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Ramon Hawley Myers
1929-2015

Ramon Hawley Myers, former curator of the East Asia Collection of the Hoover Institution Library & Archives of the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace at Stanford University, was born August 31, 1929 and passed away in November 2015 at the age of 86.

Myers’ interest in Asian studies was sparked during the Korean War, when he served for two years in a medical unit of an infantry battalion and traveled all over Korea. After he returned to the United States and was discharged, he decided to study Japanese and Japanese history. He received a B.A. in History, an M.A. in Economics, and a Ph.D. in Japanese economic history, all from the University of Washington. Before joining the Hoover Institution Myers was a Ford Fellow and taught at the University of Hawaii and the Australian National University. After joining the Hoover Institution as a senior fellow and curator of its East Asia Collection in 1975, Myers became a member of the U.S. Wheat Studies Delegation to the People’s Republic of China in May–June 1976; served as a consultant to the Food and Agricultural Organization, Rome, Italy, from November 1979 to January 1980; and taught as a visiting professor of economics at National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, 1990–91.


The author of more than one hundred journal articles and book reviews, he was also the associate editor of the *Journal of Asian Studies* and edited *Ch’ing-shih wen-t’i* (Studies in Ch’ing History). In 1980, Garland Publishing issued a forty-four volume series that Myers selected and edited entitled *The Modern Chinese Economy*. His research papers are available at the Hoover Institution Archives.

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