

Hmong American Focus Questions

- 1) Why are Hmong classified as “refugees” as opposed to “legal immigrants” within the United States?
- 2) How is it that clan obligations are central to the cohesiveness and vitality of the Hmong social community?
- 3) How do the traditional Hmong sex roles of husbands and wives compare with the contemporary sex roles of mainstream Americans?
- 4) What is the status of Hmong elders within the Hmong community and how does this contrast with the status of elderly mainstream Americans?
- 5) How does a person become a Hmong shaman and what important services do such persons perform within the Hmong community?