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## EDUCATION

PhD **University of California, Berkeley**, History, spring 2013  
MA **University of California, Berkeley**, History, spring 2006  
BA **Seattle University**, History, second major in French, Jun 2003 (summa cum laude)

Dissertation: “Contested Identities: Nationalism in the Republic of Vietnam, 1954-63”  
Committee: Peter Zinoman (chair), Penny Edwards, Kerwin Klein  
Field exams: Southeast Asian History, American History, Southeast Asian Studies

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Assistant Professor.** University of Connecticut, Department of History, Aug 2014- present.  
Courses: History of Vietnam, History of the Vietnam War.

**Visiting Scholar.** Academia Sinica (Taiwan), Center for Asia-Pacific Area Studies, 2013-2014.

**Assistant Professor.** Asian University for Women (Chittagong, Bangladesh), Asian Studies Program, 2011-2012. Courses: Modern Asian History, Vietnamese History.

**Graduate Student Instructor.** UC Berkeley. History Department. Taught two sections of large lecture course of US History 1865 to the Present. Spring 2007, spring 2010.

**Reader.** UC Berkeley, History Department. Graded papers for History of Modern Southeast Asia. Fall 2005.

**Reader.** Inglemoor High School (Bothell, Wash.), Social Studies Department. Graded exams and research papers for Senior Year International Baccalaureate Modern World History. AY 2003-4.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed

“South Vietnamese Identity, American Intervention and the Newspaper *Chinh Luận* [Political Discussion], 1965-1969.” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 1, no. 1-2 (February/August 2006): 169-209.

### Other

Review of *Catholic Vietnam*, by Charles Keith. *Journal of Asian Studies* 72, no. 4 (Nov 2013): 1025-1027.

“*History of the Southern Resistance or History of the Communist Resistance?: Vietnam’s Official Interpretation of the Resistance War (1945-1954) in the South.*” Review of *Lịch sử Nam bộ kháng chiến [History of the Southern Resistance]*, edited by Hội Đồng Chỉ Đạo Biên Soạn Lịch Sử Nam Bộ Kháng Chiến. Solicited by the **Cold War International History Project**, June 2014: <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/publication/history-the-southern-resistance-or-history-the-communist-resistance>

Review of all articles in *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 4, no. 3 (fall 2009), special issue on Vietnam War. *H-Diplo Article Roundtable Review* 9, no. 12 (29 Jan 2010): <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XI-12.pdf>.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

### Extramural honors

**Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Program**, 2007-8 (Vietnam)

**Mellon Fellowship for Dissertation Research in Original Sources**, 2007

National award given to 13 fellows by the Council on Library and Information Resources

**Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies**, 2004-5

**A.F. Zimmerman Graduate Scholarship Award**, 2004, monies declined

Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society’s most prestigious graduate student scholarship

### Intramural honors (selected)

**History Department Dissertation Year Fellowship**, 2010-11

**Institute for the Study of Societal Issues Graduate Fellows Training Program**, 2010-11

**Center for the Comparative Study of Right-Wing Movement Mini-Grant**, 2009-10

**Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Studies**, 2004-9. Berkeley’s most prestigious multi-year fellowship annually awarded to 30 entering doctoral students.

**UC Berkeley Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship**, awarded summer 2007, monies declined

**UC Berkeley History Department Summer Dissertation Prospectus Fellowship**, summer 2006.

## PRESENTATIONS

“Contested Identities: Nationalism, Partition, and Cold War ‘Imperialism,’ 1954-1959”  
Engaging with Vietnam, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, 6 Nov 2014.

“From *Yùegòng* to *Việt Minh cộng sản*: The Origins of the Term *Việt Cộng*”  
New England Association for Asian Studies, University of Connecticut, Storrs,  
Connecticut, 4 Oct 2014.

“Contested Identities: Nationalism and Anticommunism in the Republic of Vietnam, 1955-1960”  
Center for Asia-Pacific Studies, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, 20 Feb 2014.

“‘Let History Render Judgment on My Life’: The Suicide of Nhất Linh and the Making of a  
Martyr in the Republic of Vietnam”  
Vietnam, 1963, Conference sponsored by the Vietnam Center and Archive, Texas Tech  
University, and the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC, 27  
Sep 2013.

“American Intervention and South Vietnamese Nationalism in Duyên Anh’s *Giặc Ô kê* (*The Okay  
Invaders*) and *Mơ thành người Quang Trung* (*Aspire to be Quang Trung*)”  
Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, Washington, DC, 22 Jun 2013.

“Denouncing Communists: The Development of Anticommunist Nationalism in the Republic of  
Vietnam, 1954-1960”  
Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, Hartford, Connecticut, 29 Jun  
2012.

“Nationalism and Internationalism: The Cold War and New Definitions of the Nation in the  
Republic of Vietnam, 1954-1963”  
Vietnam in the Cold War: New Perspectives and Sources, Workshop at Hawaii Pacific  
University, Honolulu, Hawaii, 4-5 Apr 2011.

“The Petty Bourgeoisie as the Vanguard of Nationalism: Anticommunist Thought in the  
Republic of Vietnam”  
Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2 Apr 2011.

“Nationalism and the Cold War in the Republic of Vietnam, 1954-1963”  
Brown Bag Lecture, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of California,  
Berkeley, 17 Nov 2010.

“Internationalized Anticommunism: The Effect of External Influences on Republican  
Nationalism”  
Revisiting the First Republic of Vietnam: Nationalism, Nation-Building, and  
Modernization in Ngô Đình Diệm’s South Vietnam, 1954-1963, Workshop at Harvard  
University, 24 Apr 2010.

“Anticommunist, Anticolonial, and Antifeudal: Nationalist Narratives of War and Revolution in South Vietnam”

Brown Bag Lecture, Southeast Asian Program, Cornell University, 12 Nov 2009.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Library of Congress, spring 2010

National Archive Center II, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, fall 2007-spring 2009

General Sciences Library, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, winter 2008-spring 2009

Cornell University Library, summer 2007, summer-fall 2009

Hoover Institute, Stanford University, spring 2006

## SERVICE AND OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Organizer and Co-Moderator, **Voices from the South: New Testimonies from the Last Leaders of South Vietnam**, Southeast Asian Program, Cornell University, 11-12 June 2012.

**Adviser**, Lunar New Year Week, Asian University for Women, Dec 2011-Jan 2012.

**Peer reviewer**, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*, 2008, 2010.

Organizer, **Vietnam Studies Reading Group**, UC Berkeley, spring 2010-spring 2011.

Organizer, **UC Berkeley Vietnam Studies Graduate Student Conference**, 9-10 February 2007.

Graduate Mentor, “**ASUC Undergraduate/Graduate Mentorship Program**,” UC Berkeley, Associated Students of the University of California. Volunteer. Advised undergraduate student interested in graduate school. Jan-May 2006.

## ORGANIZATIONS

Association for Asian Studies, since 2006

Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society), since 2001

## LANGUAGES

Vietnamese—near native reading, writing, and speaking fluency

French—functionally fluent reading, writing, and speaking

Exposure to Chinese—elementary reading, writing, and speaking