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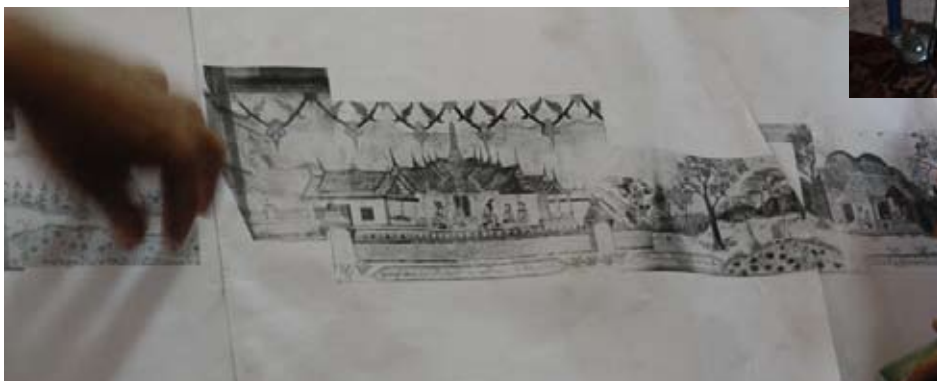
University of Washington, Seattle

presents: ***Digitally replicating the lost Lao Ramayana murals at Vat Oub Mong***



Alan Potkin of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University will be guest lecturing on recent accomplishments in the Lao PDR (Laos), now using a projected stitched image archive to replicate completely and exactly the 1930s-era murals of the *Phralak-Phralam* —the Lao Ramayana— that were lost with the demolition of the old *vihaan* at Vat Oub Mong: a Buddhist monastery in Vientiane. The eventual colorization will be in acrylics. Nobody has ever done this.

Most technical aspects have proved easily mastered and the temple interior pencil cartooning is now at least 60% finished: already up and covering about fifty square meters of wall space. The new murals occupy very nearly identical positions with those destroyed inside that same footprint in December, 2000.



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