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WORK EXPERIENCE

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, Department of History, 2004-present

Associate Professor of History since July 2011.

Assistant Professor of History, 2004-2011.

Undergraduate courses taught include:

The Vietnam War • The United States and the World • What is History? • Guerrilla Warfare and Counterinsurgency • American Empire and Development • The History of Development in Asia • Asia, the Middle East, and the Cold War • The Pentagon Papers • Oral History in a Digital Age • Developing Vietnam: History, Environment, and Culture

Affiliation with Dartmouth's Asian Societies, Cultures & Languages (ASCL) Program.

Founding Director of the [Dartmouth Vietnam Project](#), a student-driven oral history program which documents the memories and experiences of Dartmouth alumni and other members of the Dartmouth community who lived through the Vietnam War era (2014-present).

Director of the [Dartmouth Digital History Initiative](#), a project funded by a \$319,000.00 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Council (U.S. National Archives) to develop digital tools for use with digital collections of oral history data (2019-present).

Founding Director of [Developing Vietnam](#), a foreign study program in Ho Chi Minh City in which Dartmouth College students collaborate and co-learn with students from Fulbright University Vietnam.

Instructor for [Global Insight Expedition: Vietnam](#), an annual for-credit global business learning course for MBA students at the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, 2016-present.

Adopted member of the Dartmouth College Class of 1964.

EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Department of History

Ph.D. degree in American and International History. (Received November 2004.)

Dissertation: "Grand Designs: Vision, Power and Nation Building in America's Alliance with Ngô Đình Diệm, 1954-60." (Advisors: Professors Akira Iriye, Hue-Tam Ho Tai and Ernest May.)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Department of History

M.A. degree in American History. (Received December 1997.) Additional coursework in Vietnamese and Southeast Asian History.

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

B.A. Degree in History with Distinction, and member of Phi Beta Kappa. (Received June 1991.)

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

Monograph: *Misalliance: Ngo Dinh Diem, the United States, and the Fate of South Vietnam*. Cambridge, MA, Harvard University Press, 2013. [Published in Vietnamese as *Liên Minh Sài Lâm: Ngô Đình Diệm, Mỹ, và Số Phận Nam Việt Nam*. Hồ Chí Minh City: National Politics Publishing House, 2016.]

Document Reader: *The Vietnam War: A Documentary Reader*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016.

PUBLICATIONS: PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Book chapter: “Past Imperfect: Peacemaking, Legitimacy, and Reconciliation in US-Vietnam Relations, 1975-2020.” Borje Ljunggren and David H. Perkins, eds., *Vietnam: Navigating a Rapidly Changing Economy, Society and Political Order* (Harvard University Asia Center, forthcoming).

Book chapter: “Development, Space, and Counterinsurgency in South Vietnam’s Bến Tre Province, 1954-1960.” In Stephen Macekura and Erez Manela, eds., *The Development Century: A Global History*. Cambridge University Press, 2018: 150-172.

Journal Article: “The Postcolonial War: Hue-Tam Ho Tai and the ‘Vietnamese Turn’ in Vietnam War Studies.” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 12 n. 3 (October 2017): 14-22.

Journal Article: “Religious revival and the politics of nation building: re-interpreting the 1963 ‘Buddhist crisis’ in South Vietnam.” *Modern Asian Studies*, January 2015. http://journals.cambridge.org/abstract_S0026749X12000935

Book chapter: “Across the Pacific and Back to Vietnam: Transnational Legacies and Memories of the Vietnam War” in Akria Iriye and Robert David Johnson, eds., *Asia Pacific in the Age of Globalization* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015).

Book chapter: “Ngo Dinh Diem and Vietnam War Revisionism in Mark Moyar’s *Triumph Forsaken*,” in Andrew Wiest and Michael Doige, eds., *Triumph Revisited: Historians Battle for the Vietnam War* (New York: Routledge, 2010).

Journal Article: [Co-authored with Tuong Vu] “The Vietnam War as a Vietnamese War: Agency and Society in the Study of the Second Indochina War.” Introduction to a special issue of *The Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 4, n. 3 (2009): 1-16.

Book chapter: “The Diplomacy of Personalism: Civilization, Culture and the Cold War in the foreign policy of Ngô Đình Diệm,” in Christopher Goscha and Christian Ostermann, eds., *Connecting Histories: Decolonization and the Cold War in Southeast Asia, 1945-1962* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2009), 376-402.

Journal Article: “Vision, Power and Agency: the Ascent of Ngô Đình Diệm, 1945-1954,” *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 35, no. 3 (October 2004): 433-458. Republished in Mark Bradley and Marilyn Young, eds., *Making Sense of the Vietnam Wars: Local, National and Transnational Perspectives* (Oxford University Press, 2008), 135-169. [Vietnamese translation published in July 2007 on www.talawas.org.]

Journal Article: “War Stories: The Taylor-Buzzanco Debate and the Future of Vietnam War Studies,” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 1, no.1 (October 2006).

PUBLICATIONS: CO-EDITED WORKS (PEER REVIEWED)

Edited Volume: Edward Miller and Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, eds. *The Cambridge History of the Vietnam War. Volume I: Origins*. This volume, the first in a three-volume collection on the history of the Vietnam War, will feature essays by 22 leading scholars of Vietnam War Studies and Cold War Studies. Under contract with Cambridge University Press. *Publication expected in 2023*.

Journal Issue: Ann Marie Leshkovich, Mark Philip Bradley, and Edward Miller, co-editors, *The Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 12, n. 3 (October 2017). In this special issue, historians and anthropologists revisit and reflect on the work and career of Prof. Hue-Tam Ho Tai, recently retired from the History Department of Harvard University.

Journal Issue: Edward Miller and Tuong Vu, co-editors, *The Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 4, n. 3 (October 2009). This special issue of *JVS* highlights recent research on the Vietnam War, with particular attention to research in Vietnamese archives and other Vietnamese-language sources. The issue includes our introduction, “The Vietnam War as a Vietnamese War: Agency and Society in the Study of the Second Indochina War.”

PUBLICATIONS: ESSAYS, PREFACES, REVIEWS, BLOG POSTS, AND OP-EDS

Book Review: “Review of Pierre Asselin, *Hanoi’s American War: A History*,” H-Diplo Online Discussion Network (April 2021), <https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XXII-34.pdf>.

Book Review: “Review of Andrew Gawthorpe, *To Build as Well as Destroy: American Nation Building in South Vietnam*,” *Journal of American History* 108, n.1 (June 2021): 202.

Article Review: “Review of Daniel Bessner and Fredrik Logevall. “Recentring the United States in the Historiography of American Foreign Relations” H-Diplo Online Discussion Network (May 2020). <https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XXI-42.pdf>.

Book Review: “Review of Kevin Boylan, *Losing Binh Dinh: The Failure of Pacification and Vietnamization, 1969-1971*.” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 14, n. 2 (May 2019): 155-160.

Book Review: “Review of Natalie Huynh Chau Nguyen, *South Vietnamese Soldiers: Memories of the Vietnam War and After*.” *Australian Historical Studies* 50, no. 1 (January 2019): 143–44.

Introduction: [H-Diplo roundtable book review on Geoffrey Stewart, *Vietnam’s Lost Revolution: Ngô Đình Diêm’s Failure to Build an Independent Nation, 1955-1963* \(Cambridge University Press, 2018\)](#), H-Diplo Online Discussion Network (July 2018).

Essay: “Parallel Paths to Power,” printed in *The Vietnam War: An Intimate History* by Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns. New York: Knopf, 2017.

Op-ed article: “[The Unreconciled War](#),” *USA Today*, December 18, 2017.

Op-ed article: “[Behind the Phoenix Program](#),” *New York Times*, Vietnam ’67 series, December 29, 2017.

Book Review: [Review of Geoffrey Shaw, *The Lost Mandate of Heaven: The American Betrayal of Ngo Dinh Diem, President of Vietnam*](#). *The Common Reader* (Sep 2017).

Book Review: “David Marr’s Vietnamese Revolution: A Review of David Marr, *Vietnam: State, War and Revolution (1945-1946)*.” *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 48, n. 1 (Feb 2017): 135-142.

Book Review: Review of David F. Schmitz, *Richard Nixon and the End of the Vietnam War*. *Journal of Military History* 80, n. 3 (July 2016): 963-964.

Book Review: Review of Christian Appy, *American Reckoning: The Vietnam War and Our National Identity*. *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 11, n. 1 (Feb 2016): 137-141.

Dictionary Entry: "Vietnam War." *America in the World, 1776 to the Present: A Supplement to the Dictionary of American History*. Ed. Edward J. Blum. Vol. 2. Farmington Hills, MI: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2016. 1051-1056.

Blog Post: “[Comrades and Rivals: Vietnam-China Relations and the Legacies of the Vietnam War](#).” China Policy Institute Blog, University of Nottingham (U.K.), 24 April 2015.

Book Review: “Review of Pierre Asselin, *Hanoi’s Road to the Vietnam War, 1954-1965*,” H-Diplo Online Discussion Network (September 2014). <http://h-diplo.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XVI-2.pdf>

Book Review: “Review of Fredrik Logevall, *Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America’s Vietnam*,” *Journal of American Studies* (May 2014), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0021875814000280>.

Book Introduction: Introduction to *Dartmouth Veterans: Vietnam Perspectives*, edited by Phillip C. Schaefer (Lebanon, NH: Dartmouth College Press, 2014).

Op-ed article: “[Remember Diem’s Downfall: learning lessons from the death, 50 years ago this month, of South Vietnam’s founding leader](#),” *New York Daily News*, 20 Nov 2013.

Book Review: “Review of Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, *Hanoi’s War: An International History of the War for Peace in Vietnam*.” *Diplomatic History* (June 2013): 1170-1173.

Introduction, Roundtable Book Review: “H-Diplo roundtable on Christopher Goscha, *Vietnam: un état né de la guerre, 1945-1954*.” H-Diplo Online Discussion Network (Fall 2012).

Op-ed article: “[Obama, learn the lessons of Vietnam—from JFK, not LBJ](#),” 13 Nov 2009. Co-authored with Prof. Larry Berman, Department of Political Science, University of California at Davis.

Book review: “A review of James Carter, *Inventing Vietnam: The United States and State Building, 1954-1968*,” H-Diplo Online Discussion Network, (May 2009). <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-X-14.pdf>.

Book Preface: Foreword to *Vietnam: A Portrait of its People at War*, by David Chanoff and Doan Van Toai, 2nd ed. (London: I.B. Taurus, 2009).

News service article: “Đánh Giá lại Ngô Đình Diệm” [Reassessing Ngô Đình Diệm], BBC World Service (Vietnamese edition), 16 April 2009, http://www.bbc.co.uk/vietnamese/vietnam/2009/04/090415_ngodinhdiem_miller.shtml.

Dictionary Entry: “The Vietnam War,” in Akira Iriye & Pierre-Yves Saunier, eds., *The Dictionary of Transnational History* (Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Mcmillian, 2009).

Book review: “Mark L. Lawrence, *Assuming the Burden: Europe and the American Commitment to War in Vietnam*,” *Journal of Modern History* 80, no. 1 (March 2008).

Book review: “Revisionism with a Vengeance: A Review of Mark Moyar’s *Triumph Forsaken: The Vietnam War, 1954-1965*,” *Passport* 38, no. 3 (December 2007).

Book review: “Seth Jacobs, *America’s Miracle Man in Vietnam: Ngo Dinh Diem, Religion, Race, and U.S. Intervention in Southeast Asia*,” H-Diplo Discussion Network, (June 2007), < <http://www.h-net.org/%7Ediplo/roundtables/#jacobs>>.

Working paper: Edward Miller and Matthew Masur, "Saigon Revisited: Researching South Vietnam's Republican Era (1954-1975) at Archives and Libraries in Ho Chi Minh City," The Cold War International History Project, <www.cwihp.org> (October 2006).

Book review: “Nguyễn Long Thành Nam, *Hoa Hao Buddhism in the Course of Vietnam’s History*,” *Journal of Religion*, 85, no. 3 (July 2005).

Book review: “Philip E. Catton, *Diem’s Final Failure: Prelude to America’s War in Vietnam*,” *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia*, no. 3 (March 2003), <http://kyotoreview.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/issue/issue2/article_239.html>.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

POINTS OF DEPARTURE: The Global Origins of the Vietnam War

Hanover, NH, July 2017

Lead organizer and host for an international conference of scholars contributing essays to Volume I of *The Cambridge History of the Vietnam War*. I am the co-editor of this volume, which is scheduled for publication in 2023. Website: <http://sites.dartmouth.edu/vietnamconference/>.

VIETNAM, 1963

Washington, DC, September 2013

Lead organizer for an international conference of recent scholarship on the events of 1963 in Vietnam (one of the proverbial turning points in Vietnam War history) held during the 50th anniversary year of those events. This conference was co-sponsored by the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech University and the U.S. National Archives, and held at the National Archives Building in Washington. The conference featured presentations by two dozen Vietnam War historians and Vietnam Studies scholars. Conference agenda: http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/events/2013_Conference/agenda.htm.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

FULBRIGHT UNIVERSITY VIETNAM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES (2017-2019)

Provided expert advice and oversight for a new non-profit, private university based in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. FUV is Vietnam’s first independent university, and the first to offer a liberal arts undergraduate curriculum. As a member of the FUV Board during its startup phase, I participate in many different aspects of building the university, including the design of its new campus, the hiring of its first Chief Academic Officer, the hiring of its founding faculty, and the recruitment of its founding class of students.

INDEPENDENCE PALACE, HO CHI MINH CITY, HISTORICAL ADVISOR (2014-present)

Provided expert historical advice and guidance on the content and organization of a new historical exhibit on the history of Independence Palace and the city of Saigon/Ho Chi Minh City. This exhibit opened in March 2018. Prior to 1975, Independence Palace served as the South Vietnamese seat of government; it is currently the most-visited public history site in Vietnam, with more than one million visitors per year.

NATIONAL HUMANITIES CENTER, REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS (2019)

Reviewer of faculty applications for year-long residential fellowships at the NHC.

FLORENTINE FILMS, ADVISOR ON [THE VIETNAM WAR](#) (2012-2017)

Provided expert historical advice to directors/producers Ken Burns and Lynn Novick and their team on the historical content of a documentary film on the Vietnam War, broadcast on Public Television in the United States and around the world in 2017.

PUBLIC RADIO INTERNATIONAL, ADVISOR ON [LBJ'S WAR](#) (2017)

Provided expert historical advice and commentary to executive producer Steve Atlas on a series of podcasts using oral history interviews and other materials to explore President Lyndon Johnson's decisions to escalate the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. In the first three months after the publication of this series in September 2017, it was downloaded more than 400,000 times.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL ARCHIVES, ADVISOR ON [REMEMBERING VIETNAM](#) (2017-19)

Provided expert historical advice to the curator of an exhibit on the Vietnam War at the U.S. National Archives in Washington, DC. I also served on the Honorary Committee for this initiative.

***THE JOURNAL OF VIETNAMESE STUDIES*, EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD (2006-2013)**

Appointed to advise the editors of a University of California-based peer-reviewed journal (launched in October 2006). I also serve as a referee for article manuscripts submitted to the journal.

VIETNAMESE STUDIES GROUP, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (2004-2007; 2010-2016)

Elected to Association of Asian Studies-affiliated council that coordinates activities and exchanges involving Vietnam specialists in various disciplines.

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, FULBRIGHT US STUDENT SCREENING COMMITTEE: SOUTHEAST ASIA (2016)

Served on a committee that reviewed applications for Fulbright Fellowships to conduct research in Southeast Asia.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES, FELLOWSHIP PANELS (2009, 2018)

Served on a panel that reviewed applications from university and independent scholars for NEH Fellowships in History (2010-2011) and NEH Summer Stipends (2019).

SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES SUMMER INSTITUTE (SEASSI), FLAS FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE (2008-2016)

Served on three-member committee that evaluated entries in a national competition among graduate students and others for federally-funded Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) awards for intensive summer language study.

PROFESSIONAL GROUP MEMBERSHIPS

Active member of American Historical Association (AHA), the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) and the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR).

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

National Historical Publications and Records Council, U.S. National Archives. \$319,000.00 grant to support the launch of the *Dartmouth Digital History Initiative*, a 2.5 year project to develop digital tools for use with digital collections of oral history data, July 2019-October 2021.

Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation. \$10,000.00 grant to support the operations of the Dartmouth Vietnam Project, an oral history program I co-founded. October 2019-September 2020.

Travel Grant for Research in Vietnam. \$2000 grant to conduct research in Vietnam, provided by the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College, December 2017.

Honorary Committee for *Remembering Vietnam*. An exhibit on the Vietnam War at the United States National Archives, November 2017-February 2019.

Dartmouth College, Dartmouth Conferences Award. \$40,000 grant to support an international conference on the origins of the Vietnam War at Dartmouth College, July 2017.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipend. \$6,000 award for research in Vietnam during summer 2015.

Dartmouth Faculty International Research Travel Grant. For research in Vietnam during summer 2015.

Travel Grant for Research in Vietnam, John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College, December 2014.

Jack E. Thomas 1974 Family Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2013-2014.

Travel Grant for Research in Vietnam, John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College, December 2010.

Junior Faculty Fellowship, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Dartmouth College, 2007-2008.

Travel Grant for Research in Vietnam, John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College, January 2008.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipend for Research in Vietnam, 2006.

Junior Faculty Fellowship, Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for the study of the Social Sciences, Dartmouth College, 2005-2006.

Travel Grant for Research in Vietnam, John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College, January 2005.

John M. Olin Predoctoral Fellowship in National Security Studies, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University, 2003-2004.

Whiting Dissertation Completion Fellowship in the Humanities, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, 2003-2004.

Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Charles Warren Center for American History, Harvard University, 2002-2003.

Graduate Student Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2001-2 & 2002-3.

Fulbright-Hays Fellowship for Doctoral Dissertation Research in Vietnam and Singapore, 2001-2.

Visiting Associate, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Republic of Singapore, 2002.
Harvard Merit Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, 2000-1.
Predissertation Fellowship, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Summer 2000.
Research Grant, Charles Warren Center for American History, Harvard University, February 2000.
Dwight D. Eisenhower/Thomas A. Pappas Graduate Fellowship, 1999-2000.
Fellowship for language study in Hanoi, Vietnam, Vietnamese Advanced Study Institute, Summer 1998.
FLAS Fellowship for Vietnamese Studies, University of Michigan, 1996-1997.
FLAS Fellowship for Vietnamese language study, Arizona State University, Summer 1996.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

“Conducting oral history interviews with Vietnam Veterans.”

Virtual presentation to Prof. Diu-Huong thi Nguyen’s course on Oral History and the Vietnam War at the University of California-Irvine.

Irvine, CA, October 2021

“The Burning Monk: The Story Behind one of the most famous photographs of the Vietnam War.”

In-person lecture delivered at the Wright Museum of World War II.

Wolfsboro, NH, August 2021

“Testimony as Data: The Dartmouth Digital History Initiative and new data visualization methods for oral history archives.”

Virtual presentation to The Humanities Fieldwork Interdisciplinary Research Group, University of Miami.

Miami, FL, April 2021

“Thinking about Oral History: Subjectivity, Memory, and Truth”

Virtual lecture to students and faculty at Fulbright University Vietnam.

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, March 2021

“The War that Dare Not Speak Its Name: Thinking about the Vietnam War as a civil war.”

Lecture at Washington University in St. Louis, Department of International and Area Studies.

St. Louis, MO, October 2019

“A State Born of Civil War: The Microdynamics of Violence and State Building in the Republic of Vietnam.”

Presentation at a workshop at the University of Oregon entitled “Studying Republican Vietnam: Issues, Challenges and Prospects.”

Eugene, OR, October 2019

“Reinterpreting Ngô Đình Diệm and the Republic of Vietnam.”

Presentation to Dr. Michael Heaney’s course on the Vietnam War at Middlebury College.

Middlebury, VT, January 2019

“The Vietnam War as a Civil War: Revisiting the 1960 “Concerted Uprising” in Bến Tre Province.”

Lecture at Exeter University’s Centre for War, State, and Society (CWSS).

Exeter, United Kingdom, December 2018

“Tracing the Transnational and Civil War Origins of the Phoenix Program in South Vietnam.”
Lecture at Leeds University’s Global History Seminar.
Leeds, United Kingdom, November 2018

“Rethinking the ‘American War’ in Vietnam.”
Masterclass for graduate and undergraduate students in Dr. Simon Toner’s course “The American War in Vietnam,” at Sheffield University.
Sheffield, United Kingdom, November 2018

“Hearts, Minds, and Grievances: Tran Ngoc Chau and the origins of the Phoenix Program in South Vietnam.”
Paper presented at a workshop at the Université de Québec à Montréal entitled “Understanding Insurgencies: Colonial Insurgencies as Transnational Phenomena.”
Montréal, Québec, April 2018

“New Histories of the Vietnam Wars.”
Commentor/participant in a workshop held at Columbia University’s Weatherhead Center, to review three book manuscripts by junior scholars on various aspects of the Vietnam War.
New York, NY, May 2017

“New perspectives on Ngô Đình Diệm and other topics in Vietnam War History.”
Presentation to Prof. David Hunt’s class on the Vietnam War at UMass Boston.
Boston, MA, October 2016

“Space, Sovereignty, and Counterinsurgency in South Vietnam’s Bến Tre Province, 1954-1960.”
Presentation a workshop entitled “Towards a Global History of Development,” held at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study (Harvard University).
Cambridge, MA, June 2016

“Historical Issues of Dispute in the South China Sea.”
Discussant for a panel discussion as part of a Yale University Conference. “Conflict in the South China Sea.”
New Haven, CT, May 2016

“Reinterpreting Ngô Đình Diệm and the Republic of Vietnam.”
Presentation to Dr. Michael Heaney’s seminar on the Vietnam War at Trinity College.
Hartford, CT, February 2016

“Misalliance: Ngô Đình Diệm, the United States, and the Origins of the Vietnam War.”
Public lecture delivered at the United State Consulate’s American Center in Ho Chi Minh City.
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, August 2015

“How American Historians Think about the Vietnam War: Changing Perspectives on Ngô Đình Diệm and Other Topics.”
Presentation to Prof. Truong Minh Huy Vu’s graduate seminar at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities, National University of Ho Chi Minh City.
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, August 2015

“Misalliance: Ngo Dinh Diem, Nation Building, and the Origins of the Vietnam War.”
Lecture delivered at the Southeast Asian Language Summer Study Institute (SEASSI).
Madison, Wisconsin, July 2014

“Hanoi’s Domestic and International Challenges during the Vietnam War.”

Commentator on a panel at the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) annual meeting.

Philadelphia, PA, March 2014

“Vietnam: New Lessons from an Old War, a Half Century On.”

Participant in panel discussion with two journalists (Peter Arnett and Laura Palmer) and two U.S. veterans (Sen. Bob Kerrey and Tom Valley). Held at the University of Pittsburgh’s Honors College.

Pittsburgh, PA, March 2014

“Strategic Hamlets and States of Mind: Counterinsurgency in South Vietnam during the Ngo Dinh Diem era.”

Presentation delivered to two groups of cadets enrolled in Major David Musick’s “Unconventional Warfare” course at the U.S. Military Academy.

West Point, NY, November 2013

“Misalliance: Ngo Dinh Diem, the United States, and the Crisis of 1963 in South Vietnam.”

Presentation to the New York Military Affairs Symposium, delivered as part of a two-day conference entitled “VIETNAM 1963: Revision and Reassessment.” Broadcast on C-SPAN.

New York, NY, November 2013

“Misalliance: Rethinking Ngo Dinh Diem and the Roots of America’s Involvement in the Vietnam War.”

Presentation to Yale University’s Southeast Asian Studies (SEAS) seminar series.

New Haven, CT, October 2013

“Landscape, Ecology and Counterinsurgency in South Vietnam: The Strange Saga of Binh Hung Village.”

Presentation to a Program on Global Society and Security (PGSS) seminar at Harvard University.

Cambridge, MA, October 2013

“‘Two Fingers Away from Victory’: The Ngo Brothers and the Unravelling of America’s Alliance with the Diem government in 1963.”

Presentation to an international conference entitled “Vietnam 1963,” co-sponsored by the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech University and the U.S. National Archives. (I was one of the co-organizers of this conference.)

Washington, DC, September 2013

“Landscape, Counterinsurgency, and the Strange Saga of Binh Hung Village.”

Co-presented paper (with Prof. David Biggs) at a workshop entitled *Wasteland and Wonderland: Critical Perspectives on Development in Southeast Asia*, held at the University of California-Riverside.

Riverside, CA, March 2012

“A Changing of the Imperial Guard? The RVN Civil Guard and the Politics of Counterinsurgency in South Vietnam, 1955-1960.”

Presentation delivered at a conference on *New Lessons Learned, Lessons Lost: Counterinsurgency from Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan*, co-sponsored by the Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (Johns Hopkins University) and the Vietnam Center (Texas Tech University).

Washington, DC, March 2010

“Politics, Culture and Leadership in Vietnam, Thailand and Singapore.”

Presentation to MBA students enrolled in the Global Initiatives in Management (GIM) Program at the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University.

Evanston, IL, January 2009

“A review of James Carter’s *Inventing Vietnam: The United States and State Building, 1954-1968*”

Presentation delivered at a conference on *New Scholarship in American Foreign Relations*, co-sponsored by Williams College and H-Diplo.

Williamstown, MA, April 2009

“Defending the Dharma, Defending the Nation: Religion, Nationalism and the Politics of Nation Building in South Vietnam’s 1963 ‘Buddhist Crisis.’”

Presentation to Yale University’s Southeast Asia Studies Council.

New Haven, CT, February 2009

“Historical Perspectives: Vietnam and Singapore.”

Presentation to MBA students enrolled in the Global Initiatives in Management (GIM) Program at the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University.

Evanston, IL, January 2009

“New Perspectives on the Self-Immolation of Thích Quảng Đức.”

Presentation to the Departments of Religious Studies and History at the University of California, Riverside.

Riverside, CA, October 2008

“Vision, Power and Agency: The Ascent of Ngo Dinh Diem.”

Presentation delivered at a conference on *Making Sense of the Vietnam Wars*, University of Kentucky.

Lexington, KY, October 2007

“Rethinking Ngô Đình Diệm and the Diệm era in South Vietnam: New Evidence and New Interpretations.”

Presentation delivered at a conference on *The New Vietnam War Revisionism: Implications and Lessons*, Williams College.

Williamstown, MA, March 2007

“Putting the Cold War in its Place: The Taylor-Buzzanco Debate and How We Think About the Vietnam War.”

Presentation to Southeast Asia Studies Council, Yale University.

New Haven, CT, December 2006

“Undoing the ‘Limited Partnership’: The Neutralization of Laos and the Origins of the 1963 Crisis in South Vietnam.”

Presentation at a conference entitled *L’Indochine entre les deux accords de Genève (1954-1962): L’échec de la paix?*, University of Quebec at Montreal.

Montreal, Canada, October 2006

“The Taylor-Buzzanco debate and the future of Vietnam War studies.”

Presentation at a conference entitled *Vietnamese Studies: States of the Field*, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of California at Berkeley.

Berkeley, CA, April 2006

“Making the ‘National Revolution’: The Ascent of Ngô Đình Diêm, 1945-1955.”

Presentation at a conference on *The First Indochina War: Nationalism, Colonialism and Cold War*, Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library.

Austin, TX, November 2002

“Vision and Parallax: Ngô Đình Diêm, the Americans and Nation Building in the South Vietnamese Countryside (1955-1963).”

Lecture to the Southeast Asian Studies Program Seminar Series, National University of Singapore.

Singapore, April 2002

“History and Memory: How Americans Remember and Forget the Vietnam War.”

Lecture delivered at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, National University of Ho Chi Minh City.

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, January 2002

OTHER PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

“The Dartmouth Digital History Initiative: New methods for encoding and visualizing data in oral history archives.”

Paper co-presented (virtually) with Dr. Bryan Winston at the annual meeting of the Oral History Association.

October 2021

“War by Improvisation: Civil warfare, irregular military forces, and Cold War politics in the Mekong Delta during South Vietnam’s First Republic.”

Paper presented (virtually) at the annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies.

Seattle, WA, March 2021

“Mobility and the Transnational in Colonial Vietnam.”

Chair and commentator on a panel held at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA).

Denver, CO, January 2017

“South Vietnamese State and Society in the Long Vietnam War”

Commentator on a panel of three paper presentations at the annual meeting of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR).

San Diego, CA, June 2016

“The Development of Vietnamese Studies since 1980: A Roundtable in Honor of Professor Hue-Tam Ho Tai.”

Co-organizer, chair, and discussant on a roundtable held to mark the retirement of Hue-Tam Ho Tai of Harvard University, a leading figure in the field of Vietnamese Studies. Event held at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies.

Seattle, WA, April 2016

“The Dartmouth Vietnam Project: Oral History as Experiential Learning for Undergraduates.”
(co-presented with Caitlin Birch, Rauner Library, Dartmouth College)

Paper presented as part of a panel on “Oral History as a Learning Method: Students Capture Stories of the Vietnam War Era,” at the Annual Meeting of the Oral History Association.

Tampa, FL, October 2015

“The Burden of South Vietnamese History: Rethinking Sovereignty and the State in the History of the Republic of Vietnam.”

Presentation at a workshop on “The State in Vietnam and the State of Vietnamese Studies,” held at Harvard University.

Cambridge, MA, April 2015

“Landscape, Ecology, and Counterinsurgency in South Vietnam.”

Paper co-presentation (with Prof. David Biggs, University of California-Riverside), delivered at the Sixth Annual *Engaging with Vietnam* Conference.

Eugene, OR, November 2014

“Decolonization and Postcolonial Empire in Southeast Asia.”

Panel chair at the annual meeting of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR).

Lexington, KY, June 2014

“Hanoi’s Domestic and International Challenges during the Vietnam War.”

Commentator on a panel of three paper presentations at the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) annual meeting.

Philadelphia, PA, March 2014

“Developing the Village in Order to Save it: Development Ideas and Counterinsurgency Warfare during the Vietnam War.”

Paper presented on a panel (which I organized) on Development in the Early Cold War Era, held at the annual meeting of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

Arlington, VA, June 2013

Commentary on “South Vietnamese Nationalism and Nation Building.”

Comments on three papers presented at the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) annual meeting.

Hartford, CT, June 2012

Commentary on “Press Landscape and Intellectual Production in the Republic of Vietnam, 1955-75.”

Comments on three papers presented at the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) annual meeting.

Toronto, CA, March 2012

Commentary on “International Dimensions of the Vietnamese Crises, 1945-1975.”

Comments on five papers presented at the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) annual meeting.

Honolulu, HI, April 2011

“A House Divided: The CIA, the Càn Lao Party and the Internal Politics of the Ngô Đình Diêm regime, 1954-1960.”

Paper Presented at a conference on *The American Experience in Southeast Asia, 1945-1975*, The United States Department of State, Bureau of Public Affairs, Office of the Historian.

Washington, DC, September 2010

“Vanguard of the ‘Personalist Revolution’: Ngô Đình Diêm, Ngô Đình Nhu and the Rise of the Càn Lao Party, 1948-1954.”

Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies (AAS).

Chicago, IL, March 2009

“Edward Lansdale’s Vietnam War: Myth, History and the Career of America’s Most Famous Vietnam Intelligence Operative.”

Chair and Organizer of a panel organized on the 100th anniversary of Lansdale’s birth, presented at the Sixth Triennial Vietnam Symposium, the Vietnam Center, Texas Tech University.

Lubbock, TX, March 2008

“Using biography to reassess Ngo Dinh Diem and US relations with the first Republic of Vietnam.”

Presentation delivered as part of a Roundtable Discussion on “The Force of Personality within Diplomatic History,” Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) annual meeting.

Chantilly, VA, June 2007

“The Ngô Brothers’ Last Gambit: The Ngô Đình Diệm Regime, the United States and the Crisis of 1963 in South Vietnam.”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR).

Lawrence, KS, June 2006

Commentary on “Vexed Relations: Rethinking the Second Indochina War through the Perspectives of the South Vietnamese and their Allies.”

Comments on three papers presented at the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Meeting.

San Francisco, CA, April 2006

“Puppet, Despot, Sage: Reassessing Ngô Đình Diệm and the First Republic of Vietnam.”

Paper presented at the American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting.

Philadelphia, PA, January 2006

“Reform, nationalism and the self-immolation of Thích Quảng Đức.”

Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Meeting.

Chicago, IL, April 2005

“Mỹ versus Diệm: American and Vietnamese approaches to democracy and government reform in South Vietnam, 1955-1963.”

Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Meeting.

San Diego, CA, March 2004

“Piety, power and the revolt of the bonzes: the religious politics of the 1963 Buddhist movement in South Vietnam.”

Paper presented at a conference on *The Rise and Fall of Ngo Dinh Diem: Implications for the United States and for Vietnam*, The Vietnam Center, Texas Tech University.

Lubbock, TX, October 2003

“Confucianism and ‘Confucian Learning’ in South Vietnam during the Diem years, 1954-1963.”

Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Meeting.

New York City, March 2003

“The Professor and the President: Wesley Fishel, Ngô Đình Diệm and the Struggle to Build a Nation in South Vietnam, 1950-1963.”

Paper presented at Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Meeting.

Washington DC, June 2001

“The Revolutionary Virtue of Ngô Đình Diệm.”

Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Meeting.

Chicago, IL, March 2001

PUBLIC EVENTS AT DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

“The War that Dare not Speak its Name: The Vietnam War as a Civil War.”

Presentation to the International Relations Group Seminar, Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College.

January 2019

Film Screening and Discussion: “Dateline-Saigon.”

Event that featured a screening of a documentary film about American journalists in the Vietnam War, followed by audience discussion with the director of the film. Sponsored by the Rockefeller Center for the Social Sciences.

November 2017

Film Screening and Discussion: Ken Burns & Lynn Novick’s “The Vietnam War.”

Host and moderator for a sold-out preview screening of the documentary film “The Vietnam War” (Florentine Films, 2017) at the Hopkins Center, followed by a discussion with Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, the directors and producers.

July 2017

Presentation: “Looking for Reconciliation in the Mekong Delta (and elsewhere): The United States, Vietnam, and the Legacies of the Vietnam War”

Delivered to Dartmouth student participants in The Thought Project.

January 2017

Presentation: “The Dartmouth Vietnam Project”

Co-delivered presentation (with Prof. Jennifer Miller) as part of a seminar on “Experiential Learning at Dartmouth,” held at the Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning (DCAL).

October 2014

Lecture: “Vietnam Revisited: John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, and the Decisions for War in Vietnam.”

Lecture delivered to members of the Dartmouth College Class of 1964 at their 50th college reunion.

June 2014

Lecture: “Misalliance: Ngo Dinh Diem and the Roots of America’s Intervention in the Vietnam War.”

Public Lecture delivered at the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and the Social Sciences at Dartmouth College.

September 2013

Paper Presentation: “Martyrs, Sacrifice, and Reconciliation: Veterans and Memories of the Vietnam War in Contemporary Vietnam.”

Paper presented at a conference on “Military Service and National Obligation,” organized by the Leslie, Dickey and Rockefeller Centers and the Dartmouth History Department in honor of Dartmouth President Emeritus James Wright.

October 2012

Moderator, Panel Discussion: “More than just a war: Vietnamese and Vietnamese-American Perspectives.”

Facilitator for a student-organized discussion of Vietnamese and Vietnamese-American experiences of contemporary Vietnam. Organized by the Dartmouth Vietnamese Students Association.

May 2012

Moderator for a Discussion with Karl Marlantes, author of the novel *Matterhorn*.
Facilitator of a public appearance and discussion organized by the Leslie Center for the Humanities.
October 2010

Panel Discussion: “Arts in Crisis: Healing a Nation’s Wounds.”
Participant in panel discussion organized by the Hopkins Center for the Performing Arts in connection with the visit of Sophiline Cheam Shapiro’s Khmer Dance Ensemble to Dartmouth.
September 2010

Moderator, Panel Discussion: “American Classics.”
Panel organized as part of this panel was part of a Leslie Center-sponsored conference entitled “Imperial Classics: Culture, Letters, Learning.”
November 2009

Moderator, Panel Discussion: “Transnational Migrations of Identity.”
Panel organized as part of Dickey Center and Ford Foundation-sponsored conference on “Jews, Muslims and the Modernity Debate.”
February 2007

Film Screening and Discussion: “The Story of Pao.”
Event that featured a screening of the most critically acclaimed Vietnamese film of 2006, followed by audience discussion with the director and star of the film. Sponsored by the Dickey Center for International Understanding and the Department of History.
November 2006

Moderator, Panel Discussion: “America’s Oil Addiction and National Security: Driving US to the Brink?”
Panel that featured presentations and discussions by Prof. Michael Klare (Amherst College), Prof. Eugene Gholtz (University of Texas-Austin) and Mr. Jonathan Elkind. Sponsored by the Dickey Center for International Understanding.
May 2006

“The ‘Lessons’ of Vietnam and the War in Iraq.”
Presentation delivered as part of the panel *Dartmouth Historians Discuss the War in Iraq*.
May 2006

Panel Discussion: “Teaching at Dartmouth in the 21st Century.”
Reunion College event.
June 2005

EMPLOYER SERVICE

FACULTY ADVISOR, Phi Alpha Theta (History Student Honor Society), 2020-2021.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE, Department of History, 2019-present.

SCHOLARLY INNOVATION AND ADVANCEMENT AWARDS COMMITTEE, College of Arts and Sciences, 2019-2021.

STEERING COMMITTEE, Asian Societies, Cultures & Languages (ASCL), 2017-present.

CHAIR, SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR A HISTORIAN OF THE MIDDLE EAST/ISLAMIC WORLD, Department of History, Dartmouth College, 2016-2018.

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND POLICY (COP), Dartmouth College, 2014-2017.

CHAIR, SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR A SENIOR HISTORIAN (FIELD OPEN), Department of History, Dartmouth College, 2013-2014.

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION (COI), Dartmouth College, Fall 2013.

COMMITTEE ON OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES (COCA), Dartmouth College, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2010, Winter 2011 and Spring 2011.

SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR A TENURE-TRACK HIRE IN THE HISTORY OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENTS, Department of History, Fall 2008-Winter 2009.

WAR AND PEACE STUDIES STEERING COMMITTEE, Dickey Center for International Peace and Understanding, Dartmouth College, 2005-present.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE ON THE TREATY OF PORTSMOUTH (September 2005), Dartmouth College, 2004-2005.

COMMITTEE ON SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Program, Dartmouth College, 2004-present.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, Department of History, Dartmouth College, 2006-2007.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

EASTMAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, Film screening and Discussion (December 2017)

Hosted and moderated a screening of portions of “The Vietnam War” by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick for members of the Eastman Community Association.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC TELEVISION, Moderator training for “The Vietnam War” (September 2017)

Conducted training for volunteer moderators for forthcoming preview screenings of “The Vietnam War” by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick. The training and the screenings were sponsored by NH-PTV in advance of the broadcast of the film.

PRIMARY SOURCE, “Looking at the Vietnam War through Vietnamese Eyes.” (January 2012)

Advised high school curricular designers on the creation of a “curriculum cluster” to be used for teaching about Vietnamese perspectives and experiences of the Vietnam War.

WINTERSET GROUP, “Progressivism in the Tropics: American Nation Building Ventures in Cuba, the Philippines and Puerto Rico, 1898-1917” (Moultonborough, NH, February 2008)

Instructor for one-day seminar for participants in an annual lecture and film series on US history.

PRIMARY SOURCE, “Vietnam since 1945: A Seminar for Teachers” (Watertown, MA, 2007)

Instructor for curriculum development seminar for middle school and high school teachers.

NORTHEAST CULTURAL COOP, “Vietnam: History, Culture and Identity: A Summer Institute for Teachers.” (Hanover, NH, Spring-Summer 2006)

Academic consultant to a thirty-hour summer seminar program for high school teachers. Coordinated overall curriculum and content, and assisted with the recruitment of other college faculty.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Vietnamese: Advanced knowledge (speaking and reading).

French: Advanced knowledge (reading).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate for The Marketing Audit, Inc., a Market Research/Business Intelligence Company in Philadelphia, PA, 1994-1995.

Radio News Producer for ICRT-FM, an English-language radio station in Taipei, Taiwan, 1992-94.

English Teacher for Hess Language School, an English school for children in Taipei, Taiwan, 1991-92.