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A Senior Lecturer in Asian Studies at the University of Massachusetts Lowell and formerly the Associate Director of the Cambodian Genocide Program at Yale University (1998-2001), George Chigas is a noted political commentator on the genocide perpetrated by the Khmer Rouge during the 1970s.

This small collection is comprised of photographs taken by George Chigas of Cambodian sites and ceremonies in Lowell, Mass.

The images document the ordination of novice monks, the consecration of a Buddhist statue, a Cambodian festival kite, and a community money tree celebration.

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## **Background on George Chigas**

A scholar of modern southeast Asia, George Chigas studied Classics as an undergraduate at Tufts (1980) before earning an MA in Asian Studies at Cornell (1987) and PhD in Southeast Asian Languages at the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London.

Since working as Associate Director of the Cambodian Genocide Program at Yale University from 1998 to 2001, Chigas has served as Senior Lecturer in Asian Studies at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. He is known particularly as a political commentator on the genocide perpetrated by the Khmer Rouge during the 1970s.

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At the consecration of a Buddhist statue, 1987

# Inventory

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Chigas, George: Cambodian Theravada Buddhism: a comparison study

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### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Provenance

Gift of George Chigas, Sept. 1987.

### Digitized content

The photographs have been digitized and may be [viewed online through Credo](#).

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