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SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDENT SERVICES  
COLLECTION, 1987-2003  
7 linear inches

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## **Background**

In January 1985, the director of International Student Services and Programs established the Ad Hoc Committee on Southeast Asian Refugees in an attempt to adapt to a large influx of Southeast Asian students at California State University, Fresno. After studying the status of these students at Fresno State, the committee concluded that the campus community was not adequately prepared to give support to this student population.

In order to more effectively meet the needs of Southeast Asian students, William Corcoran, Dean of Student Affairs, appointed Katsuyo Howard, a counselor for International Student Services and Programs, as the coordinator of the Ad Hoc Committee on Southeast Asian Refugees in February 1986. At this time, the ad hoc committee became a permanent organization and was given more responsibility. The members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Southeast Asian Refugees became the Southeast Asian Advisory Board, and the committee evolved into Southeast Asian Student Services (SEASS).

In May 1986, the staff was expanded, adding one part-time student who served as a senior peer advisor. In addition, SEASS took on nine student volunteers who also worked as peer advisors. These students became liaisons between Southeast Asian students and campus administration and academic programs.

Southeast Asian Student Services was designed to provide assistance and support to resident students whose families originated from Southeast Asia. The program offered activities and services intended to help students make a successful transition into the university. These services included new-student orientation, leadership development, peer mentoring, academic planning and advising, personal counseling, and financial aid advising. Southeast Asian Student Services was dismantled in May 2003.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Southeast Asian Student Services collection measures 7 linear inches and dates from 1987 to 2003. The collection primarily contains copies of publications, including newsletters and pamphlets, produced by Southeast Asian Student Services. There are also records from the Asian Pacific Advisory Committee, the correspondence of Katsuyo Howard, and other miscellaneous documents regarding the Southeast Asian student population at California State University, Fresno. In addition, there are photographs that show the construction and display of a contemporary Hmong story-cloth. The photograph albums also contain a description of how the cloth was assembled and what its various features represent.

**Box no.** **Description**

Box 1

Asian American and Pacific Island Commencement poster, 2002 [oversize: in box 2]  
Asian Pacific Advisory Committee, 1989  
Correspondence (Katsuyo Howard), 1989-1990, 2000 and undated  
Data and statistics  
    California State University, Fresno, 1989-1990, 1993 and undated  
    Miscellaneous, 1989-1993 and undated  
Evaluations and reports, 1990 and undated  
Organizational charts, 1992-1993, 1998, 2003 and undated  
Publications  
    Pamphlets and flyers  
        Southeast Asian Student Services  
            General, 1992-1993, 1996, 2001 and undated  
            Annual Southeast Asian Freshman Orientation, 1998  
            Drafts, 2001 and undated [oversize: in box 2]  
            Southeast Asian Student Citizenship Fair, 2000 and undated  
        Miscellaneous, 1991 and 2001  
    *Southeast Asian Student Newsletter*  
        General, 1987-1993  
        Drafts, 1989-1991, 1993 and undated  
Photographs  
    Albums (2), undated [oversize: in box 2]  
    Loose photographs, 1996  
    Slides, 1996

Box 2

*Oversize:*  
Asian American and Pacific Islander Commencement poster, 2002  
Publications  
    Pamphlets and flyers  
        Southeast Asian Student Services  
            Drafts, undated  
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