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Textiles of the *Li* Minority Ethnic Group of China

Speaker: Dr. David Paly

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The Burke Museum (U.W. Seattle Campus)

Free Parking

■ FA3 members \$10 ■ Non-members \$15 ■



clockwise from upper left: silk embroidery on cotton; cotton indigo *ikat*; *Li* weaver.

Hainan, China's second largest island after Taiwan, is the home of the *Li* ethnic group, the island's original inhabitants and descendents of the ancient *Yue* tribes, who settled there thousands of years ago. As early as the Tang (618 - 907) and Song (960 - 1279) Dynasties, they became known for their skill in spinning, dying, weaving and embroidery work.

Dr. David Paly has been collecting textiles since the 70's with concentrations on International *ikats*, Japanese *tsutsugaki*, and Peruvian Precolumbian works. He shares his knowledge and textile samples of the *Li* people, little known or published but highly accomplished tribal objects in their technical sophistication and visual strength.