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Biography

Born in Rangoon, Burma, 1943; lived in Rangoon for most of her life until she came to the USA on a Fulbright Fellowship 1982; studied city and regional planning and afterwards political economy at the University of Pennsylvania; dissertation at the same university about centralization and totalitarianism in Burma and the harm it does to human beings 1994; applied and received political asylum in 1989 after the failure of the pro-democracy demonstrations in Burma in 1988; she lives currently as a political exile in the USA; worked as senior research analyst and international radio broadcaster at Radio Free Asia in Washington D.C. 1997-2001; during those years her weekly column 'Reading between the Lines' and her weekly dissident poetry program 'Poems of those who love their country' became well known in Burma; since 2001 she works in Washington D.C. as senior research associate at The Burma Fund, which does strategic research for the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma; there she co-authored a book on democratic transition in Burma and is working on the book version of her dissertation; she also has parallel careers as a writer, poet, playwright and visual artist.

Content

Draft of her dissertation *Modernization, Breakdown and Structural Configurations: Retrogression in Burma (1962-1988)* [1994]; draft of a speech for Daw Aung San Sun Kyi's 57th birthday 2003; article 'What went wrong with the Rice Bowl of Asia?' and essay 'In Praise of Peace, in Times of War' by Kyi May Kaung 2002-2003; copy with childhood photos 1948; typescript of essay on human rights 2003; typescript of 'Shaman. A Play with Puppets' 1996 and documents on its performance in Washington in 2004; draft radio scripts for Radio Free Asia 1998-2000; some documents regarding the Burma Studies Conference in Illinois, USA 2004; tribute/obit by Kyi May Kaung in memory of Taw Myo Myint 2005; article on the Anniversary of 9/11 [2006]; articles by Kyi May Kaung and David I. Steinberg on Sanctions and Burma written for the *Foreign Policy in Focus Strategic Dialogue* 2007.

Papers by Kyi May Kaung 'The politics of economic destruction: Burma in 2003' and 'Forced migrants from Burma on the Burma-Thai border: Why they are here and finding solutions' 2003.

Photocopy of 'Not every needy poor a thief, nor every hag a witch', a short story written by Kyi May Kaung in December 1956 and published in *The Guardian Magazine* in January 1957.

Paper by Kyi May Kaung 'So-called democratization in Burma. Slowly on a socialist, totalitarian nag' 2011.