

Navigating SEADA Digital Collections

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Part 1. What is the Southeast Asian Digital Archive (SEADA)?

The UMass Lowell Southeast Asian Digital Archive (SEADA) is a community-centered archive of cultural heritage materials from Southeast Asian American communities in the greater Lowell, Mass., region.

SEADA seeks to collect, preserve, and share historical materials related to Southeast Asians in the Greater Lowell area, with particular focus on refugee resettlement and community building from the 1970s to the present.

Select SEADA collections are digital and freely accessible through: www.uml.edu/seada.

Part 2: How to navigate to the SEADA digital collections in Omeka.

Entering www.uml.edu/seada into your computer browser will bring you the SEADA homepage with links to various Southeast Asian American resources.

To access SEADA digital collections, click on one of the options circled in red shown below.

Note: Links underlined in blue on the left hand column will take you to other resources that may be useful to your work.

SEA Digital Archive

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Preserving & Sharing Our Histories

The UMass Lowell Southeast Asian Digital Archive is a community-centered archive of cultural heritage materials from Southeast Asian American communities in the greater Lowell, Mass., region.

Mission Statement:

The Southeast Asian Digital Archive seeks to collect, preserve, and share historical materials related to Southeast Asians in the Greater Lowell area, with particular focus on refugee resettlement and community building from the 1970s to the present. Our goal is to highlight Southeast Asian voices and viewpoints, and to educate the public about the resilience and diversity of Southeast Asian Americans.

At SEADA, we believe that it is important to preserve the histories of Southeast Asian communities in their own voices. By collecting, preserving, and sharing these stories, SEADA seeks to contribute to the understanding of Southeast Asians in the US.

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Largest U.S. Cambodian American population located in Lowell

1,200,000

Southeast Asian refugees to the U.S. since 1975

Over 20%

Lowell population classified as Asian American

VIEW OUR COLLECTIONS

To see materials please visit:

[SEADA at Omeka](#)



When you arrive to the SEADA Omeka site you will have two ways to browse materials, through “Browse Items” and “Browse Collections.”

[Browse Items](#)

[Browse Collections](#)

Part 3: What is an item?

An item is made of two pieces:

1. An image or PDF
2. Information about the image or PDF



It is possible for you to download an image or PDF.

Dublin Core

Title Papaya
Subject [Children's drawings](#)
[Food](#)
Description Papaya
Creator [Yath, Sopheak](#)
Source [Tsapatsaris, George N. and Dorothea. A City of Refugees, the Memories of Cambodia Collection](#)
Publisher University of Massachusetts Lowell
Date 1987-1990
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Any color text other than black on your screen is clickable and will take you to other items using the same text in the same field.

Part 4: Omeka Search Directions

The best way to search the SEADA Omeka site is by using the basic search bar in the upper right hand area of the window. You may have to click on the magnifying glass illustration to open the search bar.

The first set of options allows you to select a query type:

- Keyword, or general search (**recommended**);
- Boolean, in which you can add boolean operators like AND and NOT;
- Exact match, which will only find exact matches to the word or phrase you enter.

The second set of options are a series of check boxes for content to include in the search. The options chosen may be:

- Item
- File
- Collection

as well as options, if they exist, such as:

- Simple Page (SEADA Omeka pages that do not include items, files, or collections)

Search Steps:

1. Choose your query type.
2. Choose the options available to search.
3. Type the keyword(s) you want to search for in the field available.
4. Click "Enter" on your keyboard or click the search magnifying glass button on your screen.

These directions are from Omeka.org and have been adapted for this handout. For more information on search directions as well as advance search techniques, log onto:

<https://omeka.org/classic/docs/GettingStarted/Searching/>

Part 5: Sample Keyword List

The following keywords are used or appear in the materials in the SEADA Omeka site. Choose a keyword from this list, or think of your own keyword, and as you try searching for materials.

- 1980-1989
- Birthday parties
- Blessing dance
- Color photography
- Needlework
- New Year
- St. Patrick's Church
- Sewing
- Sound recordings
- Southeast Asian Water Festival