

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Toward the 50th Anniversary of the End of War: Vietnamese Americans Contending with War and Postwar Legacies

Time: October 27-28, 2023

Location: Lee Barlow Giustina Ballroom, Ford Alumni Center, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Organizer: The US-Vietnam Research Center with support from the University of Oregon's Global Justice Program, the US Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, and UO's Center for Asian and Pacific Studies

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FIRST DAY, OCT 27, 2023

8:30 AM — 8:45 AM: Welcoming Addresses

- Dennis Galvan, Vice Provost & Dean for Global Engagement & Professor of Global Studies & Political Science, University of Oregon
- Andrew Wells-Dang, Senior Expert, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC
- Tuong Vu, Professor of Political Science & Director of US-Vietnam Research Center, University of Oregon

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM: Opening Keynote Speech

Moderator: Tuong Vu, Professor of Political Science, University of Oregon

Rapporteur: Adrienne Minh-Chau Le, PhD Candidate, Columbia University

- Hon. Anh (Joseph) Q. Cao, former US Congressman, New Orleans, LA

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM: Coffee break

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM: Roundtable 1 -- Resilience in the Face of Enduring Traumas

Moderator: Quan Tran, PhD, Senior Lecturer, Ethnicity, Race, and Migration Program, Yale University

Rapporteur: Y Thien Nguyen, Assistant Professor, Cal State University-Dominguez Hills

- Robert McKelvey, MD, Professor Emeritus, Department of Psychiatry, Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, OR
- Quyen Vuong, Exec. Director, International Children Assistance Network, San Jose, CA
- Jacqueline Thanh, PhD, Exec. Director, VAYLA New Orleans, LA

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM: Roundtable 2 – Caring for Those Left Behind

Moderator: Alex-Thai Vo, Assistant Professor, Vietnam Center, Texas Tech University

Rapporteur: Kelly Nguyen, Assistant Professor of Classics, UCLA

- Nguyen Thanh Thuy, President, Association of Former Prisoners to Assist Wounded Soldiers and Widows of the Republic of Vietnam, Orange County, CA
- Sabrina Thomas, Associate Professor of History, Texas Tech University
- Nguyen Dac Thanh, Founding President, Vietnamese American Foundation, Houston, TX
- Andrew Wells-Dang, Senior Expert, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Luncheon Address – “Justice for Formosa’s Victims (JFFV) & Overseas Vietnamese Community’s Response to the Largest Environmental Disaster in Vietnamese History: A Special Report”

Moderator: Nhu Truong, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Denison University, Granville, Ohio

Rapporteur: Adrienne Minh-Chau Le, PhD Candidate, Columbia University

- Nancy Bui, President, Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation, Austin, TX

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM: Roundtable 3 – Identity, Ideology & Politics in Relations with Vietnam

Moderator: Y Thien Nguyen, Assistant Professor, Cal State University-Dominguez Hills

Rapporteur: Thuy Tran, Art Historian & Curator, PhD candidate, UCSB

- Destiny Nguyen, President, Republic of Vietnam Next Generations Association, Washington, DC
- Trinh Hoi, co-Founder and former Exec. Director, VOICE
- Tran Trung Dao, Writer, Boston, MA

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM: Coffee break

3:45 PM – 5:30 PM: Roundtable 4 – Transnational Activism, Cultural, Educational, and Social Work

Moderator: Ivan Small, Associate Professor, Cultural Studies, University of Houston

Rapporteur: Jennifer Huynh, Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies, University of Notre Dame

- Quynh Kieu, MD, Founding President, Project Vietnam Foundation, Fountain Valley, CA
- Van Truong, EdD, Former Assistant Superintendent, Portland Public Schools, OR
- Ysa Le, PharmD, Exec. Director, VAALA, Orange County, CA
- Joseph Nguyen, Lecturer, Cal State University, Fullerton, CA

SECOND DAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Roundtable 5 – Business and Political Entrepreneurship

Moderator: Jennifer Huynh, Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies, University of Notre Dame

Rapporteur: Linda Ho Peche, PhD, Director, Vietnamese in the Diaspora Digital Archive

- Elwing Suong Gonzalez, PhD, Adjunct Lecturer, Rio Hondo College, CA
- Diedre Thu-Ha Nguyen, Former Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmember, Garden Grove, CA.
- Daniel Nguyen, Oregon State Legislator, Portland, OR

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM: Coffee break

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM: Roundtable 6 -- Cultural Production and Archival Preservation

Moderators: Thuy Vo Dang, Assistant Professor of Information Studies, UCLA and Linda Ho Peche, PhD, Director, Vietnamese in the Diaspora Digital Archive

Rapporteur: Thien-Huong Ninh, Associate Professor, Consumnes College, Sacramento

- Thuy Tran, Art Historian & Curator, PhD candidate, UCSB
- Kelly Nguyen, Assistant Professor of Classics, UCLA
- Chau Thuy, Founding President, Vietnamese Heritage Museum, Santa Ana, CA

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM: Luncheon Address: “Vietnamese Diasporas across the Globe”

Moderator: Tuan Hoang, Associate Professor of Great Books, Pepperdine University

Rapporteur: Joseph Nguyen, Lecturer, Cal State University, Fullerton, CA

- Nathalie Nguyen, Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia & Professor, School of Philosophical, Historical, and International Studies, Monash University, Australia

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM: Roundtable 7 -- Religions as Means of Healing and Community Integration

Moderator: Thien-Huong Ninh, Associate Professor, Consumnes College, Sacramento

Rapporteur: Elwing Suong Gonzalez, PhD, Adjunct Lecturer, Rio Hondo College, CA

- Trong Phan, President, The Vietnamese Community of the USA, Dallas, TX
- Vo Thanh Nhan, Caodai Foundation, and Executive Producer, Vietnamese American Television, Washington, DC
- Lam Quynh Ngo, MD, National Leadership Council, United Buddhist Church-US, Seattle
- Allison Truitt, Professor of Anthropology, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM: Coffee break

2: 30 PM – 4:15 PM: Roundtable 8 -- Community Youth Concerns & Aspirations

Moderators: Duyen Bui, PhD, Lecturer, Political Science & International Studies, Hawaii Pacific University and Jenny Nguyen, Senior Program Assistant, US Institute of Peace

Rapporteur: Quan Tran, PhD, Senior Lecturer, Ethnicity, Race, and Migration Program, Yale University

- Philip Nguyen, Co-Chair, Young Vietnamese American Committee, PIVOT and Adjunct Faculty, San Francisco State University
- Adrienne Minh-Chau Le, PhD Candidate, Columbia University
- Vincent Tran, Organizing Director, VietRise, Garden Grove, CA

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM: Coffee break

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM: Concluding Remarks and Agenda for Moving Forward

- US-Vietnam Research Center Team