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Thailand: Across Cultures, Learning Together

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Friday, October 5th, 2007

12:00-1:00pm

Reid Hall, Room 124

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King Rama V (1862) of Thailand traveled extensively in the West and was convinced that education was the key to Thailand’s future. He established what eventually became Phranakhon Rajabhat University (PRU) in Bangkok. It is not an ordinary university in that it is designed to train teachers, with an emphasis on learning about western culture.

During a six-week program, the MSU College of Education, Health and Human Development will host Phranakhon Rajabhat University lecturer, Ms. Apinun Nilsawaddi. She is this year’s recipient of the JEEM (Joint Exchange in Methodology) Memorial Scholarship, which was established by the family of Dr. James G. Hauwiler to support international educational exchanges.

Ms. Nilsawaddi has been a teacher for 23 years: ten years at the secondary level before coming to Phranakhon Rajabhat University (PRU) in Bangkok. At PRU she has been a teacher, the head of the Department of English Teaching, and is currently the Assistant Director of Graduate Studies. She has been a leading proponent in introducing a more in-depth study of western culture. While in Montana, Apinun is interested in learning about intercultural communication, employing technology in instruction, and learning to be a more efficient administrator and effective teacher trainer. Upon her return to Thailand, Apinun will teach a course called Socio-Cultural Backgrounds of English Speaking Countries.

Please join us for this interesting lecture...

Bring your lunch: we will provide dessert