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**CSU, Sacramento History Department presents,
40 Years of Silence: An Indonesian Tragedy, a screening of Dr. Robert Lemelson's
moving feature length documentary film about one of the most horrific chapters of
Indonesian History followed by a Q&A session.**

WHAT: *40 Years of Silence: An Indonesian Tragedy* – Dr. Michael G. Vann, History, Sacramento State, is hosting a **free** screening of Dr. Robert Lemelson's moving feature length documentary film about one of the most horrific chapters of Indonesian History that will be immediately followed by an open Q&A session. *40 Years of Silence: An Indonesian Tragedy* is directed by anthropologist Robert Lemelson and edited by two-time Academy Award winner, Pietro Scalia. The film is a culmination of 10 years of Dr. Lemelson's research of one of the largest unknown mass-killings of the 20th century where an estimated 500,000 to 1,000,000 people were secretly and systematically killed in 1965-1966, when General Suharto began a bloody purge of suspected communists throughout Indonesia (*40 Years of Silence* website).

This is a **free event** sponsored by the History Department at CSU, Sacramento and is being held in conjunction with an open Q&A session immediately following the screening.

WHO:

- **Robert Lemelson, Director/Producer.** "A documentary filmmaker and psychological anthropologist, Dr. Robert Lemelson's work focuses on personal experience, culture, and mental illness in Indonesia and the United States. He has been conducting anthropological research in Indonesia since 1993. He is currently a research anthropologist at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior" (*40 Years of Silence* website).

Dr. Lemelson is an anthropologist who received his master's degree from the University of Chicago and his doctoral degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. He is currently a research anthropologist at the Center for Culture and Health, Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at the UCLA Semel Institute, as well as being a Lecturer in the Departments of Anthropology and Psychology at UCLA. Dr. Lemelson was a Fulbright scholar in Indonesia from 1996 to 1997, has worked for the World Health Organization, and, is additionally trained as a clinical psychologist. His areas of expertise are: Southeast-Asian studies, psychological anthropology, and transcultural psychiatry (<http://www.cns.med.ucla.edu/Bios/LemelsonR.htm>).



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- **Dr. Michael G. Vann, Assistant Professor of History, CSU, Sacramento.** Dr. Vann is a widely published specialist in European colonialism in Southeast Asia. He credits his fascination with the events of 1965-1966 in Indonesia for his decision to become a historian at the rather precocious age of sixteen. At Sac State, Professor Vann offers a survey of Southeast Asian history. He also discusses the all too frequently neglected history of Indonesia, including the horrific events covered in "40 Years of Silence" in his World History courses. Previously, he has taught similar courses for the United States Naval Postgraduate School, Santa Clara University, and the University of California, Santa Cruz. He is a frequent visitor to Indonesia and this diverse and fascinating nation remains one of his intellectual passions.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 17, 2009. **Free screening** begins at 5:30PM and the Q&A discussion will immediately follow. Seating is limited for this **free event**. Walk-ins are welcome until seats are filled.

WHERE: CSU, Sacramento, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819, Mendocino, room 3013.

For more information regarding the film, *40 Years of Silence: An Indonesian History*, visit the film's website at: <http://www.40yearsofsilence.com>.