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### EDUCATION

Dr. Miriam Stark's B.A. (1984) is from the University of Michigan, and she completed her M.A. (1987) and PhD (1993) degrees from the University of Arizona.

Dr. Miriam joined the University of Hawaii-Manoa as a Southeast Asian archaeologist.

Current research concentrates in Cambodian archaeology. There search, undertaken through the Lower Mekong Archaeological Project and the Greater Angkor Project.



Figure 1. Locational map of Angkor Borei area, Takeo Province (courtesy of Jo Lynn Gunness).

## RESEARCH BY The Lower Mekong Archaeological Project (LOMAP)

Most of Dr. Miriam and teams attention focused on excavations at Angkor Borei. Two seasons of field excavation, in 1999 and 2000, of a portion of a prehistoric cemetery located at Vat Komnou, Angkor Borei, Cambodia.



Excavating the Iron Age (around 200 B.C. to A.D. 400) cemetery at Angkor Borei.



### THE VAT KOMNOU

Nearly twenty years after the end of the Khmer Rouge era, Buddhist pagodas have been built or renovated throughout the countryside. Angkor Borei has two pagodas; one of them is Vat Komnou, lies on the south side of the river that bisects the settlement.

Date	Event	Comments	Reference
1998	The discovery of the Vat Komnou cemetery	Occurred by a landowner whose belongings abuts of Vat Komnou began clearing land to make house plots for his children	Stark, M. (2001) Retrieved from: <a href="http://anthropology.hawaii.edu/people/faculty/stark/pdfs/2001_1_2_Stark.pdf">http://anthropology.hawaii.edu/people/faculty/stark/pdfs/2001_1_2_Stark.pdf</a>
1999	Archaeologists began field work	Archaeological excavations took place upslope from the damaged areas and recovered many artifact ceramics and one of the most aspects of the excavations concerned the recovery of portions of 20 human skeletons.	Stark, M. (2001) Retrieved from: <a href="http://anthropology.hawaii.edu/people/faculty/stark/pdfs/2001_1_2_Stark.pdf">http://anthropology.hawaii.edu/people/faculty/stark/pdfs/2001_1_2_Stark.pdf</a>
2000	The excavations was finished	LOMAP members had removed nearly every burials in the unit (excepting the easternmost block).	Stark, M. (2001) Retrieved from: <a href="http://anthropology.hawaii.edu/people/faculty/stark/pdfs/2001_1_2_Stark.pdf">http://anthropology.hawaii.edu/people/faculty/stark/pdfs/2001_1_2_Stark.pdf</a>

### HISTORY OF ANGKOR BOREI

This ancient city was an important settlement of the Kingdom of Funan. It is the birthplace of Norodom, King of Cambodia from 1860 to 1904. The site was first excavated during the years 1999-2000 as part of the Lower Mekong Archaeological Project by the university of Hawaii.



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