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### Academic Positions

- 07/2020- Professor, University of California, Riverside, Department of Anthropology,  
Affiliated Faculty in Southeast Asian Studies, Global Studies, and Asian Studies
- 2016-20/21-22 Director, Program in Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Riverside
- 2017-2018 Research Associate, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
- 2011-2020 Associate Professor, University of California, Riverside, Department of Anthropology,  
Affiliated Faculty in Southeast Asian Studies, Global Studies, and Asian Studies
- 2010-2011 Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Anthropology, Vietnam National University,  
Hanoi, Vietnam
- 2006-2011 Assistant Professor, University of California, Riverside, Department of Anthropology,  
Affiliated faculty in Southeast Asian Studies
- 06-08/2010 Visiting Assistant Professor, Princeton University, Princeton Institute for International and  
Regional Studies, Global Seminar in Vietnam
- 2004-2006 Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, Introduction to the Humanities Program
- 2002-2003 Lecturer, California State University, Long Beach, Department of Anthropology

### Education

- 2004 University of California, Irvine, Ph.D. in Anthropology
- 1998 University of California, Irvine, M.A. in Anthropology
- 1994 State University of New York College at Buffalo, B.A. in Anthropology, Summa Cum Laude

### Fellowships and Awards (external)

- 2021 European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) Social Science Book Prize
- 2020 Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts, Publication Grant
- 2016-18 Wenner-Gren Post PhD Research Grant
- 2017 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Goethe Institute Grant
- 2015 Berlin Prize, American Academy in Berlin, Bosch Fellow in Public Policy
- 2012-13 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship
- 2010-11 U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program
- 2010-11 American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowship
- 2008 Association for Asian Studies, First Book Subvention Grant
- 2008 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Faculty Research Grant
- 2004-2006 Stanford University, Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities
- 2004 University of Massachusetts, Boston, Rockefeller Fellowship, William Joiner Center for the Study  
of War and Social Consequences
- 2001 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Dissertation Research Grant
- 1999 Association for Women in Science, Predoctoral Fellowship Award
- 1999 FLAS Grant for Vietnamese Language Study, US Department of Education

### Fellowships and Awards (UC internal)

- 2019-2021; 2016-18 Academic Senate Committee on Research, UC Riverside Division, CoR Grant
- 2016-19 Center for Ideas and Society at University of California, Riverside, Senior Fellowship
- 2017 Humanities Interdisciplinary Project Award, Center for Ideas and Society at University of  
California, Riverside, *Southeast Asian Natures* (Co-PI with David Biggs)

- 2014-15 Center for Ideas and Society at University of California, Riverside, Mellon Symposia Series, *Mobilizing the Arts in Southeast Asia and its Diasporas*
- 2014 University of California Humanities Research Institute, Resident Fellowship at UC Irvine, Residential Research Group on *Urban Ecologies*
- 2013 Center for Ideas and Society at University of California, Riverside, Resident Fellowship
- 2010-11 University of California Pacific Rim Research Program, Faculty Research/Planning Grant
- 2009 University of California, Riverside, Mellon Workshop Fellowship
- 2009 University of California, Riverside, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, Junior Faculty Distinguished Teaching Award
- 2009 Center for Ideas and Society at University of California, Riverside, Resident Fellowship
- 2008 University of California Pacific Rim Research Program, Conference Grant
- 2008 University of California, Riverside, Academic Senate Grant (also: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014; 2015; 2017; 2018; 2020; 2021)
- 2008 Center for Ideas and Society, UC Riverside, Conference Award (Co-PI)
- 2007 University of California, Office of the Academic Senate, Regent's Fellowship
- 2007 University of California Pacific Rim Research Program, Summer Research Grant
- 2001 University of California, Irvine, Regents Dissertation Writing Fellowship
- 1999 University of California Pacific Rim Research Program, Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 1998 School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine, Humanities Research Grant
- 1997 Department of Women's Studies, UC, Irvine, Renée Riese Hubert Graduate Award
- 1996 School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine, Regents Fellowship

### Books

- 2020 *Building Socialism: The Afterlife of East German Architecture in Urban Vietnam*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- \*Awarded the 2021 European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) Social Science Book Prize
- 2009 *The American War in Contemporary Vietnam: Transnational Remembrance and Representation*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- In progress *Decolonizing Design: Traveling Technologies and the Making of Vietnamese Experts*
- In progress *Pandemic Soundscapes: A Sensory Ethnography of Urban Governance of COVID-19 in Hanoi*

### Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

- 2022 "The Things They Carried (and Kept): Revisiting 'Ostalgie' in the Global South." *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. Forthcoming in 64(2).
- 2018 "Urban Planning and Religious Reassemblage in Socialist Vietnam." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 86(2): 526-553.
- 2017 "Haunted Infrastructure: Religious Ruins and Urban Obstruction in Vietnam." *City & Society* 29(3): 413-434.
- 2017 "Of Memory and Materiality in the Study of Vietnam." *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 12(3): 23-31.
- 2015 "Spectacular Infrastructure and its Breakdown in Socialist Vietnam." *American Ethnologist* 42(3): 520-534.
- 2015 "The Other Veterans: Socialist Humanitarians Return to Vietnam." Special issue on Traveling War Memory. *History and Memory* 27(2): 20-44.
- 2015 "Reclaiming Rights to the Socialist City: Bureaucratic Artefacts and the Affective Appeal of Petitions." Special issue on Porous Enclaves. *South East Asia Research* 23(2): 205-225.
- 2015 "Socialist Mobilities: Crossing New Terrains in Vietnamese Migration Histories." Special issue on the Global Vietnamese Diaspora. *Central and Eastern European Migration Review* 4(1): 13-25.

- 2015 “Socialist Palimpsests in Urban Vietnam.” Special issue on Socialist Networks and the Internationalization of Building Culture after 1945. *ABE Journal: Architecture Beyond Europe* 6 (2014): 1-19.
- 2014 “Traveling Architecture: East German Urban Designs Abroad.” Special issue on Modernity, Socialism and Culture. *International Journal for History, Culture and Modernity* 2(2): 155-174.
- 2014 “Rethinking Asian Mobilities: Socialist Migration and Postsocialist Repatriation of Vietnamese Contract Workers in East Germany.” *Critical Asian Studies* 46(2): 235-258.
- 2013 “Post/Socialist Affect: Ruination and Reconstruction of the Nation in Urban Vietnam.” *Cultural Anthropology* 28(2): 252-277.
- 2012 “Civilizing the City: Socialist Ruins and Urban Renewal in Central Vietnam.” *positions: asia critique* 20(2): 437-470.
- 2012 “How is Neoliberalism Good to Think Vietnam? How Is Vietnam Good to Think Neoliberalism?” Guest Editors’ Introduction with Ann Marie Leshkovich. *positions: asia critique* 20(2): 379-401.
- 2010 “Concluding Thoughts on Politics of Memory in Asia.” *Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society* 34(2): 77-83.
- 2009 “From John McCain to Abu Ghraib: Tortured Bodies and Historical Unaccountability of U.S. Empire in Vietnam.” *American Anthropologist* 111(1): 30-42.
- 2008 “Exhibiting War, Reconciling Pasts: Journalistic Modes of Representation and Transnational Commemoration in Contemporary Vietnam.” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 3(1): 36-77.
- 2006 “Recombinant History: Transnational Practices of Memory and Knowledge Production in Contemporary Vietnam.” *Cultural Anthropology* 21(1): 3-30.
- In process “Urban Planning and Feminist Commoning in Socialist Vietnam.” Invited submission to *Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*

#### **Edited Special Issues (peer-reviewed)**

- 2021 Senses. Peer-reviewed special issue of *Roadsides* 006.
- 2021 Global Vietnamese Studies. Co-edited with Charles Keith. Peer-reviewed special issue of *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 16(1).
- 2017 Vietnamese in Central Europe: An Unintended Diaspora. Peer-reviewed special issue of *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 12(1).
- 2012 Neoliberalism in Vietnam. Co-edited with Ann Marie Leshkovich. Peer-reviewed special issue of *positions: asia critique* 20(2).

#### **Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)**

- 2020 “From Socialist Moderns to the New Urban Poor: Gender and the Housing Question in Vinh City, Vietnam.” In *Socialist and Post-Socialist Urbanisms: Critical Reflections from a Global Perspective*. Lisa B. Welch Drummond and Douglas Young, eds. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. Pp. 27-49.
- 2020 “From Socialist Assistance to National Self-Interest: Vietnamese Labor Migration into CMEA Countries.” Co-authored with Alena K. Alamgir. In *Alternative Globalizations: Eastern Europe and the Postcolonial World*. James Mark, Artemy M. Kalinovsky, and Steffi Marung, eds. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. Pp. 100-124.
- 2019 “Governing through Garbage: Waste Infrastructure Breakdown and Gendered Apathy in Vietnam.” In *Routledge Handbook of Anthropology and the City*. Setha Low, ed. New York: Routledge. Pp. 318-331.
- 2019 “Shrinking Green Cities: Trees and the Afterlife of Eco-Socialist Planning in Vietnam.” In *Ecologies of Socialisms: Germany, Nature, and the Left in History, Politics and Culture*. Sabine Mödersheim, Scott Moranda, and Eli Rubin, eds. New York: Peter Lang. Pp. 251-274.

- 2018 “The Current Never Stops: Intimacies of Energy Infrastructure in Vietnam.” In *The Promise of Infrastructure*. Nikhil Anand, Akhil Gupta, Hannah Appel, eds. Durham, NC: Duke University Press. Pp. 102-129.
- 2018 “Engineering Socialist Futures: On the Technological Worlding of Vinh City, Vietnam.” In *Urban Asias: Essays on Futurity Past and Present*. Tim Bunnell and Daniel P.S. Goh, eds. Berlin: Jovis. Pp. 31-42.
- 2018 “War Tourism and Geographies of Memory in Vietnam.” In *Monumental Conflicts: Twentieth-Century Wars and the Evolution of Popular Memory*. Derek R. Mallett, ed. New York: Routledge. Pp. 130-145.
- 2017 “Eco-Socialism and Green City Making in Postwar Vietnam.” In *Places of Nature in Ecologies of Urbanism*. Anne M. Rademacher and K. Sivaramakrishnan, eds. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press. Pp. 45-66.
- 2015 “Affective Solidarities and East German Reconstruction of Vietnam.” In *Comrades of Color: East Germany in the Cold War World*. Quinn Slobodian, ed. NY: Berghahn Books. Pp. 267-292.
- 2014 “Imaging Humanity: Socialist Film and Transnational Memories of the War in Vietnam.” In *Transnational Memory: Circulation, Articulation, Scales*. Chiara De Cesari and Ann Rigney, eds. Berlin: De Gruyter Press. Pp 219-244.
- 2014 “Architecture and Dwelling in the ‘War of Destruction’ in Vietnam.” In *Architecture and Armed Conflict: The Politics of Destruction*. JoAnne Mancini and Keith Bresnahan, eds. New York: Routledge. Pp. 11-26.
- 2013 “War Debris in Postwar Society: Managing Risk and Uncertainty in the Former DMZ.” In *Interactions with a Violent Past: Reading Post-Conflict Landscapes in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam*. Vatthana Pholsena and Oliver Tappe, eds. Singapore: National University of Singapore Press. Pp. 135-156.
- 2013 “The Ambivalence of Reconciliation in Contemporary Vietnamese Memoryscapes.” In *Four Decades On: Vietnam, the United States, and the Legacies of the Second Indochina War*. Scott Laderman and Edwin Martini, eds. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press. Pp. 103-131.
- 2013 “Soviet-Trained Scientist.” In *Figures of Southeast Asian Modernity*. Joshua Barker, Erik Harms, and Johan Lindquist, eds. Honolulu: University of Hawai’i Press. Pp. 59-61.
- 2011 “Youth Culture and Fading Memories of War in Hanoi, Vietnam.” In *Everyday Life in Southeast Asia*. Kathleen M. Adams and Kathleen Gillogly, eds. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. Pp. 127-136.
- 2010 “Chuyên dịch trong thế giới Xã hội Chủ nghĩa: Xuất khẩu lao động và những trao đổi xuyên quốc gia giữa Việt Nam và Đông Đức cũ” [Socialist Mobilities: Export Labor and Transnational Exchanges between Vietnam and East Germany]. In *Hiện Đại và Động Thái của Truyền Thống ở Việt Nam*, Lương Văn Hy, ed. National University of Ho Chi Minh City Press. Pg. 427-438.
- 2009 “‘The Camera Was My Weapon’: News Production and Representation of War in Vietnam.” In *The Anthropology of News and Journalism: Global Perspectives*. S. Elizabeth Bird, ed. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. Pp. 86-99.
- In progress “Concretizing the Nation: The Gendered Labor of Cement Infrastructure in Vietnam.” In *Gendered Infrastructures: Dialectics of Form, Identity and Space*. Yaffa Truelove and Anu Sabhlok, eds. Under review at West Virginia University Press. Submitted: March 2019.
- In progress “Standardization.” In *Social Properties of Concrete*. Eli Elinoff and Kali Rubaii, eds. Under contract with punctum, submitted August 2021.

#### **Other Published Works (editor-reviewed)**

- 2021 “Sensing Infrastructure.” *Roadsides* 006: 1-7. DOI: 10.26034/roadsides-202100601
- 2021 “Building Socialism: A Conversation,” with Alessandro Ripa. *Roadsides* 005: 76-81.
- 2021 “Global Vietnamese Studies,” with Charles Keith. *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 16(1): 1-3.

- 2020 “The Affective Turn in Ethnographies of Buddhism: Editors’ Note,” with Charles Keith. *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 15(4): 1-3.
- 2019 “Socialist Modernism: An Architectural Photo Essay of Everyday Spaces in Hà Nội,” with François Carlet-Soulages and Sarah Grant. *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 14(4): 64-80.
- 2019 “Tái thiết thành Vinh: Một lịch sử hợp tác với Đông Đức thời Chiến tranh lạnh” [Rebuilding Vinh City: A History of Cold War Collaboration with East Germany”]. Đặng Hoàng Giang, trans. *Văn hoá Nghệ An [Nghệ An Culture]* 401: 42-46.
- 2017 “Vietnamese in Central Europe: An Unintended Diaspora.” Introduction to special issue. *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 12(1): 1-9. [editor-reviewed]
- 2017 “Building ‘Green’ in Vietnam.” [Xây dựng “Xanh” ở Việt Nam]. International Conference Proceedings, *Ecocriticism: Local and Global Voices [Phê bình Sinh thái: Tiếng nói Bản địa Tiếng nói Toàn cầu]*. Hanoi: Social Sciences Publishing House. Pp. 223-231.
- 2016 “Ruin and Reconstruction: East German Utopian Planning in Postwar Vietnam.” *Berlin Journal* 30: 30-33.
- 2016 “Den globalen Sozialismus aufbauen: Eine städtebauliche Geschichte der DDR-Planung in Vinh, Vietnam.” [“Building Global Socialism: An Urban History of GDR Planning in Vinh City, Vietnam.”] *Arch+: Zeitschrift für Architektur und Urbanismus* [Journal of Architecture and Urbanism] Special issue on architecture in Vietnam. Vol. 226: 30-41.
- 2016 “Phan Thị Kim Phúc (Nick Út, 1972).” *America in the World, 1776 to the Present: A Supplement to the Dictionary of American History*. Edward J. Blum, ed. NY: Scribner. Pp. 833-835.
- 2015 “Sense.” In *Fieldsites - Theorizing the Contemporary: The Infrastructure Toolbox*. Edited by Hannah Appel, Nikhil Anand, and Akhil Gupta. Cultural Anthropology Online. [editor-reviewed]
- 2012 “Nhiếp ảnh Việt Nam và nghệ thuật thể hiện chiến tranh” [“Vietnamese Photographers and Artistic Representation of War”]. Phạm Phương Chi, trans. *Văn hóa Nghệ An [Nghệ An Culture]* Vol. 221.
- 2011 “Author’s Response: The American War in Contemporary Vietnam: Transnational Remembrance and Representation.” *H-Diplo Roundtable Review* 12(4): 30-36.

### Invited Book Reviews

- 2021 *Anthropogenic Rivers: The Production of Uncertainty in Lao Hydropower*. Jerome Whittington. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2018. *Journal of Asian Studies* 80(2): 535-537.
- 2020 *Under Construction: Technologies of Development in Urban Ethiopia*. Daniel Mains. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2019. *City & Society* 32(3). DOI: 10.1111/ciso.12342.
- 2018 *Open Architecture: Migration, Citizenship, and the Urban Renewal of Berlin-Kreuzberg by IBA-1984/87*. Esra Akcan. Basel: Birkhäuser, 2018. *Berlin Journal* 32: 102-103.
- 2016 *The Government of Mistrust: Illegibility and Bureaucratic Power in Socialist Vietnam*. Ken MacLean. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press. 2013. *American Ethnologist* 43(3): 566-567.
- 2013 “Beyond the Battlefields of Vietnam.” Reviews of *Armed with Abundance: Consumerism and Soldiering in the Vietnam War* (Meredith H. Lair. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2011) and *Beyond Combat: Women and Gender in the Vietnam War Era* (Heather Marie Stur. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011). *Diplomatic History* 37(5): 1183-1187.
- 2012 *Saigon's Edge: On the Margins of Ho Chi Minh City*. Erik Harms. Minnesota: University of Minnesota Press. 2011. *American Anthropologist* 114(4): 703-704.
- 2011 *Gender, Household and State in Post-Revolutionary Vietnam*. Jayne Werner. London and New York: Routledge. 2009. *South East Asia Research* 19(3): 660-664.
- 2010 *Enduring Socialism: Explorations of Revolution and Transformation, Restoration and Continuation*. Harry G. West and Parvathi Raman (eds). Herndon, VA: Berghahn Books. 2009. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 66(3): 435-436.
- 2010 *Tours of Vietnam: War, Travel Guides, and Memory*. Scott Laderman. Durham, NC: Duke University Press. 2009. *Journal of Tourism History* 2(2): 133-134.

- 2009 *Ghosts of War in Vietnam*. Hoenik Kwon. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008. *The Journal of Asian Studies* 68(4): 1343-1345.
- 2009 *Locating Memory: Photographic Acts*. Annette Kuhn and Kirsten Emiko McAllister, eds. New York: Berghahn Books, 2006. *H-Net German Book Reviews*. April: 1-5.
- 2008 *The Limits of Kinship: South Vietnamese Households, 1954-1975*. David W. Haines. Dekalb, IL: Southeast Asia Publications, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, 2006. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 64(4): 596-597.
- 2007 *After the Massacre: Commemoration and Consolation in Ha My and My Lai*. Hoenik Kwon. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2006. *Journal of Vietnam Studies* 2(2): 298-300.
- 2002 *The Age of Wild Ghosts: Memory, Violence, and Place in Southwest China*. Erik Mueggler. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001. *Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR)* 25(1): 181-185.

### Podcasts and Interviews

- Sept. 2021 [Trà Đá Chats](#), episode 7. Hà Nội Community Radio. Interview with Julia Behrens
- March 2021 [New Books Network](#) Podcast on *Building Socialism*. Interview with Aliza Arican.
- March 2021 [Polish Studies Center](#) Podcast, episode 9. Radio Public at Indiana University. Interview with Elizabeth C. Dunn and Łukasz Stanek.
- April 2019 [Gatty Lecture Rewind](#) Podcast, episode 20. Cornell University. Interview with Astara Light, Michael Miller and Hoàng Vũ.

### Invited Talks

- March 2022 “Un/Planned Obsolescence: On the Resignification of Socialist Architecture in the Global South.” Keynote, Learning from Socialism: Alternative Modernities in the Second World symposium. College of Design, Iowa State University.
- Dec. 2021 “Concrete Dreamworlds: The Gendered Politics of Socialist Infrastructure.” Material City Seminar Series, University College London.
- Nov. 2021 “Unplanned Obsolescence: On the Future of Utopias Past.” Colloquium series, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Paris.
- Oct. 2021 “Afterlives of Public Housing: A Comparative Conversation” (with Lawrence Vale, MIT). Urban History Association [Book Forum](#) in association with Urban History Month.
- Sept. 2021 “Encounters with Architectural Modernism in Vietnam.” Hanoi Ad Hoc [Lecture Series](#) with the School of Communication and Design, RMIT University Hanoi with UNESCO.
- July 2021 “The Building of Socialism: International Aid and Material Solidarity.” [Asia Africa Institute Lecture Series](#), Hamburg University, Germany.
- June 2021 “Architecture and Ecology in Vietnam.” Southeast Asian Arts and Literature Lecture Series, Department of Southeast Asian Studies, Vietnam National University
- May 2021 “Retrospections: Moving Vietnam Studies Sideways.” Keynote, Silences and Reverberations: Studying Historical and Contemporary Vietnam [symposium](#). Boston University.
- April 2021 “Gender and Modernization in Vietnam: A Case Study of (In)Equality through Collective Housing.” Vietnam Views Lecture Series. Institute for Asian Studies, University of Bonn.
- April 2021 “Anticolonial Solidarity and Decolonial Planning in Vietnam.” [Building Modernities Symposium](#). Encounters with Southeast Asian Modernism, SBCA, Berlin.
- March 2021 “Ethics and Accountability in Fieldwork on Urbicide in a Former War Zone.” Office of Research Integrity [Seminar Series](#), UC Riverside.
- Feb. 2021 “Solidarity Space: East German Architecture in Vietnam.” Cold War Spaces [Public Discussion Series](#), Wende Museum, Los Angeles
- Feb. 2021 “Building Socialism: A Book Talk.” Department of Urban Studies and Planning in collaboration with Southeast Asia and Transpacific Studies working group, UC San Diego.

- Dec. 2020 “The Current Never Stops: Intimacies of Energy Infrastructure in Vietnam.” Extractivism and Transition Research Online Dialogues ([ETROD](#)), Martin Luther University, Halle.
- Oct. 2019 “The Ends of Infrastructure: Urban Life among Modernity’s Ruins in Vietnam.” [Anthropology Colloquium Series](#), University of Zürich, Switzerland.
- July 2019 “Critical Indigenous Studies: New Methods and Theory for Anthropology.” Harvard Yenching Institute, in collaboration with Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi.
- June 2019 “Vietnam Modern: Urban Life among the Ruins of Utopias Past.” Collaborative Research Centre [Colloquium Series](#), University of Leipzig, Germany.
- June 2019 “The Ends of Utopia: What Can Urban Ruins Tell Us About Vietnamese Modernization?” Understanding Asia: Senses, Form, Infrastructure Colloquium Series, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bielefeld, Germany.
- April 2019 “The Social Life of Socialist Ruins in Vietnam.” [Gatty Lecture Series](#), Southeast Asia Program and Department of Anthropology, Cornell University.
- April 2019 “Postwar Architecture: A Green Perspective on Housing in Vinh,” Hanoi Talks Public Lecture Series, G8A Architecture & Urban Planning Institute, Hanoi.
- Feb. 2019 “Urban Obsolescence: On the Afterlife of Utopian Planning in Vietnam.” Sawyer Seminar, International Institute, UC San Diego.
- Sept. 2018 “The Intimacies of Infrastructure: A Poetic Encounter with Smokestacks in Vietnam.” Department of Social Anthropology, Program in Asian Studies, Stockholm University.
- June 2018 “The Afterlife of Aid: On the Repurposing of GDR Architecture in Vietnam.” Keynote, international conference: Exporting Socialism? Intercultural Transfer, Circulation and Appropriations of Architecture in the Cold War. Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Erkner, Germany.
- June 2018 “Electrification and the Intimacies of Infrastructure: A Poetic Encounter with Vietnam.” Featured speaker at workshop, *Untangling the Grid: Toward an ‘Anthropology Electric’ in the Greater Mekong Subregion*. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.
- Jan. 2018 “Văn hóa học hậu xã hội chủ nghĩa” [On Postsocialist Cultural Studies]. Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of Culture, Hanoi.
- Nov. 2017 “Producing ‘Other’ Experts: Knowledge Transfers and the Training of Vietnamese Students in East Germany.” Colloquium Series on Knowledge Production of the Other in West and East Germany. Institut für Europäische Ethnologie. Humboldt University, Berlin.
- March 2017 “The Things They Carried (and Kept): Revisiting ‘Ostalgie’ in Vietnam.” Keynote, Annual Soyuz Postsocialist Cultural Studies Symposium, Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University, Bloomington.
- Jan. 2017 “Unplanned Obsolescence: The Architectural Afterlife of East German Planning in Urban Vietnam.” Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan.
- July 2016 “Haunted Infrastructures: Ghostly Encounters with the City.” Beyond the City: SPIRIT Summer School. Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology. Georg-August University of Göttingen, Germany.
- June 2016 “Memory, Migration, and Material Culture: On GDR Socialist ‘Heritage’ in Vietnam.” Heritage and Memory Politics Lecture Series. Institut für Europäische Ethnologie. Humboldt University, Berlin.
- May 2016 “Gender and the Housing Question in Late Socialist Vietnam.” Socialism/Postsocialism Lecture Series. Institute for Humanities Research, UC Santa Cruz.
- Dec. 2015 “Building the Rational City: An Archaeology of GDR Planning in Late Socialist Vietnam.” *Urban Talks* lecture series, Habitat Unit and Urban Management Program, Technical University (TU), Berlin, Germany.

- Nov. 2015 “The Re-Evaluation of Socialist-Era Architecture: New Geographical and Aesthetic Horizons.” Bauhaus Argumente lecture series, Institut für Geschichte und Theorie der Architektur und Planung, Bauhaus University, Weimar, Germany.
- Nov. 2015 “Transnational Cinema and Memory of the US Air War in Vietnam.” Baden-Württemberg Seminar, Heidelberg Center for American Studies, University of Heidelberg in cooperation with the University of Mannheim, Germany.
- Nov. 2015 “On Rights to the City and Participatory Planning in Vinh.” Keynote, *Vietnam Stammtisch*, Institut für Asien- und Afrika- Wissenschaften, Humboldt University, Berlin.
- Nov. 2015 “Planning the Postwar City: East German Urban Design and its Afterlife in Vietnam.” Bosch Public Policy Lecture, Kennedys Museum and the American Academy in Berlin, Germany.
- June 2015 “Spiritual Topographies of Ruination and Reconstruction in Vinh City, Vietnam.” The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany.
- June 2015 “Spectacular Infrastructure and its Breakdown in Vietnam.” Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.
- April 2015 “Topographies of War in Vietnam 40 years after ‘Liberation’.” California Agricultural Leadership Program. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.
- Nov. 2014 “The Current Never Stops: Spectacles of Urban Infrastructure in Socialist Vietnam.” Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University.
- Feb. 2014 “Bureaucracy and Rule by Sentiment in Vietnam.” *Socialism in Context* working group. Center for Humanities, UC San Diego.
- Nov. 2013 “Reclaiming Rights to the Post-Socialist City: Bureaucratic Artifacts and the Affective Appeal of Petitions in Vietnam.” Department of Anthropology, UC Irvine.
- Oct. 2012 “Reconciling with Ghosts: The Ambivalence of Remembrance and Forgetting in Vietnam.” Pauley Symposium on History, Truth, and Reconciliation. University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Dec. 2010 “Văn hoá trong kỷ nguyên của các hậu chủ nghĩa” [Culture in the Era of “Posts”]. Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences. Hanoi, Vietnam.
- April 2010 “How is Vietnam Good to Think Neoliberalism?” Chao Center for Asian Studies. Rice University.
- April 2010 “On War, Media, and Memory in Socialist Vietnam.” Women Authors’ Lecture Series in Honor of National Library Week, sponsored by the UCR Libraries and Women’s Resource Center, University of California, Riverside.
- Dec. 2009 “Mediating War: The Ethics and Aesthetics of Photography and Memory in Vietnam.” Southeast Asia Seminar, Harvard University Asia Center.
- Nov. 2009 “Mediating War: The Ethics and Aesthetics of Photography and Memory in Vietnam.” Department of Sociology and Anthropology, College of the Holy Cross.
- August 2009 “Phương pháp mới trong khoa nhân học hiện đại.” [New Methodologies in Contemporary Anthropology.] Department of Anthropology, Hanoi National University, Vietnam.
- July 2009 “New Methodologies in Contemporary Anthropology.” Department of Anthropology, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
- Nov. 2008 “Gender and the Cultural Politics of Memory in Vietnam.” Asia Center, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, in conjunction with Utah Museum of Fine Arts.
- July 2008 “Feminization of Global Labor in Southeast Asia.” Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), Hanoi, Vietnam.
- April 2008 “Tales of Salvation: Healing and Moral Journeys of US Veterans in Vietnam.” Keynote speaker, Trauma Tourism Symposium, Global Studies, International Institute and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- Feb. 2007 “In/Humane Acts of War: Tortured Bodies and the Neoliberal Politics of Reconciliation.” Keynote speaker at the annual James C. Young Conference, University of California, Riverside.



- April 2005 “The Ho Chi Minh City Requiem Exhibit: Transnational Healing, Reconciliation and Memorialization.” William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences, University of Massachusetts, Boston.
- Nov. 2004 “Women at War: Gender and the Politics of Remembrance in Vietnam.” Introduction to Humanities Lecture, Stanford University.
- April 2004 “Picturing History: War Photography and Journalistic Modes of Representation.” Department of Anthropology, University of California, Irvine.
- March 2003 “Recasting Memories of the ‘American War’: The Aestheticization of Commemorative Art and Architecture in Contemporary Vietnam.” Department of Anthropology and Sociology, St. Mary’s College of California.
- Jan. 2002 “Entangled Histories: The Cultural Politics of Transnational Commemoration in Vietnam.” Department of Women’s Studies, University of California, Irvine.

### **Conference/Workshop Presentations**

- Nov. 2021 Invited discussant for panel, “Care in the City, Care for the City: Urban Environments and the Politics of Concern.” Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- Nov. 2020 “GDR Development of Vietnam: A Moral Racial Project?” Invited presentation at workshop, *Alternative Forms of Globalization?: CMEA as a Development Organization*. University of Vienna.
- Oct. 2020 “The Agency of Socialist Things: Revisiting Ostalgie from the Global South.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the German Studies Association.
- July 2020 “On Plight of the Commons in Socialist Vietnam.” Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the European Association of Social Anthropologists.
- July 2020 Invited discussant for panel, “Water Will Rise: New Political Lives of a Life-Giving Substance.” Biennial meeting of the European Association of Social Anthropologists.
- Nov. 2019 “The Promise of the Commons.” Invited presenter on roundtable, *The Promise of the City: Conditions of Urban Change and Collective Endurance*. Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver.
- Nov. 2019 Invited discussant for panel, “Bad Air and the Everyday Landscape of Asia.” Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver.
- Sept. 2019 “Mobile Technologies and their Gendered Inequalities: The Export of *Platte* to Vietnam.” Paper presented at the meetings of the European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS), Humboldt University, Berlin.
- March 2019 “Cementing Relations: On the Politics of Concrete Infrastructures in Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Denver.
- Nov. 2018 “Trashing the City: The Gendered Politics of Apathy and Action in Urban Vietnam.” Invited paper presented on Executive Session at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA.
- Nov. 2018 Invited discussant for panel, “Affective Engagement with Urban Housing.” Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA.
- Oct. 2018 “Benevolent Infrastructure?” Invited presentation at Luce workshop, *China Made: Asian Infrastructures and the “China Model” of Development*, University of Colorado, Boulder.
- Sept. 2018 “Children of Marx in the Land of Hồ Chí Minh: East German City-Making in Vietnam.” Invited paper presented at the Paper presented on the *Socialist Cities* seminar at the annual meeting of the German Studies Association, Pittsburgh.
- April 2018 “The Things They Carried (and Kept): Socialist Mobilities and Material Remittances from East Germany.” *Migrations and New Mobilities in Southeast Asia* conference, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley.
- March 2018 Invited discussant at workshop, *Southeast Asia Natures: Environmentalism and the Anthropocene*. UC Riverside Palm Desert.

- Dec. 2017 “Building ‘Green’ in Vietnam.” Invited presentation at the conference, *Ecocriticism: Local and Global Voices*, Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of Literature, Hanoi.
- Dec. 2017 Invited discussant for panel, “The Ends of Infrastructure.” Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.
- Nov. 2017 “Building the Good Life: Global Technology Transfers and the Training of Vietnamese Experts.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.
- Nov. 2017 Invited discussant at workshop, *The Transformation of Space in Plural Ecologies: Anthropological Perspectives on Southeast Asia*. Humboldt University, Berlin.
- August 2017 “Global Architectural Transfers and the Worlding of Socialist Cities: East German Reconstruction of Vietnam.” Invited paper to be presented at conference, *The Ins and Outs of Socialism: Visions and Experiences of Urban Change in the Second World*, Center for Urban History, University of Lviv, Ukraine.
- August 2017 Invited discussant for panel, “Into the Future... Divergences and Paths.” *The Ins and Outs of Socialism: Visions and Experiences of Urban Change in the Second World*, Center for Urban History, University of Lviv, Ukraine.
- July 2017 “The Afterlife of Global Socialism: Technology and Mobility in the Postcolony.” Invited paper presented at conference, *The Other Globalisers: How the Socialist and the Non-Aligned World Shaped the Rise of Post-War Economic Globalisation*. University of Exeter.
- June 2017 *Global 1989: Rethinking the Fall of State Socialism in a Global Perspective*. Invited roundtable participant. Humboldt University, Berlin (with Exeter University, UK).
- March 2017 “The Afterlife of East German Urban Design in Vietnam.” Invited paper presented at ACLS conference, *The Design Institute: Building a Transnational History*. Department of Architecture. Hong Kong University.
- March 2017 “Building ‘Green’ in Vietnam.” Invited presenter on roundtable, *The Death and Life of Nature in Asian Cities*. Annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Toronto.
- Nov. 2016 “On the Architectural Intimacies of Solidarity and Precarity in Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Minneapolis, MN.
- Nov. 2016 Invited discussant for panel, “Materialities And Socialities of Speculation: An Anthropology of Construction and Real Estate in Postsocialist Contexts.” Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis.
- Sept. 2016 “Green Technology Transfers and Third World Solidarity in Urban Vietnam.” Paper presented on the *Ecologies of Socialism* panel at the annual meeting of the German Studies Association, San Diego.
- July 2016 “From Priority to Poverty: Urban Redevelopment and the Housing Question in Postsocialist Vietnam.” Paper presented at the biennial meetings of the European Association for Social Anthropology, Milan, Italy.
- July 2016 “Provincializing the Global City.” Invited presenter on roundtable, *The City and Its Others*. Beyond the City: SPIRIT Summer School. Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology. Georg-August University of Göttingen, Germany.
- April 2016 “The Technopolitics of Global Socialism in Postcolonial Vietnam.” Paper presented at the conference, *Making Southeast Asian Cultures*, UC Berkeley.
- April 2016 “On Memory and Materiality in Vietnam” Invited presenter, *The Development of Vietnamese Studies since 1980: A Roundtable in Honor of Prof. Hue Tam Ho Tai*. Annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies Seattle.
- March 2016 Invited discussant for panel, “Borders, Limits, Losses.” *Serial Migrants and Identity/The Arts of Migration* Conference and Exhibition, Center for Ideas and Society, UC Riverside.
- Feb. 2016 “Engineering Urban Futures: Architecture and Technopolitics in Late Socialist Vietnam.” Invited presentation at workshop, *Urban Aspirations*, National University of Singapore.

- Dec. 2015 “The Afterlife of Social Housing in Vinh.” Invited paper for international conference, *Vietnam and Southeast Asia: Integration and Development*, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City.
- Aug. 2015 “Electrification and Enlightenment in Vinh City.” Paper presented at the meetings of European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS), Vienna, Austria.
- June 2015 “Traveling Architecture: East German Urban Designs in Vietnam” Paper presented at the Berlin Program Summer Workshop, Freie Universität Berlin.
- March 2015 “Green Infrastructure in Socialist Vietnam.” Invited paper presented at workshop, *Hubs, Mobilities and the Asian Urban*, The University of Hong Kong.
- March 2015 “The Care of Ruins.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Ethnological Society, San Diego.
- Feb. 2015 “Eco-socialism and Green City Making in Postwar Vietnam.” Invited paper presented at workshop, *Ecologies of Urbanism*, Department of Anthropology, Yale University.
- Dec. 2014 “Insurgent Architecture and the Remaking of Urban Space in Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.
- Dec. 2014 Invited discussant for panel, “Materialities And Socialities of Speculation: An Anthropology of Construction and Real Estate in Postsocialist Contexts.” Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.
- Nov. 2014 “The Current Never Stops: Dreams of Technology in Socialist Vietnam.” Invited participant, advanced seminar, *Promise of Infrastructure*, School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe.
- Sept. 2014 “Rethinking Solidarity: East German Urban Designs in Postwar Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the German Studies Association in Kansas City, MO.
- Sept. 2014 Invited discussant for panel, “Visual Culture and East Germany: Making International Connections.” Annual meeting of the German Studies Association, Kansas City, MO.
- June 2014 “Socialist Urban Ecologies and Infrastructure Breakdown in Vietnam.” Paper presented at the workshop, *Ecologies of Urbanism in Asia*, University of Hong Kong with Yale University.
- May 2014 “Urban Topographies of Religious Ruins in Socialist Vietnam.” Invited paper presented at workshop, *Spirited Topographies: Urban Re-fabulations, Mobilities and Underscapes*, UC Davis.
- April 2014 “Affective Solidarities and East German Reconstruction of Vietnam.” Invited paper presented at workshop, *Socialist Internationalism: Cold War Legacies*, UC Berkeley.
- March 2014 “Socialist Mobilities: Migration and Repatriation of Vietnamese Workers in the GDR.” Paper presented at the conference, *The Global Việt Diaspora*, University of Warsaw, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland.
- March 2014 Invited discussant for panel, “Rethinking Affect, Emotion, and Sentiment in Post-Reform Vietnam.” Annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in Philadelphia, PA.
- Nov. 2013 “The Parched Fountain: A Tale of Water and Urban Infrastructure Breakdown in Socialist Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago.
- Oct. 2013 “Traveling Architecture: East German Urban Designs Abroad.” Paper presented at the conference, *Modernity, Socialism and the Visual Arts*, Academy of Arts, Berlin, Germany.
- Oct. 2013 “Postsocialist Urbanisms: Reclaiming Rights to the City in Northern Vietnam.” Paper presented at the workshop, *Inter-Asian Connections IV*, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- June 2013 “Transnational Reconciliation at Khe Sanh/Tà Con Museum and Air Base.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) in Arlington, VA.
- April 2013 “Eco-Socialism and Urban Renewal in Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Los Angeles, CA.

- Nov. 2012 “The Return of Socialist Humanitarians to Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in San Francisco, CA.
- March 2012 “The Afterlives of Bricks: Affective Objects and Urban Reconstruction in Post/Socialist Vietnam.” Paper presented at the Soyuz Symposium, *Affections/Afflictions/Afterlives*, University of Michigan.
- Feb. 2012 Invited discussant for panel, “Intersections of Religion, Ethnicity and Society.” Annual meeting of the James C. Young Conference, University of California, Riverside.
- Dec. 2011 “Ecologies of Urban Planning: Communal Gardens and Green Spaces in Vinh City.” Paper presented at the third international conference, *Engaging with Vietnam*, Vietnam National University, Hanoi with Monash University, Australia.
- Nov. 2011 “Eco-Socialism and Urban Citizenship in Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Montreal, Canada.
- Oct. 2011 “(Dys-)Utopic Architecture and Visions of the City in Vietnam.” Paper presented at the conference, *Global Post/Socialisms?* University of California, Riverside.
- April 2011 “Socialist Ruins and Capitalist Debris: New Urban Imaginaries in Vinh City.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in Honolulu, HI.
- Oct. 2010 “Đô thị hóa và tái phát triển không đồng bộ tại thành phố Vinh” [Urbanization and Uneven Redevelopment in Vinh City]. Paper presented at the international conference, *Nghiên cứu và đào tạo nhân học ở Việt Nam trong quá trình chuyển đổi và hội nhập quốc tế*. National University, Hanoi, Vietnam.
- May 2010 “Ruins of Socialist Modernity in Post-Utopian Space.” Paper presented at the workshop, *Under Construction: Social, Political and Commemorative Space in Vietnam*. Harvard University Asia Center.
- Dec. 2009 “Forgetting Socialist Pasts, Imagining Capitalist Futures: Architecture and State Memory in Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Philadelphia, PA.
- July 2009 “Late Socialist Memory and Architectural Legacies in Postwar Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for East Asian Anthropology, Taipei, Taiwan.
- July 2009 Invited discussant for panel, “The Politics of Memory and the State in East and Southeast Asia.” Annual meeting of the Society for East Asian Anthropology, Taipei, Taiwan.
- May 2009 “Agent Orange: Landscape, Body, Image.” Introductory comments. California Museum of Photography, University of California, Riverside.
- April 2009 “Layered Post/Socialist Memories: East German Architectural Legacies in Contemporary Vietnam.” Paper presented at the Soyuz Symposium on *Global Socialisms and Postsocialisms*, Yale University.
- Feb. 2009 Invited discussant for panel, “Objects.” Annual meeting of the James C. Young Conference, University of California, Riverside.
- Nov. 2008 Invited discussant for panel, “Remembering, Experiencing, and Performing Self and Community in Post-Socialist Vietnam.” Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in San Francisco, CA.
- August 2008 “Tortured Bodies or Compassionate Acts?: The Un/Naming of Wartime Violence at ‘Hanoi Hilton’ Prison Museum.” Paper presented at the annual Performance Studies International conference, Copenhagen Denmark.
- June 2008 “Socialist Image-Making: Representing War in Vietnam” Paper presented at the Colloquium on Violence and Religion Conference in Riverside, CA.
- May 2008 “Irreconciliation and Tales of Transnational Betrayal in Post-War Vietnam.” Paper presented at the Society for Cultural Anthropology meeting in Long Beach, CA.
- April 2008 “Enduring Empire: Neoliberalism and the Historical Politics of Reform in Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in Atlanta, GA.
- Dec. 2007 “Socialist Mobilities: Export Labor and Transnational Exchanges between Vietnam and

- Former East Germany.” Paper presented at the International Anthropology of Vietnam Conference in Binh Chau, Vietnam.
- Nov. 2007 “Economies of (Im)Mobility in Pre- and Post-Reform Vietnam” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, DC.
- Oct. 2007 “Other Transnationals: Countering Immobility and Historical Memory of Germany in Socialist Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the German Studies Association in San Diego, CA.
- August 2007 “Other Globalizations: Countering Isolation and Immobility in Socialist Vietnam.” Paper presented at the Fifth International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- March 2007 “Commemorative Public Art and Trans/National Identity in Contemporary Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in Boston, MA.
- Nov. 2006 “Parasocialism and Art in Contemporary Vietnam: Toward a “Vietnamized” Aesthetics of Memory.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in San Jose, CA
- May 2006 “In/Humane Acts: Reconciliation and Representation.” Paper presented at the annual Society for Cultural Anthropology meeting in Milwaukee, WI.
- May 2006 “Incommensurable Truths: Reconciliation and Photographic Representation of War in Contemporary Vietnam.” Paper presented at the Advanced Research in the Humanities: Annual Colloquium of IHUM Mellon and University Scholars, Stanford University.
- April 2006 “Journeys of Reconciliation through Landscapes of Memory in Vietnam” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in San Francisco, CA.
- March 2006 “Tales of Immersion in Transnational Research.” Paper presented at *Turns and Folly in Apprentice Ethnography*. The Center for Ethnography, University of California, Irvine.
- April 2005 “Exhibiting War, Reconciling Pasts: Photography and the Politics of Transnational Memory Making in Contemporary Vietnam.” Paper presented (in absentia) at the conference: *30 Years Beyond the War: Vietnamese, Southeast Asian, and Asian/American Studies*, University of California, Riverside.
- March 2004 “Revaluing Morally Suspect Memories and Knowledge in Southern Vietnam’s Tourism Industry.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in San Diego, CA.
- Oct. 2003 “Embattled Museums, Contested Truths: The Global Politics of Knowledge (Re)Production in Contemporary Vietnam.” Paper presented at the Western Humanities Alliance Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City.
- Nov. 2002 “Capturing War: Photojournalism and the Transnational Politics of Memory Making in Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in New Orleans, LA.
- April 2002 Invited discussant for panel, “Visualizing Beauty and Sexuality in Vietnam and Vietnamese America.” Conference on *Reproducing Gender in Contemporary Vietnam and Diasporic Spaces*, University of California, Los Angeles.
- Nov. 2001 “Entangled Commemorations: Rites of Remembrance, Rites of Healing in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, D.C.
- August 2001 “‘We Are a Country and Not a War’: Consuming Disaster in Post-War Vietnam.” Paper presented at the Second International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS), Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany.
- June 1999 “The Heroics of Nation-Building: ‘Modernization’ and Icons of Womanhood in Vietnam.” Paper presented at the conference: *The Gender of Crisis and the Crisis of Gender in Southeast Asia*, University of Oregon, Eugene.

- Nov. 1998 “Consuming the Global: Postwar Lives of Women Workers in Vietnam.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- May 1998 “Asia on \$20 a Day: An Authentic Vietnamese Experience Beyond the Orange Curtain.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Ethnological Society, Toronto.

### Conference and Exhibit Organization

- March 2022 Roundtable co-organizer for annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu: *The Social Lives of Asian Infrastructure: A Roundtable on Methodology*
- Sept. 2021 Panel co-organizer for biannual meetings of EuroSEAS (European Association for Southeast Asian Studies), Czech Republic: *Vina-stalgia: The Uncertainty of Nostalgic Objects in Post-Reform Vietnam*
- March 2021 Art exhibit contributor, Contested Modernities: Vietnam. Berlin, Germany.
- Sept. 2019 Panel organizer for biannual meetings of EuroSEAS (European Association for Southeast Asian Studies), Berlin, Germany: *Mobilities of Infrastructure*
- March 2018 Conference Co-organizer, *Southeast Asian Natures*, Center for Ideas and Society, University of California, Riverside.
- April 2017 Conference Co-organizer, *Powerful Migrations: Identity/Security/Fluidity*, Center for Ideas and Society, University of California, Riverside.
- April 2016 Panel Co-organizer for annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis: *The Materiality of Solidarity*.
- Jan. 2015 Panel Co-organizer for annual meetings of the American Ethnological Society, San Diego, CA: *Repair Work and the Maintenance of Infrastructure*.
- Sept. 2014 Panel organizer for biannual meetings of EuroSEAS (European Association for Southeast Asian Studies), Vienna: *Urban Infrastructure and Ecologies of Possibility in Vietnam*.
- April 2014 Panel Co-organizer for annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC: *Political Matters*.
- Dec. 2011 Panel organizer for third annual conference, “Engaging with Vietnam,” Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Vietnam with Monash University, Australia. Panel: *Food and the City: Sustaining Urban Lives and Landscapes*.
- Oct. 2011 Conference Co-organizer, *Global Post/Socialisms?* Center for Ideas and Society, University of California, Riverside.
- May 2009 Conference Co-organizer, *Agent Orange: Landscape, Body and Image*. California Museum of Photography, University of California, Riverside.
- May 2009 Curator, art and photography exhibit, *Agent Orange: Landscape, Body and Image*. California Museum of Photography, University of California, Riverside.
- April 2008 Panel Organizer for the annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Atlanta, Georgia. Panel: *Neoliberalism and Its Contested Forms of Knowledge in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam*.
- Nov. 2007 Panel Co-organizer for the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C. Panel (double): *Socialist Pasts and Futures in Contemporary Asia, Africa and Latin America*
- Oct. 2007 Panel Co-organizer for the annual meeting of the German Studies Association, San Diego, CA. Panel: *Unsettling Isolation: Transnational Cultural and Political Production*
- August 2007 Panel Organizer for the Fifth International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Panel: *Frayed Frontiers? Relocation and Representation in Transnational Southeast Asia*
- April 2006 Panel Co-organizer for annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, CA. Panel: *Vexed Relations: Rethinking the Second Indochina War through the Perspectives of the South Vietnamese and their Military Allies*

Nov. 1998 Panel Co-organizer for annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA. Panel: *Disjunctured Global Narratives: Negotiating the Terrain of the Transnational*.

### **Academic and Professional Service**

2021-2024 Member (elected), Southeast Asia Council (SEAC), Association for Asian Studies  
2021-2022 Director and Graduate Advisor, Program in Southeast Asian Studies (SEATriP)  
2021 Annual Meeting Section Program Chair, American Anthropological Association, Critical Urban Anthropology Association  
2020-2020 Advisor, Wende Museum of Los Angeles, “Vietnam: Hot and Cold War” exhibition  
2020 External Member, Appointment Committee, Humboldt University, Berlin  
2020 Member, Academic Senate, International Research and Scholarly Activities Task Force,  
2019-2021 Councilor (elected), Critical Urban Anthropology Association Board, American Anthropological Association  
2019-2020 Member, Advisory Committee, Center for Ideas and Society, UC Riverside  
2019 Harvard Yenching Institute, Postdoctoral Fellow Selection Committee  
2016-2020 Director, Program in Southeast Asian Studies (SEATriP)  
2016-current Member, Department of Anthropology, Publicity and Media Committee (Chair, Fall 2020)  
2015-current Executive committee member, Vietnam Studies Group, Association for Asian Studies  
2014-current Member, Systemwide, UC EAP Southeast Asia Faculty Advisory Committee  
2012-current Member, Global Studies Steering Committee; Asian Studies Steering Committee  
2015-2018 Member, Academic Senate, Committee on Committees  
2015-2017 Member, Department Strategic Planning Committee  
2017 Member, Systemwide, Ten-year senate academic review of EAP in Thailand Committee  
2016 Member, Staley Book Prize review panel, School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe  
2015, 17, 18 Member, Department Search Committee, Affirmative Action Officer  
2013-2015 Chair, Academic Senate Committee on International Education  
2013-2016 Chair, Department of Anthropology, Publicity and Media Committee  
2013-2015 Graduate Advisor, MA program in Southeast Asian Studies (SEATriP)  
2013-2014 Member, University Search Committee, Vice Provost for International Affairs  
2014-2015 Member, Systemwide, UC Education Abroad Program (EAP), Governing Committee  
2011-2013 Member, Academic Senate Committee on International Education  
2008-2012 Member, Executive Committee, Vietnam Studies Group, Association for Asian Studies  
2008-2010 Chair, Department of Anthropology, Publicity and Media Committee  
2009-2010 Member, CHASS Teaching Award Committee, University of California, Riverside  
2008-2010 Committee member, VSG Graduate Student Prize for Best Paper  
2008-2009 Member, Academic Senate Committee to Develop Policies for Faculty Housing  
2006, 07, 14 Member, Department Search Committee  
2006-2008 Member, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Student Committee  
2005 Member, Boothe Prize and Publication Committee, Stanford University  
2004-2006 Member, Introduction to the Humanities Coordinating Committee, Stanford University

### **Editorial Boards**

Editorial board member, *Cultural Anthropology* (2022-2025)  
Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* (2018-2022)  
Editorial board member, *Roadsides* (2018-current)  
Editorial board member, *Cultural Anthropology* (2015-2018)  
Editorial board member, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* (2015-2018)

### **Peer review activities**

*Journals:* American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, Anthropological Forum, Anthropological Quarterly, Architecture Beyond Europe (ABE), Architecture and Culture, Asia and Pacific Migration Journal, Asian Education and Development Studies, Asian Ethnology, Comparative Studies in Society and History, City & Society, Critical Asian Studies, Cultural Anthropology, Cultural Geography, Diplomatic History, Ephemera Journal, Ethnos, Environment and Planning A, The Global South, HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory, Journal of Migration History, History and Memory, International Journal of Cultural Property, International Journal of Tourism Anthropology, Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies, Journal of Contemporary Asia, Journal of Material Culture, Journal of Urban Anthropology, Journal of South East Asia Research, Journal of Vietnamese Studies, Memory Studies, Museum Anthropology, Political and Legal Anthropology (PoLAR), Positions: Asia Critique, Research in Economic Anthropology, Roadsides, Social Analysis, Sojourn, Tourism Management, Theory Culture and Society, Visual Anthropology Review

*Academic Presses:* Duke University Press, Oxford University Press, University of California Press, MIT Press, University of Toronto Press, Berghahn Books, University of Hawai'i Press, Cornell University Press, Amsterdam University Press, Palgrave Macmillan

*Funding Agencies:* National Science Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Swiss National Science Foundation, Israel Science Foundation, American Academy in Berlin, Ohio University Faculty Research Committee, UC President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, National Science Centre of Poland, European Research Council

*Appointment and Promotion:* Baruch College, University of Bremen, Bucknell University, Humboldt University of Berlin, Macalester College, Martin Luther University Halle, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, National University of Singapore, Ohio University, Rice University, Rochester University, Trinity University, Yale University, University of Zürich,

### **Teaching and Mentoring**

Courses taught (UCR): Design Anthropology (graduate); Critical Southeast Asian Studies (graduate); Landscape and Infrastructure (graduate); Ethnographies of Post/Socialism (graduate); History and Memory (graduate); Visual Culture (graduate); Ethnographic Methods (graduate); Contemporary Theory (graduate); Humanitarianism (graduate); Global Southeast Asias (graduate); Ethnographies of Vietnam (graduate); Visual Anthropology; Global Media; Global Cities; Gender and Southeast Asia; Cultures of Southeast Asia; Anthropology of Human Rights; Cultural Anthropology; Anthropology of Cities

#### International teaching experience:

- 2019 Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Methodology for Research in Social Sciences/ International Relations
- 2019 Harvard Yenching Institute with Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences joint training program: Development and its Impact on Ethnic Minorities
- 2016 Georg-August University of Göttingen, Germany, Beyond the City: SPIRIT Summer School. Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology
- 2010 Princeton University, Co-Director, Global Seminar in Vietnam

#### Mentoring:

*Dissertation Committees* (\*indicates committee chair; anthropology department unless otherwise noted)  
Sophea Seng\* (2021)



Trangđai Glassey-Tranguyen\* (2021)  
Shelley Guyton\* (2020)  
Erin Gould (2019)  
Stephen James (2019)  
Shahab Malik (2018)  
Casey Avaunt (2018; dance)  
Celia Tuchman-Rosta (2018)  
Nana Kaneko (2017; ethnomusicology)  
Phuoc Duong\* (2017)  
Bada Choi (2016)  
Phạm Phurong Chi (2016; comparative literature; Co-Chair)\*  
Anthony Heathcote (2015) University of Adelaide, Australia  
Russ Skelchy (2015; ethnomusicology)  
Lisa Garibaldi (2015)  
Sarah Grant\* (2014)  
Neal Matherne (2014; ethnomusicology)  
Melissa King\* (2013)  
Nick Welcome (2013)  
Jenny Banh (2013)  
Jelena Radovich Fanta (2012)  
Kohanya Ranch (2011)  
Justine Lemos (2009)  
Jesse Karnes (2009)  
Luis Villanueva  
Carolyn Schutten (history)  
Jesse Freedman (ethnomusicology)  
Joshua Lieto\*  
Nattapol Wisuttiapat (ethnomusicology)  
Jemuel Garcia (dance)

*PhD Exam Committees*

Preethi Ramaprasad (2021; dance)  
Lawrence Ramirez (2021)  
Jemuel Garcia (2020; dance)  
Nattapol Wisuttiapat (2020; ethnomusicology)  
Sopheha Seng\* (2018)  
Jesse Freedman (2018; ethnomusicology)  
Josh Lieto (2018)  
Trangđai Glassey-Tranguyen\* (2017)  
Kevin Pham (2017; political science)  
Shelley Guyton\* (2016)  
Stephen James (2016)  
Casey Avaunt (2016; dance)  
Wei-Chi Wu (2016; dance)  
Erin Gould (2016)  
Carolyn Schutten (2015; history)  
Shahab Malik (2015)  
Ivana Topalovich\* (2014)  
Nana Kaneko (2014; ethnomusicology)  
Luis Villanueva (2014)

Kara Miller (2014)  
Bada Choi (2013)  
Phạm Phuong Chi (2013; comparative literature)  
Minh Nguyen (2013; comparative literature)  
Joshua Liashenko\* (2012)  
Young Hoon Oh (2012)  
Phuoc Duong\* (2011)  
Jun Gines\* (2010)  
Celia Tuchman-Rosta (2010)  
Lisa Garibaldi (2010)  
Kyoungduk Mun (2010)  
Neal Matherne (2010; ethnomusicology)  
Sarah Grant\* (2009)  
Melissa King (2009)  
Kohanya Ranch (2009)  
Mark Hintzman (2009)  
Nick Welcome (2008)  
Paul Roberts (2008)  
Jelena Radovich Fanta (2008)  
Maithi Ramachandran (2008; economics)  
Justine Lemos (2007)  
Jenny Banh (2007)  
Yuichi Yokoyama\*  
Chari Hamratanaphon\*  
Violette Ho\*  
Shani Tra\*  
Zhiyi Wang\*  
Tara Westmor\*

*Southeast Asian Studies MA Thesis Committees*

Chi Yen Ha\*  
Tara Westmor\* (2021)  
Violette Ho\* (2020)  
Chari Hamratanaphon\* (2020)  
Sopheha Seng\* (2016)  
Chris Norlund (2016; MFA, Creative Writing)  
Trangđai Glassey-Tranguyen\* (2016)  
Casey Avaunt (2016)  
Astara Light\* (2015; also Co-chair of Art History MA Committee)  
Stephen James\* (2015)  
Phạm Phương Chi (2012)

*Southeast Asian Studies MA Designated Emphasis (Main advisor)*

Jemuel Garcia\* (2019)  
Shelley Guyton\* (2018)  
Shani Tra\*  
Zhiyi Wang\*

*Postdoctoral Fellows and Visiting Scholars*

Amy Dao, Columbia University

Sylvia Nam, UC Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow  
Trần Thị Thảo, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City  
Grażyna Szymańska-Matusiewicz, University of Warsaw  
Zarina Urmanbetova, University of Zürich and Fribourg

**Professional Memberships:** American Anthropological Association, Association for Asian Studies, Association for Feminist Anthropology, European Association for Social Anthropology, European Association for Southeast Asian Studies, German Studies Association, Post-Communist Cultural Studies Interest Group (Soyuz), Society for Cultural Anthropology, Critical Urban Anthropology Association, Vietnam Studies Group

**Foreign Languages**

Proficient in Vietnamese (speaking, reading and writing)  
Proficient in German (speaking, reading and writing)  
Semi-Proficient in Spanish (reading and speaking)  
Beginner Level, Burmese (speaking) and French (reading)