

The Hmong Consortium at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison Presents:



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Pahawh/Pahauh Hmong: Hmong Language and its Writing System

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This presentation is about Hmong education and a community of Hmong language and writing students. Many Hmong still believe that Hmong do not have their own writing system, apart from one using the Roman alphabet. In fact, the Hmong do: Pahawh/Pahauh Hmong. The objective of this presentation is to help students and the community better understand the difference between Pahawh/Pahauh Hmong and Hmong RPA (Romanized Popular Alphabet). Currently some instructors and professors who teach Hmong RPA in high schools and at the university level are struggling to write all Hmong vocabulary using the system. Many still teach the days of the week and the months of the year in other languages, such as Lao, Thai, and English. This is due to there not being much education support for Hmong in the past.

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