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EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D. in Rhetoric, Designated Emphasis in Critical Theory, University of California, Berkeley. Dissertation committee: Trinh T. Minh-ha (Chair), Colleen Lye, Keith Feldman, Daniel Boyarin
- 2013 B.A. in History and Media Studies, Pomona College, *summa cum laude*

APPOINTMENTS

- 2019- Assistant Professor, Department of Asian American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2018-19 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow of Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies, Asian Studies Program, College of the Holy Cross
- SP 2017 Visiting Lecturer, Race, Colonialism, and Diaspora Consortium, Tufts University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Asian American and Asian Diaspora studies, U.S. empire, critical refugee studies, settler colonial studies, transpacific studies, queer theory, transnational feminism, critical theory

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

- “Historicizing the Transpacific Settler Colonial Condition: Asian-Indigenous Relations in Shawn Wong’s *Homebase* and Viet Thanh Nguyen’s *The Sympathizer*.” *MELUS* 45, no. 4 (Winter 2020): 49-71.
- “Queer Love across Queer Time: Nonaligned Solidarity, Indigenous Incommensurability, and the Temporal Drag of the Vietnam War.” *Critical Ethnic Studies* 5, no. 1 (2019): 99-123.
- “Cold War Entanglements, Third World Solidarities: Vietnam and Palestine, 1967-75.” In “Vietnam, War, and the Global Imagination,” ed. Timothy K. August, Evyn Lê Espiritu, and Vinh Nguyen, *Canadian Review of American Studies* 48, no. 3 (2018): 352-386.
- “Vexed Solidarities: Vietnamese Israelis and the Question of Palestine.” *LIT: Literature Interpretation Theory* 29, no. 1 (2018): 8-28.
- “‘Who Was Colonel Hồ Ngọc Cẩn?’: Queer and Feminist Practices for Exhibiting South Vietnamese History on the Internet.” *Amerasia Journal* 43, no. 2 (Fall 2017): 3-24.

Other Publications

- “Book Review: Simeon Man, *Soldiering through Empire: Race and the Making of the Decolonizing Pacific*.” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 15, no. 1 (2020): 136-141.
- “Introduction—Vietnam, War, and the Global Imagination,” co-authored with Timothy K. August and Vinh Nguyen. In “Vietnam, War, and the Global Imagination,” ed. Timothy K. August, Evyn Lê Espiritu, and Vinh Nguyen, *Canadian Review of American Studies* 48, no. 3 (2018): 289-295.
- “Civility, Academic Freedom, and the Project of Decolonization: A Conversation with Steven Salaita.” *Qui Parle: Critical Humanities and Social Sciences* 24, no. 1 (2015): 63-88.
- “Ninotchka Rosca.” In *Great Lives from History: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Volume 3*, edited by Gary Y. Okihiro, 658-659. Ipswich, MA: Salem Press, 2012.

Under Review

- “Symbolizing Solidarity: Revolutionary Vietnamese Women in Vietnam, Palestine, and Iran,” co-authored with Thy Phu and Donya Ziaee. In *Cold War Camera*, edited by Thy Phu, Andrea Noble, and Erina Duganne. Forthcoming with Duke University Press.
- “Archipelagic Poetics: Connecting Anti-Base Activism on Okinawa with Military Buildup Protests on Guåhan.” In *Transpacific Undisciplined: Feeling Current(s)*, edited by Lily Wong, Christopher Patterson, and Chien-ting Lin. Accepted with revisions.
- “Settlers of Color and Decolonization.” In *Routledge Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*. Accepted.
- “Indigenous Soldiering during the Trans-Pacific Vietnam War.” Revise and resubmit with *Critical Ethnic Studies*.

In Progress

- Archipelago of Resettlement: Vietnamese Refugee Settlers in Guam and Israel-Palestine*. Under contract with University of California Press.
- The Routledge Handbook of Refugee Narratives*, co-edited anthology with Vinh Nguyen. Under contract with Routledge.
- “Revisiting the Southern Question: South Korea, South Vietnam, and the American South.” Second book project in progress.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2020-21 Faculty Career Development Award, UCLA
- 2020 UC Irvine Global Scholars Early Career Fellowship
- 2017 American Studies Association (ASA) Critical Ethnic Studies Prize
- 2016-18 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship
- 2016 Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Best Graduate Student Paper
- 2016 American Studies Association (ASA) Critical Ethnic Studies Prize Finalist
- 2013-15 Regents Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley
- 2013 Phi Beta Kappa Graduate Studies Award, Pomona College
- 2013 Phi Beta Kappa, Pomona College
- 2013 Peter Kiang Senior Thesis Prize, Pomona College
- 2013 Scott Winslow Award in Media Studies, Pomona College
- 2013 Senior Service Award, Pomona College
- 2012 Ahmanson Foundation Scholarship, Pomona College
- 2012 John Hayes Beaver Prize in History, Pomona College
- 2009-13 National Merit Scholar Fellowship

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2019 Asian American Studies Center Grant, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2015 Center for Race and Gender Travel Grant, University of California, Berkeley
- 2015 Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law and Israel Studies Research Grant
- 2014 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, UC Berkeley (declined)
- 2011, 2012 Summer Undergraduate Research Program Grant, Pomona College
- 2011 Margo Okazawa-Rey Summer Fellowship, Pomona College

FILMS

- 2015 *Saan ang espiritu ng mga Vietnamese?* (15 minutes)
Featured at Kearney Street Workshop's 2015 APature Film Showcase and the
2016 Association for Asian Studies Film Expo
- 2013 *Who Was Colonel Hồ Ngọc Cân?* (11 minutes)
Screened at Boston University, ASPIRE, and University of California, Davis
- 2012 *Memory* (4 minutes)
- 2012 *Environmental Justice League* (70 minutes)
- 2012 *Contemporary Vietnamese American Studies Fellowship* (3 minutes)
- 2012 *The Myra House* (13 minutes)
- 2011 *Extended Vigil at Pomona College* (4 minutes)
- 2011 *Máy Bay (Airplane)* (26 minutes)
2012 Los Angeles Movie Awards, Honorable Mention for Student Film

INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2021 "Navigating Identity/ies: From Asian American, to AAPI, to APIDA." OPAWL:
Building AAPI Feminist Leadership, Invited Panelist.
- 2020 "The Decolonization Conversation: Vietnamese Refugee Settlers on Guam." *Archiving
Power: Vietnamese Refugee Studies and the Politics of Memory*. Center for the Study
of Race + Ethnicity in America, Brown University, Invited Panelist.
- 2020 "Transpacific Decolonization: Vietnamese Refugee Settlers and the Temporality of
Settler Militarism on Guam." Forced Displacement, Migration, & Resettlement class,
Scripps College, Invited Guest Lecturer.
- 2020 "The Politics of Staying: Vietnamese Refugee Settlers and the Permanent/Transient
Temporality of Settler Militarism on Guam." *The 1980 Refugee Act after 40 Years: Is
There a Minnesota School of Refugee Studies?* Immigration History Research Center,
University of Minnesota, Invited Panelist. *Canceled due to COVID-19
- 2018 "Rewind Special Edition: Operation New Life, Part 3—Lone Sailor Statue to Come to
Guam." Joint Region Marianas, Invited "Vietnamese Diaspora Expert" for TV series
on Operation New Life.
- 2017 "History, Diaspora, and Politics." Ottoman History Podcast, Invited Interviewee for
Episode 332.
- 2016 "Vietnam In and With Palestine." Students for Justice in Palestine, Johns Hopkins
University, Featured Speaker.
- 2016 "Revisiting the History of the Army of the Republic of Viet Nam (ARVN): An
International, Multigenerational Perspective." New Việt Nam Studies Initiative,
University of California, Davis, Invited Panelist.
- 2016 "Racial Formation in Israel: Gender, Diaspora, and Occupation." Center for Race and
Gender, University of California, Berkeley, Invited Co-presenter.

TEACHING

- ASIA AM 126: "Comparative Race and Indigeneity." Assistant Professor, Asian American
Studies Department, UCLA. FA 20.
- ASIA AM 125: "Transpacific Literature and Theory." Assistant Professor, Asian American
Studies Department, UCLA. WI 20, WI 21.
- ASIA AM 178: "Critical Refugee Studies." Assistant Professor, Asian American Studies
Department, UCLA. WI 20, FA 20.

- ASIA AM 297A: “Asian Indigenous Encounters.” Assistant Professor, Asian American Studies Department, UCLA. FA 19.
- ASTD 399: “Transpacific Literature and Theory.” Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Asian Studies Program, College of the Holy Cross. SP 19.
- ASTD 199: “Asian American Studies.” Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Asian Studies Program, College of the Holy Cross. FA 18.
- AAST 0094: “Labor, War, Activism: A Critical History of Asian America.” Visiting Lecturer, Race, Colonialism, and Diaspora Consortium, Tufts University. SP 17.
- RHET 1A: “Politics of Temporality.” Co-Instructor, Reading and Composition, Rhetoric Department, UC Berkeley. SP 16.
- RHET 1B: “Rhetoric of Translation: Colonial Violence and Ethical Relationality.” Co-Instructor, Reading and Composition, Rhetoric Department, UC Berkeley. FA 15/

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 “Operation New Life: Vietnamese Refugees and U.S. Settler Militarism in Guam.” Marianas History Conference, Presenter.
- 2021 “Feminist Archipelagic Poetics.” Island Feminisms Virtual Speaker Series, Featured Speaker.
- 2020 “Settler Racial Tense: Temporality, Affect, Race, Indigeneity.” American Studies Association, Presenter and Roundtable co-organizer. *Canceled due to COVID-19.
- 2020 “Vietnamese Refugees in Israel and Discourses of Anti-blackness.” International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (University of Ghana), Presenter. *Postponed due to COVID-19
- 2020 “Feminist Archipelagic Poetics.” Island Feminisms Conference (University of Hawai‘i-Hilo), Presenter. *Postponed due to COVID-19
- 2020 “Queer Vietnamese Interrogations of Refugee Settler Desire.” Southeast Asian American Studies Conference, Presenter and Panel Co-Organizer. *Postponed due to COVID-19
- 2020 “Hardly Small War(s): Southern Apertures in Don Mee Choi’s *Hardly War* and An-My Lê’s *Small Wars*.” Association of Asian American Studies, Presenter and Panel Co-Organizer. *Canceled due to COVID-19
- 2020 “Archipelagic History: Vietnam, Palestine, and Guam, 1967-75.” UC Irvine Global Studies Conference, Presenter and Peer Mentor
- 2019 “Afro-Asian Intimacies: Race, Gender, and Imperial Violence during the Korean and Vietnam Wars.” American Studies Association, Presenter and Panel Co-Organizer
- 2019 “Refugee Settler Desire and the Promise of Indigenous Placemaking Epistemologies.” Native American Indigenous Studies Association, Presenter, Chair, and Panel Organizer
- 2019 “Negotiating Refugee and Indigenous Loss in Bich Minh Nguyen’s *Pioneer Girl*.” Loss Symposium (McGill University), Presenter
- 2019 “Transpacific Intimacies between Chamorros and Vietnamese during the Vietnam War and its Afterlives.” Association for Asian American Studies, Presenter
- 2018 “Queer Love across Queer Time: Nonaligned Solidarity, Indigenous Incommensurability, and the Temporal Drag of the Vietnam War.” American Studies Association, Presenter and Panel Co-Organizer
- 2018 “Revisiting the Southern Question: South Korea, South Vietnam, and the American South.” Korea and Vietnam in the Modern and Contemporary Ages: Comparison and New Connections Conference (Seoul), Presenter and Panel Organizer

- 2018 “Theorizing the Archipelago: Vietnamese Refugee Settlers in Guam and Israel-Palestine.” Association for Asian American Studies, Presenter and Panel Co-Organizer
- 2018 “Militarized Palimpsests in the Black Pacific: A Response.” 18th Annual Harvard Graduate Student Conference on International and Global History: The Pacific in the World, Invited Respondent
- 2018 “Exile Poetics: Bridging Refugee Settlers and Palestinian Liberation.” Modern Language Association, Presenter
- 2017 “Vietnamese Refugee Settlers and the Temporality of Settler Militarism on Guam.” American Studies Association, Presenter and Panel Co-Organizer
- 2017 “Freedom Dreams under Occupation: Displacement, Resistance, and Solidarity in Palestine.” National Women’s Studies Association, Roundtable Participant
- 2017 “Operation New Life and the Politics of Care: A Relational Analysis of U.S. Settler Militarism, Chamorro Decolonization, and Vietnam War Refugees.” Association for Asian American Studies, Presenter and Panel Co-Organizer
- 2017 “Unincorporated Island Harbors: U.S. Militarism, Settler Colonialism, and Asian American Subjectivity in Guam.” Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States, Presenter
- 2017 “Racialized Encounters: Vietnamese Refugees and Native Chamorros on Post-1975 Guam.” Militarism and Migration Conference (UC San Diego), Presenter
- 2016 “Vexed Solidarities: Vietnamese Israelis and the Question of Palestine.” American Studies Association, Presenter
- 2016 “Performing Humanitarianism: Israeli Selection and Media Construction of the Ideal Vietnamese Refugee.” Association for Asian American Studies, Presenter and Panel Co-Organizer
- 2016 “*Saan ang espiritu ng mga Vietnamese?: Probing the Ghostly Remains of the Vietnamese Refugee Camps in the Philippines.*” Association for Asian Studies, Presenter
- 2015 “‘Divine Sorrow’ and Cold War Pasts: Interrogating Vietnam’s Solidarity with the State of Palestine.” American Studies Association, Presenter and Panel Co-Organizer
- 2015 “Producing ‘Vietnamese Community’ in Oakland: Space, Place, and the Politics of Visibility.” Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Presenter
- 2015 “Situating Vaan Nguyen and the Vietnamese in Israel.” American Comparative Literature Association, Presenter
- 2014 “Violence of Inclusion amidst a Discourse of Rescue: Situating Vaan Nguyen and the Vietnamese Diaspora in Israel.” Southeast Asians in the Diaspora Conference (University of Minnesota), Presenter
- 2014 “South Vietnamese Refugees and the Subaltern Digital Archive.” “Intellectual Properties”: 3rd Annual CLCS Conference (University of Minnesota), Presenter
- 2014 “Narrativizing the Past: The Politics of Storytelling in Daryl J. Maeda’s *Chains of Babylon* and Karen Tei Yamashita’s *I Hotel*.” Association for Asian American Studies, Presenter
- 2012 “*Máy Bay*: Telling Vietnamese Refugees Stories through Film.” Annual Southeast Asian Cinemas Conference (Singapore), Presenter

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Studies Association (ASA)

Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS)

National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID) Diversity Scholars Network

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2021 Asian American Studies Department Community College Outreach Team, UCLA
- 2021 UC Pacific Worlds Symposium Planning Committee, multiple UC campuses
- 2021 Asian American Studies Department Graduate Admissions Committee, UCLA
- 2021 Association for Asian American Studies Conference Programming Committee
- 2020- Asian American Studies Center Faculty Advisory Committee, UCLA
- 2020 Faculty Reviewer for the Dissertation Year Fellowship Program, UCLA
- 2020 Asian American Studies Center Graduate Student Awards Committee, UCLA
- 2019- Pilipino Studies Minor Affiliated Faculty, UCLA
- 2019- Center for Southeast Asian Studies Faculty Advisory Committee, UCLA
- 2015 Rhetoric Conference Co-organizer, "Humanism and its Prefixes," UC Berkeley
- 2014-18 *Qui Parle* Editorial Board Member, UC Berkeley

PEER REVIEW

- Amerasia Journal*
- Radical History Review*
- Journal of Asian American Studies*
- ANQ: A Quarterly Journal of Short Articles, Notes, and Reviews*
- Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States*
- Rhetoric, Politics & Culture*
- Embodying the Periphery*
- The Historical Journal*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2018 Mentor for ASPIRE (Asian Sisters Participating in Reaching Excellence), Boston
- 2016-19 Asian American Studies Writing Group Organizer, Greater Boston/Providence
- 2016-17 Guest Writer for East Meets West Borderlands Blog, Cambridge/Boston
- 2014 Guest Writer for diaCRITICS, Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network's Blog
- 2014 Viet-AID Video Workshop Leader for Middle School Students, Boston
- 2013 Kearny Street Workshop Videographer, San Francisco