical frameworks and scholarship from anthropology, education, history, political science, psychology, social work, cultural studies, and sociology.

As part of the class, each student completed a project designed to both utilize resources from the Southeast Asian Archive about Southeast Asian American communities, and to teach the students what it means to collect, research, display, and preserve histories. Before choosing a topic for their project, students were required to visit the archive and see what materials were available, look at its web page, and read a copy of the newsletter. Student projects ranged from focusing on businesses in Little Saigon to Southeast Asian American organizations. Students worked in groups to identify areas in which the Southeast Asian Archive lacked documentation. They then considered ways to direct outreach efforts to a particular group and publicizing the archive in these communities. Students did this through attending local events in the Southeast Asian American communities and contacting organizations about their resources. A group presentation explaining the project was given at the end of the quarter, as well as a 2 page assessment from each member of the group discussing their collaborative project and their role in the project.

#### **Collection Scope and Content Summary**

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assessment of each project, artifacts, photographs, sound and video recordings, newsletters, and ephemera.

Students signed release forms giving permission for their projects to be open to the public.

**Collection Arrangement**

This collection is arranged in series by year the class was offered, then alphabetically by name of student.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

University of California, Irvine. Dept. of Asian American Studies.

Võ, Linda Trinh, 1964- .

Audiocassettes -- 21st century.

Ephemera -- 21st century.

Photographic prints -- 21st century.

Refugees -- Southeast Asia -- Archives.

Refugees -- United States -- Archives.

Southeast Asian Americans -- California -- Orange County -- Archives.

Southeast Asians -- California -- Orange County -- Archives.

Videocassettes -- 21st century.

## 2003 Series 1. 2003

Physical Description: 1.9 Linear feet

Box-folder 1 : 1	<b>Baeg, Jung, and Tran, Thanh, "Rising Businesses Owned or Managed by Vietnamese People in Irvine" 2003</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A01	
Box-folder 1 : 2	<b>Chan, Gloria, and Tang, Tinh, "The Indonesia, Galang Refugee Camp" 2003</b>
Box-folder XOS1	<b>Collage of images and text</b>
Box-folder 1 : 3	<b>Cheng, Isaac, and Vu, Sophia, "The Clubbing Nightlife in the Southeastern Asian Community" 2003</b>
Box-folder XOS1	<b>"The Clubbing Nightlife in the Southeastern Asian Community" poster</b>
Box-folder 1 : 4	<b>Chen, Steve, "Laotian-Thai Cultural Club" 2003</b>
Box-folder AV-11 :	<b>VHS videocassette tape</b>
MS-SEA022-V01	
Box-folder 1 : 5-6	<b>Dinh, Thu-Lam, "Southeast Asian American Experience Project" 2003</b>
Box-folder 3	<b>Medallion and t-shirt</b>
Box-folder 1 : 7	<b>Dolalas, Elaine, and Jo, Young, "Bao Phi Poetry" 2003</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A02	
Box-folder 1 : 8	<b>Her, Jao, and Xiong, Fue, "Pictures, Video, and Articles About Hmong Youth, Politics, and the Period Between 1975-1980" 2003</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact discs</b>
MS-SEA022-A03-A04	
Box-folder 1 : 9-10	<b>Huynh, Hoa, "Vietnamese American Youths" 2003</b>
Box-folder 1 : 11	<b>Huynh, Khanh, and Idemundia, Matthias, "Tran Resident Video Documentary" 2003</b>
Box-folder AV-11 :	<b>VHS videocassette tape</b>
MS-SEA022-V02	
Box-folder 1 : 12	<b>Kawachi, Mami, "Photographs of Little Saigon, Westminster, California" 2003</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A05	
Box-folder 1 : 13	<b>Kim, Sothai, "Cambodian Voices Through Poetry" 2003</b>
Box-folder 1 : 14	<b>Ly, Lisa, and Nguyen, Thuy, "Vietnamese Dishes: From Simple Everyday Food to Special Occasions" 2003</b>
Box-folder 1 : 15	<b>Ly, Sylvia, "Hmong Culture: Musical Artifacts of the Hmong People" 2003</b>
Box-folder AV-11 :	<b>VHS videocassette tape</b>
MS-SEA022-V03	
Box-folder 1 : 16	<b>Nguyen, Anthony, and Pham, Thu, "Tet in Little Saigon" 2003</b>
Box-folder AV-11 :	<b>VHS videocassette tapes</b>
MS-SEA022-V04-V05	
Box-folder 1 : 17	<b>Nguyen, Lin, "Traditional Dress" 2003</b>
Box-folder 1 : 18	<b>Nguyen, Nam, "Vietnamese Traditional Music" 2003</b>
Box-folder 2	<b>Collage of Vietnamese traditional instruments</b>
Box-folder 1 : 19	<b>Nguyen, Nghi, "Capturing Living History" 2003</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A06	
Box-folder 1 : 20	<b>Nguyen, Theresa, and Vong, Helen, "Vietnamese Precious Moments Doll" 2003</b>
Box-folder 3	<b>Vietnamese Precious Moments doll</b>

## 2004 Series 2. 2004

Physical Description: 1.7 Linear feet

Box-folder 4 : 1	<b>Berning, Lauren, and Irlanda, Candy, "Vietnamese Restaurants in Little Saigon" 2004</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact discs</b>
MS-SEA022-A07-08	
Box-folder XOS 2	<b>Maps of Little Saigon 2004</b>
Box-folder 4 : 2	<b>Bitanga, Karen, and Martin, Joseph, "Southeast Asians in the Import Scene" 2004</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A09	
Box-folder 4 : 3	<b>Bui, Hong, and Luong, Don, "Vietnamese American Coalition (VAC)" 2004</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact discs</b>
MS-SEA022-A38-39	
Box-folder BA cage	<b>VAC poster</b>
Box-folder 5	<b>VAC t-shirts</b>
Box-folder 4 : 4	<b>Clemente, Jacqueline, and Trang, Ly, "Through the Eyes of Phuong Que Ngo" 2004</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A10	
Box-folder XOS 2	<b>Posters of nail salons in Little Saigon</b>
Box-folder AV-11 :	<b>VHS videocassette tape</b>
MS-SEA022-V06	
Box-folder 4 : 5	<b>Dao, David, and de Leon, Heidi, "Import Car Culture" 2004</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A11	
Box-folder 4 : 6	<b>Garcia, Michelle, and Lau, Adrian, "Archiving the Cambodian Family Center" 2004</b>
Box-folder 4 : 7	<b>Hoang, Ann, and Song, Andy, "Lee's Sandwiches" 2004</b>
Box-folder 6	<b>Bowl with lid, spoon, and chopsticks from Lee's Sandwiches</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A12	
Box-folder 4 : 8	<b>Hwang, Ruth, and Okazoe, Jun, "Vietnamese Funerals" 2004</b>
Box-folder FB-40 : 3	<b>Photograph of Veterans' Memorial Site</b>
Box-folder 4 : 9	<b>Kim, Andrea, and Vo, Lisa, "Hip Hop and Vietnamese Culture" 2004</b>
Box-folder XOS 2	<b>Collage of photographs and text</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact discs</b>
MS-SEA022-A13-A14	
Box-folder 4 : 10	<b>Kim, Andy, and Nguyen, Ann, "Irvine High School Swim Team's Trip to Vietnam" 2004</b>
Box-folder XOS2	<b>Collage of photographs</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A15	
Box-folder 4 : 11	<b>Lee, Annie, and Oum, Carolyn, "Cambodian Wedding" 2004</b>
Box-folder FB-59 : 5	<b>Collage</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact discs</b>
MS-SEA022-A16-A17	
Box-folder 4 : 12	<b>Manese, Michael, and Vo, Sophie, "Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)" 2004</b>
Box-folder XOS2	<b>Collage of VSA</b>
Box-folder 5	<b>Phonomenon t-shirt</b>
Box-folder 4 : 13	<b>Nguyen, John, and Nguyen, Karen, "Youth Organizations; Vietnamese American High School Alliance" 2004</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A37	
Box-folder XOS2	<b>Posters</b>
Box-folder 4 : 14	<b>Tran, Hoang, and Young, Steffanie, "Vietnamese American Weddings" 2004</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A18	
Box-folder 4 : 15-16	<b>Tran, Quan, "Vietnamese Language Centers in Little Saigon" 2004</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A19	

## 2005 Series 3 2005

Physical Description: 1.2 Linear feet

Box-folder 8 : 1	<b>Chiang, Han, and Hong, Susan, "Vietnamese American Nail Salons: Nail Spa Excel and Happy Nails" 2005</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact discs</b>
MS-SEA022-A20-A22	
Box-folder 8 : 2	<b>Concha, Daniel, and Yoon, Richard, "Khmer Girls in Action: A Room of Her Own" 2005</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact discs</b>
MS-SEA022-A23-A24	
Box-folder 8 : 3	<b>Duong, Tom, and Park, Joohyung, "One Part of Tom's Life in Palawan Refugee Camp" 2005</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact discs</b>
MS-SEA022-A25-A26	
Box-folder 8 : 4	<b>Harnatake, Ben, "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Vietnam" 2005</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact discs</b>
MS-SEA022-A27-A28	
Box-folder 8 : 5	<b>Hoo, Ashley, and Hsiao, Joina, "Xe Do Hoang: A Vietnamese Charter Bus" 2005</b>
Box-folder FB-34 :	<b>Maps</b>
11	
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact discs</b>
MS-SEA022-A29-A30	
Box-folder 8 : 6	<b>Huynh, Natalie, "Southeast Asian American Experience" 2005</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Cassette tape</b>
MS-SEA022-A31	
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact discs</b>
MS-SEA022-A32-A33	
Box-folder 8 : 7	<b>Khem, Seward, and Valdeavilla, Michelle, "EMS: Educated Men with Meaningful Messages" 2005</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A34	
Box-folder FB-34 :	<b>Lam, Linda, and Nguyen, Natalie, "Plastic Surgeons in Orange County Assessment," album of photographs and advertisements 2005</b>
12	
Box-folder 8 : 8	<b>Lee, Han and Ly, Lin, "The Cambodian Buddhist Temple" 2005</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A35	
Box-folder FB-34 :	<b>Photographs</b>
13	
Box-folder 8 : 9	<b>Lim, Sokha, and Oh, Samuel, "Phnom Pich Pharmacy" 2005</b>
Box-folder 7 :	<b>Compact disc</b>
MS-SEA022-A36	

**2008 Series 4. 2002-2008****Physical Description:** 2.0 Linear feet**Series Arrangement**

This series begins with Professor Linda Vo's syllabus for the course, which includes the archive assignment instructions. It is followed by the student projects, in alphabetical order by student name.

Box 9, Folder 1	<b>Vo, Linda (Professor): syllabus, including archive project assignment 2008</b>
Box 9, Folder 2	<b>Ang, Joyce and Vu, Sandy. "The Ao Dai and Vietnamese Tailor and Fabric Shops in Westminster, California." 2008</b>
Box 9, Folder 2	<b>Photographic prints and advertising card 2008</b>
Box 9, Folder 3	<b>Arai, Jennifer and Kishiyama, Casey. "Saigon Dish, Vietnamese Cuisine" 2008</b>
Box 9, Folder 3	<b>Menu 2008</b>
Box DM-001,	<b>Compact disc 2008</b>
Item MS-SEA022-CDA40	
Box 9, Folder 4	<b>Bentley, Kevin and Gupta, Saurabh. "Southeast Asian Cuisine from Little Saigon" 2008</b>
Box 9, Folder 4	<b>Menus and photographic prints (inkjet) 2008</b>
Box DM-001,	<b>Compact disc 2008</b>
Item MS-SEA022-CDA41	
Box 10, Folder 1	<b>Chung, Stuart and Nguyen, Thai. "Orange County Tet Festival" 2002-2009</b>
Box 10, Folder 1	<b>Program and brochure 2007-2009</b>
Box 10, Folder 2-3	<b>Non Song magazine, Union of Vietnamese Student Associations 2002-2008</b>
Box Flat Box 069,	<b>Posters, flyers, and other materials 2008</b>
Folder 3	
Box DM-001,	<b>Compact disc 2008</b>
Item MS-SEA022-CDA42	
Box DM-001,	<b>DVD (4 discs) 2006</b>
Item MS-SEA022-DVDA001-004	
Box 9, Folder 5	<b>Dauz, Jonathan and Yu, Danielle. "Inter-Ethnic Wedding" 2008</b>
Box 9, Folder 5	<b>Photographic prints (inkjet) and interview transcript 2008</b>
Box DM-001,	<b>Compact discs (2) 2008</b>
Item MS-SEA022-CDA43-44	
Box 10, Folder 4	<b>Dill-James, Anjelica and Nguyen, Huong. "Cambodia Town" 2008</b>
Box 10, Folder 4	<b>Program and brochure 2008</b>
Box Flat Box 069,	<b>Posters circa 2008</b>
Folder 4	
Box 11, Item 1-12	<b>Artifacts undated</b>
	<b>Scope and Content</b>
	Textured relief print (60 inches x 20 inches), 3 scarves/sashes, 2 bird ornaments, 4 purses, small wooden card holder, small metal box.
Box AV-011,	<b>Mao Noth Long Beach: Cambodian Kickboxing Champion undated</b>
Item MS-SEA022-V08	<b>Compact disc 2009</b>
Box DM-001,	
Item MS-SEA022-CDA45	
Box 9, Folder 6	<b>Dickinson, Carl and Gillick, Christy. "Cambodia Town, the Multi-Ethnic Business District" 2008</b>
Box 9, Folder 6	<b>Photographic prints and flyer 2008</b>
Box 10, Folder 5-6	<b>Fitzgerald, Katherine and Vo, Tiffany. "Vietnamese Buddhist Temples in California": photographic prints in album 2008</b>
Box 9, Folder 7	<b>Heng, Janette and Strange, Katelyn. "Vietnamese Restaurants in Westminster" 2008</b>
Box 9, Folder 7	<b>Menus and business cards 2008</b>
Box DM-001,	<b>Compact disc 2009</b>
Item MS-SEA022-CDA46	
Box 9, Folder 8	<b>Nguyenfa, Paul and Sakzlyan, Emanuel. "Election Day in Little Saigon" 2008</b>
Box 9, Folder 8	<b>Sample ballot in Vietnamese 2008</b>

Bin DM-001,  
Item MS-SEA022-CDA47  
Box 9, Folder 9

**Compact disc 2008**

**Nguyen, Michael and Onodera, Ryan. "Progression of Politics": sample ballot, candidate proposition booklet (both in Vietnamese) and photographic prints 2008**

Box 9, Folder 10

**Tang, Juliann and Nguyen, Elizabeth. "A Look at Vietnamese Traditional Dresses": photographic prints 2008**

Box 9, Folder 11

**Trinh, Kathy and Yau, Iris. "High-End French/Vietnamese Restaurants in Little Saigon" 2008**

Box 9, Folder 11

**Menus and photographic prints 2008**

Box DM-001,

**Compact disks (2) 2007-2008**

Item MS-SEA022-CDA48-49