Book-signing about Hmong and U.S. secret war in Laos

The Wayne Maeda Asian American Archive and Hmong American Experience will feature a presentation and book-signing by Gayle L. Morrison from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, in Sacramento State’s University Union, Redwood Room.

Morrison’s book, *Hog’s Exit*, details the life and death of Jerry “Hog” Daniels, “a pivotal agent in U.S./Hmong history.” Daniels lived among the Hmong people and fought with them during the U.S. government’s secret war in Laos during the 1960s and ’70s. Morrison documents how Daniels orchestrated the resettlement of thousands of Hmong immigrants to America in 1975. Daniels became the CIA’s closest liaison to Vang Pao and the fiercely fighting Hmong who, for 13 years, warded off communist forces in the mountains of northern Laos.

The book-signing is sponsored by the University’s Full Circle Project, a campus-wide effort to improve retention and graduation rates among Asian American and Pacific Islander students. It also features several programs throughout the year to make students more aware of their cultural heritage and encourage them to explore its depth.

The Dec. 1 program will include opening remarks by Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Ming-Tung “Mike” Lee and Professor Boatamo Mosupyoae, chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies. The launch of Hmong Archives will be presented by Professors Gregory Mark, Asian American Studies director; and James Sobredo, Department of Ethnic Studies.

Morrison will speak from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. A 30-minute question-and-answer session will be followed by the book-signing at 8 p.m.

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