

Human Sciences Encounters in Phnom-Penh: Researchers Profiles:McCANN Gregory

Gregory McCann is a PhD student at Tamkang University in Taipei, Taiwan. His research examines the ways in which Cambodian animism and folklore resemble ideas in contemporary environmental philosophy. He spent January and February of 2010 in Ratanakiri and Mondulkiri provinces among the Brao, Tampuan, Kreung and Bunong ethnic groups learning about their ways of life and how their culture relates to bioregionalism. In January 2011 he will return to Cambodia to investigate the ways in which the sacred Haling Halang mountains in Virachey National Park have served as an import resource in terms of being an escape route and hideout in times of turmoil, and how these mountains have been, in the words of bioregionalist Jim Dodge, “psyche-tuning power presences” in the minds of the indigenous people who live in the park’s buffer zone. He has taught English at Chang Gung University in Taoyuan, Taiwan since 2007. His paper “Animism in Cambodia: Bioregionalism in Practice” will be published in the deep ecology journal *The Trumpeter* Vol 27 No. 1, 2011 (forthcoming).