Guide to the Kim Hà Papers MS.SEA.003


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Title: Kim Hà papers
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Contributing Institution: Special Collections and Archives, University of California, Irvine Libraries
Language of Material: Vietnamese
Physical Description: 0.8 Linear feet (3 boxes)
Date (inclusive): 1983-1999
Abstract: Collection comprises the holograph manuscript of Qua Con Bao Du (English translation published as Stormy Escape) by Kim Hà, correspondence and newspaper articles relating to the book, other articles written by Hà and others on the subject of Vietnamese land refugees, audio recordings of her interviews with eight Vietnamese land refugees, and monographs geared towards Vietnamese Catholics who want to live devout lives. Materials are in Vietnamese and English.
Creator: Kim Hà, 1950-
Access
Collection is open for research. Access to original audio cassettes is restricted; copies are made for researcher use.
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Acquisition Information
Processing History
Biography
Kim Hà is the pen name of Pham Thi Kim Nhung, who was born in 1950 in Hai Duong, North Vietnam. In 1955 she moved with her family to Saigon, South Vietnam. She was a student at the University of Saigon, where she completed a degree in Education in 1973, and at the National University of Social Work, where she completed a degree in 1975. Following the fall of Saigon in April 1975, Hà and her family made several unsuccessful attempts after 1975 to escape by boat to the United States, resulting in the jailing of her husband in Vietnam and the loss of her job as a teacher.
In 1980, with her husband and three children, Hà made another attempt to escape from Vietnam on foot through Cambodia. After a harrowing two-week trek they arrived at a refugee camp in Thailand on 10 April 1980. The family came to the United States in October 1980 and has lived in Orange County, California. Hà earned an associates degree in Business Administration from Coastline College in 1983. As of 2001 she works for State Compensation Insurance Fund and is a community activist. Her publications include Report on the Vietnamese Land Refugees (SOS Boat Committee, 1983) and Qua Con Bao Du (English translation published as Stormy Escape) (McFarland Publishers, 1996).
Collection Scope and Content Summary
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The collection is arranged alphabetically by form of material.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Kim Hà, 1950- -- Archives.
Kim Hà, 1950-. Qua con bao du : hoi ky vuot bien bang duong bo.
Photographic prints.
Political refugees -- Vietnam -- Archives
Political refugees -- Vietnam -- Interviews.
Refugee camps -- Thailand -- History -- Sources
Sound recordings.
Vietnam -- Politics and government -- 1975- -- History -- Sources
Vietnamese American women -- California -- Orange County.
Vietnamese Americans -- California -- Orange County -- History -- Sources

Box 1, Folder 1-6  Articles by Kim Hà and others on Vietnamese land refugees 1983-1985 and undated
   Physical Description: 6.0 folders.
   General Physical Description note:

Box 2         Audio cassettes of interviews conducted with Vietnamese land refugees by Kim Hà
Tran Chi Thanh, undated

Box-folder 2 :
   MS-SEA3-A01
Box-folder 2 :
   MS-SEA3-A02
Box-folder 2 :
   MS-SEA3-A03

Truong Vo, undated

Nguyen Duc Vinh, undated.
   Physical Description: 2.0 cassettes.
   General Physical Description note:

Box-folder 2 :
   MS-SEA3-A04
Box-folder 2 :
   MS-SEA3-A05
Box-folder 2 :
   MS-SEA3-A06/A07

Le Tan Ly, undated

Nguyen Huu Loc, undated

Pham Thanh, undated.
   Physical Description: 2.0 cassettes.
   General Physical Description note:

Box-folder 2 :
   MS-SEA3-A08/A09

Le Ba Bich, undated.
   Physical Description: 2.0 cassettes.
   General Physical Description note:

Box-folder 2 :
   MS-SEA3-A10/A11

Nguyen Van Thuy Vien, undated.
   Physical Description: 3.0 cassettes.
   General Physical Description note:

Box 1, Folder 7   Biographical materials and awards 1996-1997 and undated
Box 3

Books by Kim Hà on Catholicism
   Language of Material: Vietnamese

Phep La 2002
   Scope and Content Summary
   English title: Miracles. This monograph contains 94 short stories on miracles and miraculous encounters.

Duc Me Hien Ra 2003
   Scope and Content Summary
   English translation: Apparitions of the Virgin Mary. This monograph narrates the apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Medjugorje, a small town in Bosnia.
On Lanh Duc Me 2003
Scope and Content Summary
English translation: Blessings from the Virgin Mary. Catholics go on pilgrimages to Medjugorje, a town that is known for its many apparitions of the Virgin Mary. Catholics go on these prayerful pilgrimages in order to receive blessings and miracles. This monograph also contains prayers to the Virgin Mary.

Loi Me Nhan Nhu 2004
Scope and Content Summary
English translation: Messages from the Virgin Mary; Requests of the Virgin Mary. This monograph discusses messages and requests of the Virgin Mary during her apparitions in Medjugorje. The Virgin Mary requests Catholics to change their lives by dedicating them to Jesus. This monograph also talks about the importance of the Virgin Mary’s words, and it describes basic daily duties and requirements of Catholics.

Duc Me Hien Ra O Chau My 2006
Scope and Content Summary
English translation: The Apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Fatima. This monograph narrates and discusses the apparition of the Virgin Mary in Fatima to three youths. It also contains prayers for Catholics to pray to the Virgin Mary.

Luyen Nguc 2004
Scope and Content Summary
English translation: Purgatory. This monograph discusses the idea of purgatory and the need to pray for those in purgatory.

Cac Bi Mat Noi 2006
Scope and Content Summary
English translation: Insider Secrets to Purgatory. This work translates and transcribes a number of sermons based on Holy Souls and Purgatory given by Catholic Priests. The monograph stresses the importance of praying for Holy Souls who may be in Purgatory.

Cuu Cac Linh Hon Khoi Luyen Nguc 2006
Scope and Content Summary
English translation: Saving Holy Souls from Purgatory. This monograph contains answers to questions based on the idea of Purgatory. It is written in question and answer form. It also stresses the importance of praying for Holy Souls, especially those of loved ones, from Purgatory. The monograph culminates with prayers that Catholics may pray, specifically for souls in Purgatory.

Box 1, Folder 8
Correspondence 1983-1997 and undated

Box 1, Folder 9
Correspondence with Anne Frank, includes photographs and text of remarks made by Frank on the English publication of Qua Con Bao Du 1990-1999

Box 1, Folder 10-11
Manuscript for Qua Con Bao Du, holograph 1983-1985 and undated

Box 1, Folder 12
Proofs (incomplete) for English publication of Qua Con Bao Du undated

Box 1, Folder 13
Publicity materials and reviews for Qua Con Bao Du undated