

HMONG IN ASIA AND AMERICA

**A Workshop for K-12 Teachers
Friday, October 10
St. Olaf College**

In conjunction with the annual meeting of the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, St. Olaf College is hosting a workshop on Hmong in Asia and America. The program will include presentations on the origins of Hmong in China, their history in Southeast Asia, their experience during the Indochina War, and the Hmong diaspora over the last thirty years. Two leading Hmong writers will speak about Hmong-American literature, and a panel of educators will speak about educational issues in the Hmong-American community. The program will include a one-man performance by Hmong storyteller, comedian, and rap artist, Tou Ger Xiong. The \$60 fee for the workshop includes lunch.

Continuing Education credit will be available.

For further information, please contact Robert Entenmann, Professor of History and Asian Studies, St. Olaf College, 1520 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057; email entenman@stolaf.edu, phone (507) 786-3427.

TOU GER XIONG

“Teaching Culture Through Laughter”

Hmong Storyteller, Comedian, and Rap Artist



Friday, October 10
4:00 p.m.

Viking Theater, Buntrock Commons
St. Olaf College

A one-man show which combines **explosive energy, humor, folklore, dance, and rap music** into an interactive performance that educates about cultural diversity and racial stereotypes. Hmong storyteller, comedian, and rap artist, **Tou Ger Xiong**, will take you on a journey of his life from the jungles of Laos, to the refugee camps of Thailand, and to the public housing projects of America. Tou Ger has been featured on national television and radio and was recently referred to as the *“the Hmong version of Chris Rock, Jim Carey, and Snoop Dogg—all stirred fried into one.”* He has taken his program to over 1500 audiences in 44 states in the past 10 years, not to mention he is the only Hmong Elvis, Michael Jackson, and James Brown impersonator in the World. It’s one hip-hopping cultural experience not to be missed.

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October 10, 2008
St. Olaf College
Registration form**

Name _____

School or organization _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

Please enclose a check for \$60 for the registration fee and mail to:

**Hmong Workshop
c/o Robert Entenmann
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(Deadline for receipt of registrations is October 8)