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EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. in History, **Cornell University**, 2003
Southeast Asian and East Asian History with a concentration in Sino-Vietnamese History and Literature and a cognate field in Religious Studies
- The School of Criticism and Theory, **Cornell University**: worked on the subject of “Bilingual Games” and on Theory of Religion, 2002
- M.A. in History, **Cornell University**, 2000
- Ph.D. student, Department of Asian Studies and Department of International Relations, **Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel** (not completed, interrupted for a career with Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs), 1990-1993
- Ph.D. student, **Institute for Linguistic Studies, Academy of Science, Moscow, USSR**, field of Sino-Vietnamese linguistics (not completed, emigrated to Israel), 1987-1989
- M.A. (in conjunction with a B.A.) in Oriental Studies, **Leningrad State University, USSR**, specializing in Vietnamese language and literature, 1987.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

- Senior fellow, Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), **Kyoto University, Japan**, September 2023-February 2024
- Membre associée, **Institut d'Asie Orientale (l'IAO), Lyon, France**, September 2023-
- Fellow, Collegium de Lyon, **Institut d'études avancées (IEA), Lyon, France**, September 2022-June 2023
- Fellow, **Institut d'Asie Orientale (l'IAO), Lyon, France**, September 2022-June 2023
- Directrice d'études invitée (equivalent of full professor), **École Pratique des Hautes Études (EPHE), Paris, France**, May-June 2022
- Fellow, **Institut d'études avancées (IEA) de Nantes, France**, October 2020-June 2021
- **Professor, Texas A&M University, College Station, USA, 2020-present**
- Henry Luce Fellow, **National Humanities Center, North Carolina, USA**, September 2019-May 2020
- Fellow, **National Endowments for the Humanities, USA**, 2015-2016
- **Associate Professor, Department of History, Texas A&M University, College Station, USA, 2009-2020**
- **Assistant Professor, Department of History, Texas A&M, University, College Station, 2004-2009**

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- A. Kenneth Pye Visiting Assistant Professor (endowed chair for the most promising young scholar), **Clements History Department, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX**, 2003–2004
- Lecturer in Asian History, **Wells College, Aurora, NY**, 2000

LANGUAGES:

- Fluency in English, Russian, Vietnamese, Hebrew
- Proficiency in French
- Reading abilities in Latin, Italian, Spanish, Classical and Modern Chinese, Demotic Vietnamese characters (Nom)
- Studying Japanese

EXTERNAL GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS:

- Senior fellowship, Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), **Kyoto University, Japan**, September 2023-February 2024
- Fellow, **Collegium de Lyon, Institut d'études avancées (IEA), France**, September 2022-June 2023
- Directrice d'études invitée (equivalent of full professor), **École Pratique des Hautes Études (EPHE), Paris, France**, May-June 2022
- Fellowship, **Institut d'études avancées (IEA) de Nantes, France**, 2020-2021
- Henry Luce Fellowship, **National Humanities Center Fellowship, USA**, 2019-2020
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, Durham, **North Carolina, USA**, 2015-2016
- Post-doctoral Fellowship, **Institute of Asian Studies, National University of Singapore**, 2003-2004 (declined, to take position at Southern Methodist University)
- International Prize/Fellowship in History of the **Dan David Foundation, Israel** (for the most promising young scholar), 2002
- Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Fellowship, 2000-2001
- Ford Foundation Grant, 2000
- Fellowship, **The Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Jerusalem, Israel**, 1993-1994
- Fellowship of the **Ministry of Absorption, Jerusalem, Israel**, 1991-1992

UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS (Texas A&M University, Cornell University, Hebrew University):

- Faculty Development Leave, Spring 2022-Fall 2023 (competitive selection)
- Melbern G. Glasscock Center Faculty Research Fellowship,
 - 2019-2020
 - 2018-2019
- International Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University
 - 2018
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 - 2008

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- Faculty Development Leave, Texas A&M University, Fall 2016 (competitive selection)
- 2015 Inaugural Class of Texas A&M University Arts & Humanities Fellows, three year fellow, 2015-2018
- Melburn G. Glasscock Center Residential Fellow, Texas A&M University, Spring 2015 (one semester teaching release)
- Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities (PESCA) Grant, Texas A&M University, 2014
- SEED Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, 2013
- Summer Research Enhancement Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, 2006
- Southeast Asian Program Award, Cornell University, Summer 2003
- The Mellon Fellowship, Cornell University, Spring 2003
- Fellowship for study at the School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University, Summer 2002
- The Boldt Fellowship, Cornell University, Fall 2002
- The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Graduate Fellowship at Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, Spring 2002
- The Gilmore Fellowship, Cornell University, 2000-2001
- The Sage Fellowship, Cornell University, 1997-1998
- The Golda Meir Fellowship, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1990-1991; 1992-1993

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS:**Books:****Single-Authored Monographs:**

- *Making Two Vietnams: War and Youth Identities, 1965-75* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2019). In the “Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute [Columbia University]” series.
 - ◆ Paperback: Cambridge University Press, November 2020.
 - ◆ Translated into Vietnamese: by Lê Tùng Châu, *Việt Nam Nước Chia Hai Đàng: Chiến tranh và sự định hình giới trẻ hai miền* (San Jose, CA: Nhan Anh Publishing House, 2023).
 - ◆ Roundtable on *Making Two Vietnams*-H-Diplo XXI-25-H-Diplo, Jan. 20, 2020, <https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XXI-25.pdf>
- *Cult, Culture, and Authority: Princess Lieu Hanh in Vietnamese History* (Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2007)
 - ◆ Second edition coming out in 2024.
- Current Monograph Project: *Ho Chi Minh's Cult in Vietnamese Statehood*

Edited Volumes, Journal Issues, and Translations:

- Co-edited (with Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox) a guest issue *The Intellectual History of Buddhism in the Republic of Viet Nam (1955-1975)* for *Kyoto Southeast Asian*

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Review, issue 35, March 2023 (All articles are translated from English into Japanese, Thai, Bahasa Indonesia, Filipino, Vietnamese and Burmese).

- **Nhã Ca, *Mourning Headband for Hue*** (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2014), translation from Vietnamese and introduction;
 - ◆ Paperback: Indiana University Press, June 2016.
 - ◆ 2014 INDIEFAB Book of the Year Awards Winner (third place)
 - ◆ Interview: “Nha Ca, with Olga Dror: Revisiting the Tet Offensive,” *Shelf-Awareness*, August 2014; <http://www.shelf-awareness.com/readers-issue.html?issue=325#m5764>
- With Keith W. Taylor, eds., ***Views of Seventeenth-Century Vietnam: Christoforo Borri on Cochinchina and Samuel Baron on Tonkin*** (Ithaca, NY: Cornell Southeast Asia Program Publications, 2006)
 - ◆ Translated into Vietnamese *Việt Nam Thế Kỷ XVII: Những Góc Nhìn Từ Thế Giới Bên Ngoài* (Hoàng Tịnh Thủy, dịch.) and published by Nxb OmegaPlus, Vietnam, 2020.
- ***Opusculum de sectis apud sinenses et tunkinenses (A Small Treatise on the Sects Among the Chinese and Tonkinese) by Father Adriano di St. Thecla: A Study of Religion in China and North Vietnam in the Eighteenth Century.*** Annotated, introduced and translated from Latin, Classical Chinese, and Demotic Vietnamese (in collaboration with Mariya Berezovska for Latin), (Ithaca, NY: Cornell Southeast Asia Publications, 2002).
 - ◆ Reprinted in part in Jack Miles, et al. eds., *The Norton Anthology of World Religions: Eastern and Western Traditions* (W. W. Norton & Company, 2014).
 - ◆ Translated into Vietnamese Đức Cha Adriano di St. Thecla, *Luận Về Các Phái Của Người Trung Hoa Và Đàng Ngoài: Nghiên cứu về tôn giáo ở Trung Hoa và Bắc Việt Nam thế kỷ 18*; Olga Dror giới thiệu, dịch, và chú giải bản tiếng Anh với sự hợp tác chuyển ngữ Latin của Mariya Berezovska; Nguyễn Thanh Xuân, dịch (Hanoi: Nxb Alphabooks và Thế giới, 2017).
 - ◆ 2nd edition, 2018.

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- **“Ho Chi Minh in Political Theater Between France and Algeria,”** *Journal of Cold War Studies*, forthcoming in 2024
- With Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox, **“Introduction”** to the guest issue *The Intellectual History of Buddhism in the Republic of Viet Nam (1955-1975)* for *Kyoto Southeast Asian Review*, issue 35, March 2023 (All articles are translated from English into Japanese, Thai, Bahasa Indonesia, Filipino, Vietnamese and Burmese).
- **“Normalizing Ho Chi Minh: Ideological Demands, Popular Appeal, and Free Market Economy in Vietnamese Cinema (1990-2020),”** *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, Volume 53, Issue 3, October 2022, pp. 534-561 doi:10.1017/S0022463422000522

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- **“Weaponizing Ho Chi Minh in the Vietnamese Discourse on the Russian War in Ukraine,”** *ISEAS Perspective* (Yusof Ishak Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore), June 13, 2022/61
 - Republished by *Fulcrum* on June 17, 2022
- **“Controversies over Monuments Commemorating Hồ Chí Minh in Vietnam,”** *ISEAS Perspective* (Yusof Ishak Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore), 2020/43
- **“Education and Politics in Wartime: School Systems in North and South Vietnam, 1965-1975,”** *Journal of Cold War Studies*, 20:3, Summer 2018, pp. 57-113.
- **“Foundational Myths in the Republic of Vietnam (1965-1975): ‘Harnessing’ the Hùng Kings against Communists, Cowboys, and Hippies for Unity, Peace, and Vietnamese-ness,”** *Journal of Social History*, 51:1, Fall 2017, pp. 124-159.
- **“Love, Hatred, and Heroism in Socializing Youth in North Vietnam during Wartime, 1965-1975,”** *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*, 9:3, Fall 2016, pp. 424-449.
- **“Establishing Hồ Chí Minh’s Cult: Vietnamese Traditions and Their Transformations,”** *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 75:2, May 2016, pp. 433-466.
 - ◆ Abbreviated translation on the site of the US-Vietnam Center, University of Oregon: “Sự hình thành tín ngưỡng Hồ Chí Minh: truyền thống Việt Nam và các biến tướng (Phần 1)” <https://usvietnam.uoregon.edu/su-hinh-thanh-tin-nguong-ho-chi-minh-truyen-thong-viet-nam-va-cac-bien-tuong-phan-1/> and “(Phần 2)” <https://usvietnam.uoregon.edu/su-hinh-thanh-tin-nguong-ho-chi-minh-truyen-thong-viet-nam-va-cac-bien-tuong-phan-2/>, trans. by Nguyễn Tiến Trung
- **“Raising Vietnamese: War and Childhood in South Vietnam in the Early 1970s,”** *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, 44:1, February 2013, pp. 74-99.
- **“Doan thi Diem’s ‘Story of the Van Cat Goddess’ as a Story of Emancipation,”** *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, 33:1, February 2002, pp. 63-76.
 - ◆ Translated into Vietnamese by Le Thi Hue in the Vietnamese-American electronic journal *Gio O*, located at <http://www.gio-o.com/OlgaDrorDoanThiDiem.html>.
 - ◆ Partially translated in the Vietnamese-Canadian electronic journal *Truyen Thong* at <http://www.truyen-thong.org/so7/56.html> Translated in Vietnam in the publication of Phân viện nghiên cứu văn hóa thông tin tại Huế" (Office of Studies of Culture and Information in Hue) Spring 2007

Peer-Reviewed Chapters:

- **“Vietnamese Communism,”** (invited), in Mark Kramer, ed., *Violence, Repression, and State Power under Communism. The Record of Marxist-Leninist Regimes and Movements* (under contract with Harvard University Press, forthcoming in 2025).
- **“Translator’s Introduction,”** Nhã Ca, *Mourning Headband for Hue* (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University, 2014), pp. xi-lxv (55 pages).

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- With Keith W. Taylor, “**Introduction**,” in Olga Dror and K. W. Taylor, eds., *Views of Seventeenth-Century Vietnam: Christoforo Borri on Cochinchina and Samuel Baron on Tonkin* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell Southeast Asia Program Publications, 2006), pp. 15-22.
- “**Phantasmatic Cochinchina**,” in *Ibid.*, pp. 23-73.
- “**Translator’s Introduction**,” *Opusculum de sectis apud sinenses et tunkinenses (A Small Treatise on the Sects Among the Chinese and Tonkinese)* by Father Adriano di St. Thecla: *A Study of Religion in China and North Vietnam in the Eighteenth Century* (Ithaca: Cornell Southeast Asia Publications, 2002), pp. 22-70.
 - ◆ Translated into Vietnamese in Đức Cha Adriano di St. Thecla, *Luận Về Các Phái Của Người Trung Hoa Và Đàng Ngoài: Nghiên cứu về tôn giáo ở Trung Hoa và Bắc Việt Nam thế kỷ 18*; Olga Dror giới thiệu, dịch, và chú giải bản tiếng Anh với sự hợp tác chuyển ngữ Latin của Mariya Berezovska; Nguyễn Thanh Xuân, dịch (Hanoi: Nxb Alphabooks, 2017).

Editorials:

- “**Bên thắng cuộc của Huy Đức: Đi tìm lại sự đa dạng của lịch sử Việt Nam**” [The Winning Side by Huy Duc: Rediscovering the Diversity of Vietnamese history], BBC, Vietnamese Language Broadcast, October 13, 2022, <https://www.bbc.com/vietnamese/articles/cjyv4pd047vo>
- “**Weaponizing Ho Chi Minh in the Vietnamese Discourse on the Russian War in Ukraine**,” *Fulcrum*, June 17, 2022; republished from *ISEAS Perspective* (Yusof Ishak Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore), June 13, 2022/61
- “**Learning from the Hue Massacre**,” *The New York Times*, February 20, 2018 <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/20/opinion/hue-massacre-vietnam-war.html>;
 - ❖ translated into Vietnamese <https://vietbao.com/a278142/learning-from-the-hue-massacre>; <http://nghiencuuquocte.org/2018/10/23/bai-hoc-tu-tham-sat-hue/>
- “**How China Used Schools to Win Over Hanoi**,” *The New York Times*, January 26, 2018 <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/26/opinion/how-china-used-schools-to-win-over-hanoi.html>
 - ❖ translated into Vietnamese <https://chiecnon.wordpress.com/2018/01/30/olga-dror-cach-trung-quoc-dung-truong-hoc-de-thu-phuc-ha-noi/>
 - ❖ and <http://nghiencuuquocte.org/2018/03/28/trung-quoc-dung-truong-hoc-de-gay-anh-huong-len-bac-viet/>

Most Recent Interviews and Podcasts:

- Interview with Radio Free Asia [Cao Nguyen], “**Vì sao di nguyện hỏa táng của ông Hồ Chí Minh sau 54 năm vẫn chưa được thực thi?** [Why has not Ho Chi Minh been buried after 54 years?], August 30, 2023. https://viedev.rfaweb.org/vietnamese/in_depth/why-have-ho-chi-minh-not-been-buried-after-54-years-08302023132958.html
- Interview with Vietnamese Television (VTV1 – official government’s channel) on the occasion of **Ho Chi Minh’s 133th anniversary**, May 19, 2023.
- Interview with Radio Free Asia: “**Tín ngưỡng Hồ Chí Minh’ ở Việt Nam: trước đây và hiện nay**” [Ho Chi Minh’s Cult in Vietnam: past and present], May 12, 2023. https://www.rfa.org/vietnamese/in_depth/ho-chi-minh-cult-in-vietnam-past-and-present-05122023141528.html

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- Interview with Radio Free Asia: “**Giáo dục lịch sử ở Mỹ hiện nay khác gì với Việt Nam?**” [How is history education in the US today different from Vietnam?], May 8, 2023 https://www.rfa.org/vietnamese/in_depth/how-is-history-education-in-the-us-today-different-from-vietnam-05082023075147.html
- Interview with Radio Free Asia: “**Việt Nam muốn dạy học sinh ‘tư duy phản biện’ và ‘tư duy lịch sử’ nhưng vẫn chưa khỏi vòng kim cô**” [(Vietnam wants to teach students “critical thinking” and “historical thinking” but it is still not out of the woods)], May 2, 2023. https://www.rfa.org/vietnamese/in_depth/comments-on-the-direction-of-education-of-historical-thinking-skills-in-vietnam-05022023162209.html
- Interview with Marija Zemunović, “**Kajmakčalanska legenda: Nema nikakvih dokaza da je Ho Ši Min ratovao na Solunskom frontu**” [Kaymakchalan legend: There is no evidence that Ho Chi Minh fought on the Thessaloniki front], *FakeNews Tragač*, Serbia, January 31, 2023 <https://fakenews.rs/2023/01/31/kajmakcalanska-legenda-nema-nikakvih-dokaza-da-je-ho-si-min-ratovao-na-solunskom-frontu/>
- Podcast on CrowdNetwork Radio, Manchester, United Kingdom, January 15, 2023 – series “We didn’t start the fire” named after Billy Joel’s famous song. “**Ho Chi Minh**” <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/ho-chi-minh/id1549243765?i=1000594101983>
- Interview with Radio Free Asia: “**Việt Nam “vũ khí hoá” ông Hồ Chí Minh trong cuộc chiến Nga-Ukraine.**” [Vietnam’s Weaponization of Ho Chi Minh in the context of the Russia-Ukrainian War], June 17, 2022
- Interview avec Louis Raymond, *Les cahiers du nem*, France « **Le Nord-Việt Nam éduquait pour la guerre. Le Sud, pour l’après-guerre** » [The North Educated for the War. The South, for the Aftermath]. May 29, 2022 <http://lescahiersdunem.fr/le-nord-viet-nam-eduquait-pour-la-guerre-le-sud-pour-lapres-guerre-entretien-avec-olga-dror-1ere-partie/>
- Podcast for the Society for the History of Childhood and Youth on *Making Two Vietnams: Youth Identities during the War (1965-1975)*, with Sabine Frühstück, May 2021, <https://www.shcy.org/>
- Podcast for the Newbooksnetwork, on *Making Two Vietnams: Youth Identities during the War (1965-1975)*, with Patrick Jory, Australia, February 2021; <https://newbooksnetwork.com/making-two-vietnams>
- “**Việt Nam: Dạy về một quá khứ bạo lực**” [Vietnam: Teaching About Violent Past], Nguyễn Thị Thủy, BBC, Vietnamese service, June 2019, <https://www.bbc.com/vietnamese/forum-48166635>

Selected Recent Book Reviews:

- Pascal Bourdeaux, *Bouddhisme Hòa Hảo, d’un royaume l’autre. Religion et Révolution au Sud Việt Nam (1935-1955)* (Paris: Les Indes Savantes, 2022), forthcoming in *Journal of Asian Studies*, 2024
- Geoffrey C. Gunn, *Ho Chi Minh in Hong Kong. Anticolonial Networks, Extradition and the Rule of Law* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2021), *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* (2023) 18 (1-2): 214–216, doi.org/10.1525/vs.2023.18.1-2.214

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- Franck Michelin, *La guerre du Pacifique a commencé en Indochine, 1940-1941* (Paris: Passés composés, 2019), *Journal of Asian Studies* 81 (3), 2022, 626-628. doi:10.1017/S0021911822000973
- Thaveeporn Vasavakul, *Vietnam A Pathway from State Socialism* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2019), in *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, vol. 42 (2), 2020, 311-3
- Michitake Aso, *Rubber and the Making of Vietnam: An Ecological History, 1897–1975* (Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press, 2018), in the *Journal of Agricultural History*, 93 (3), 2019, 573–575.
- Nathalie Huynh Chau Nguyen, *South Vietnamese soldiers: Memories of the Vietnam War and after* (Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2016), in the *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, 50(2), 2019, 312-313. doi:10.1017/S0022463419000134
- Geoffrey C. Stewart, *Vietnam's Lost Revolution: Ngô Đình Diệm's Failure to Build an Independent Nation, 1950–1963* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2017), in *The American Historical Review*, Volume 123, Issue 4, 1 October 2018: 1305–1306, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ahr/rhy051>
- Martin Grossheim, “The ‘Sword and Shield of the Party’: How the Vietnamese People’s Public Security Forces Portray Themselves,” *Intelligence and National Security*, 33:3, 2018: 439-458; on H-Diplo, no. 792, 14 September 2018, <https://issforum.org/reviews/PDF/AR792.pdf>

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

International:

- “Foundations of Ho Chi Minh’s Cult of Personality,” **Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, Japan**, November 22, 2023
- “Ho Chi Minh’s Cult in the 21st Century,” **University of Cologne, Germany**, June 12, 2023
- “Le communisme en Asie après 1945,” **Sciences Po Strasbourg, Université de Strasbourg, France**, March 14, 2023
- “La construction du culte de la personnalité de Ho Chi Minh : singularités et convergences,” **Institut d’Asie Orientale, Lyon, France**, March 24, 2023
- “Vues de l’invasion russe de l’Ukraine depuis l’Asie,” Colloque international de la Chaire UNESCO, “La guerre russo-ukrainienne, un an après : enjeux et perspective,” **Université catholique de Lyon – Université Lyon 2, France**, February 24, 2023
- “War and Youth in Vietnam, 1965-1975,” **Universität Hamburg, Germany**, December 9, 2022
- “Origins of Ho Chi Minh’s Cult of Personality,” **Collegium de Lyon-Institut d’études avancées, France**, September 2022
- “Representations of Ho Chi Minh’s Love Life in His Role as an Icon,” **Palacký University, Olomouc, Czech Republic**, June 2022
- “Héros et anti-héros au Vietnam: essai de typologie historique,” **École pratique des hautes études (EPHE), Paris, France**, June 2022
- “La greffe du socialisme sur la Nation: la figure de Hô Chi Minh,” **École pratique des hautes études (EPHE), Paris, France**, May 2022

- “Taoïsme, possession et culte des Immortelles: la déesse Liêu Hanh,” **École pratique des hautes études (EPHE), Paris, France, May 2022**
- “L’invention d’une genèse nationale: le mythe ambigu des rois Hùng,” **École pratique des hautes études (EPHE), Paris, France, May 2022**
- **Keynote:** “Arts and Power in Southeast Asia,” **Euro-SEAS Conference, September 2021**
- “Les expériences des civils vietnamiens pendant la guerre (1965-1975),” **Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3, France, June 2021**
- “Relativity of Academic Freedom,” Roundtable "Affirming Intellectual Freedom in Universities Now,” **Institut d’études avancées, Nantes, France, May 2021**
- “Ho Chi Minh’s Cult in Vietnam and Beyond,” **Université d’Aix-Marseille, France, February 2021**
- “Rendre Ho Chi Minh normal: exigences idéologiques, séduction populaire et économie de marché dans le cinéma vietnamien (1990-2020),” **Institut d’études avancées, Nantes, France, February 2021**
- **Keynote:** “Educational Systems in North and South Vietnams during the War, 1965-1975,” 4th International Conference on Vietnamese and Taiwanese Studies to be held by Center for Vietnamese Studies, **National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan, November 2019**
- “Ho Chi Minh’s Cult in Contemporary Vietnam,” **The ISEAS–Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore, November 2019**
- “Standing Among Peers: Ho Chi Minh’s Cult in Comparison to the Cults of Mao and Other Communist Leaders,” **King’s College, London, United Kingdom, May 2019**
- **Keynote:** “Splendors and Misereries of Ritual Circuits: Authorities and Aesthetics in Vietnamese History,” *Autoritas: Modes of Authority and Aesthetic Practices from South to Southeast Asia* conference, **École normale supérieure, Paris, France, May 2018**
- “Remembering and Forgetting the Hue Massacre, 1968,” **Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (Inalco), Paris, France, May 2018**
- **Keynote:** “Life after Death: Cults of Personalities in the Soviet Union and the Countries of East and Southeast Asia,” Conference “Commemorating October 1917: Re-thinking Marxism and the Russian Revolution in East and Southeast Asia,” **Palacký University, Olomouc, Czech Republic, October 2017**
- “Vietnam: Myths and History,” **Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic, October 2017**
- “The Two Vietnams: State and Youth in North and South Vietnam during the War, 1965-1975,” **Max Planck Institute, Göttingen, Germany, June 2017**
- “Les bons, les brutes et les truands: l’amour et la haine dans la vie des enfants nord-vietnamiens pendant la guerre 1965-1975” (The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Love and Hatred in the Life of North Vietnamese Children during the War (1965-1975)), **École pratique des hautes études and École française d’Extrême-Orient, Paris, France, May 2014**
- “Popular Religions and Formation of Identities in Vietnam,” **Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, May 2005**

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- “Popular religion and Nationalism in Vietnam at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century,” **University of Western Ontario, London, Canada**, February 2004
- “Nationalism in Vernacular: Kieu Oanh Mau in Search of ‘Vietnameseness’,” **University of Toronto, Canada**, January 2003

Invited Presentations (USA):

- “Ho Chi Minh and Market Economy,” **University of Hawaii**, November 2021
- “Rebellion and Conformity among Youth in North and South Vietnam during the War,” **Georgetown University**, September 2021
- “Ho Chi Minh’s Cult in Vietnam Today,” **University of North Carolina**, March 2021
- “Ho Chi Minh’s Cult in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (1945-1969),” **University of Hawaii**, November, 2020
- “Looking at War from the East and the West: Perpetuation of the Cold War Views’ on the Vietnam War in the USA and Russia,” **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**, November 2019
- “Ho Chi Minh’s Image Outside of Vietnam,” **Columbia University**, October 2019
- “Youth in South Vietnam During the War,” Conference on South Vietnam, **University of Oregon**, October 2019
- “War and Identities in North and South Vietnams,” **Columbia University**, February 2019
- “Why is Vietnam important?” **Luce Foundation, New York City**, June 2016
- “Significance of Nha Ca’s Work *Mourning Headband for Hue*,” **Cornell University**, October 2015
- “Significance of Nha Ca’s Work *Mourning Headband for Hue*,” **University of California, Berkeley**, February 2015
- “Ho Chi Minh and Children: (De)Constructing Narratives of Love and Devotion,” **Yale University**, April 2013
- “Vietnamese Literature and Propaganda during the War,” **Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton University**, January 2008
- “Vietnamese Religions in Life and Scholarship,” **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**, October 2007
- “This Side, The Other Side: Children’s Literature in Vietnam during the War,” **Southeast Asia Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**, October 2007
- “Vietnam Divided: Conflicting Memories of the War from the North and the South,” **Michigan State University**, February 2006
- “Between Tradition and Modernity in Vietnam: A Popular Cult as a Symbol of Nationalism,” **Southern Methodist University, Dallas**, April 2004
- “Taming of the Shrew: Princess Lieu Hanh Buddhicized in the Vernacular,” **Divinity School, University of Chicago**, January 2003

CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIUM PRESENTATIONS:

International:

- “L’esthétique du culte de Ho Chi Minh,” Conference «Esthétiques des modes d’autorité : culture matérielle et scénographie du pouvoir en Asie Orientale,

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- XVIIIe-XXIe siècles, » **Institut d'Asie Orientale, Lyon, June 1, 2023**
- “Le Vietnam socialiste comme utopie algérienne,” Conference « Fragments of Utopia/Fragments d’utopies, » **Institut d’études avancées, Marseille, France, April 17, 2023**
 - “Dissemination of Knowledge and COVID-19,” workshop “Global health crisis and research work,” **Institut d’études avancées, Nantes, France, June 2021**
 - “Gamut of South Vietnam: Co-existence of Conformity and Rebellion,” Asian Dynamics Initiative International Conference, **University of Copenhagen, Denmark, June 2018**
 - “Creating Memories in Time of War: What South and North Vietnam Wanted Youth to Know about History,” Conference Why Remember? Memory and Forgetting in Times of War and Its Aftermath, **Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, June 2017**
 - “Sacred vs Historical: Hùng Kings in Three Vietnams,” **6th French Network for Asian Studies International Conference/ Réseau Asie, Paris, France, June 2017**
 - “Confucianism and Judaism,” International Bridges Faculty Workshop, **Western Galilee College, Akko, Israel, 2012**
 - “The Tet Offensive of 1968: A View from South Vietnam,” **Conference on Vietnamese Studies, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow, Russia, 2012**
 - “Raising Vietnamese: Children’s Magazines in the South in the early 1970s,” **Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, Canada, 2012**
 - “Children and the War: Children’s Writings from the South,” **Euro-Viet Conference, Hamburg, Germany, 2008**
 - “From Superstition to Tradition: Popular Cults on Trial,” **Conference of the Canadian Association for Asian Studies, Montreal, Canada, 2003**
 - “How an Eighteenth-Century Manuscript Enriches Our Knowledge of the Modern Religious Palette in Vietnam.” **EuroViet-V, Bi-annual International Conference on Vietnam, St. Petersburg, Russia, 2002**
 - “Princess Lieu Hanh – the Problem of ‘Otherness,’” International Conference: Religious and Philosophical Legacy of the East: Hermeneutical Perspective, **St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia, 2001**

USA:

- “Children and Uncle Ho: Ho Chi Minh and His Image as a Propaganda Tool to Fasten New Generations to the Party and the State,” **American Historical Association, Washington D.C., January 2018**
- “Hùng Kings Against Hippies and Communists in the Republic of Vietnam,” **Association for Asian Studies, Seattle, April 2016**
- “Absolutism, Relativism, and Mind-Games: A Master-Narrative of Ho Chi Minh’s Life,” **Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, March 2015**
- “Raising Vietnamese: Socializing Youth in North Vietnam during the War (1965-1975), **Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 2014**
- “From Opposition to Rapprochement: Views of the War in Vietnam from the North and the South,” **Association for Asian Studies Conference, Chicago, 2005**
- “Religion as a Marketplace,” **Conference of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, 2004**

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- “Creating a Religious Space for Women Female Merchants in the Dissemination of Cults in Northern Vietnam,” **Conference of the Social Science History Association, Baltimore, 2003**
- “On the Historicity of the Vietnamese Goddess Princess Lieu Hanh. A Prostitute or a Saint?” **Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington, D.C., 2002**
- “Religion in Vietnam and China in the Eighteenth Century through the Eyes of Adriano di Santa Thecla, an Italian Missionary in Vietnam,” **New York Conference of Asian Studies, New York Regional Conference, Cornell University, 2001**
- “Princess Lieu Hanh as Presented in Doan Thi Diem’s ‘Story of the Lady from Van Cat’,” **New York Conference of Asian Studies, Hobart and William Smith College, Geneva, NY, 1999**

Selected Presentations at Texas A&M University:

- “Ho Chi Minh in Vietnamese Feature Films,” Faculty Colloquium Series, Glasscock Center for the Humanities, September 2021
- “Girlhood in North and South Vietnams during the War, 1965-1975,” Girls and Reading Symposium, April 2019
- “Making Two Vietnams: War and Youth Identities During the War, 1965-1975,” War and Society Cluster Series, Glasscock Center for the Humanities, April 2019
- “Formation of Ho Chi Minh’s Cult and Its Role in the Construction of Vietnamese Statehood,” Faculty Colloquium Series, Glasscock Center for the Humanities, February 2019
- “1968: Conformity and Rebellion among Youth in Two Vietnams,” Global 1968 Conference, March 2018
- “Educational Systems in North and South Vietnam during the War,” Faculty Colloquium Series, Glasscock Center for the Humanities, February 2017
- “Ho Chi Minh and Americans: Love and Hatred in Socializing Vietnamese Youth During the War (1965-1975),” Faculty Colloquium Series, Glasscock Center for the Humanities, April 2015

SERVICE:

Professional Extramural Service:

- Board member, Conseil d’administration, Réseau français des instituts d’études avancées (RFIEA) [**French Foundation of the Institutes of Advanced Studies**], 2023-2028
- Board member, Book Review Co-Editor (Southeast Asia), *Journal of Asian Studies* (Cambridge University Press, from 2022-Duke University Press), 2021-2023
- Board member, Special Features team of *Asia-Pacific Journal* (University of California, Berkeley), September 2021-
- Convener, weekly discussion meetings, **Institut d’études avancées, Nantes, France, 2020-2021**
- Board member and consultant in the Ph.D. programme of Asian Studies at the Department of Asian Studies, **Palacký University, Olomouc, Czech Republic, 2019-**

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- Board member, Східний світ [The World of the Orient], **Institute of Oriental Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (Kyiv), 2019-**
- Founder and convener of the Informational Network for Scholars of Vietnam “Grapevine” (includes scholars from over 25 countries, run on a daily basis), 2016-
- Selected recent assessment of tenure and/or promotion cases: University of Houston, USA; L'École pratique des hautes études, Paris, France; Monash University, Melbourne, Australia; King's College, London, United Kingdom.

Fellowship/Grant Reviewer:

- American Council for Learned Societies;
- National Humanities Center;
- Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

Manuscript Referee/Book Reviewer:

- Presses: Oxford University Press; Cambridge University Press; University of Hawaii Press; Cornell University Press; Routledge; Thomson and Wadsworth Press; Cengage
- Journals: *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Asian Studies*; *Modern Asian Studies*; *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*; *Diplomatic History*; *Journal of Cold War Studies*; *Sojourn*; *Journal of Asian Ethnology*; *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*; *Studies in World Christianity*, *Journal of Agricultural History*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*; *Journal of Early Modern History*; *War & Society*; *Comparative Studies in Society and History*; *History of Education*; *Comparative Literature and Culture*; *Transcultural Studies*; *Historian*; *Men and Masculinities*; *Kyoto Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* (Japan); *Contemporary Southeast Asia* (Singapore); *Східний світ* (Ukraine); *Asian Journal of Political Science* (South Korea).
- Networks: H-Diplo; H-War

Workshop/Conference Panel Organizer/Chair/Discussant:

International:

- Co-organizer, with Rémy Madinier, Jérémy Jammes, Anrnaud Nantas (l'Institut d'Asie orientale, Lyon) : Conference : « Esthétiques des modes d'autorité : culture matérielle et scénographie du pouvoir en Asie Orientale, XVIIIe-XXIe siècles, » **Institut d'Asie orientale, Lyon, France, June 1-2, 2023**
- Organizer, seminar on the reactions to the Russian invasion of Ukraine (Denis Skopin, formerly professor of St. Petersburg State University, an oppositionist to the Russian invasion of Ukraine), **Institut d'Asie orientale, Lyon, France, May 25, 2023**
- Co-organizer, with Gerard Sasges (National University of Singapore and Institut d'études avancées, Marseille (IMéRA)): Conference Fragments of Utopias/Fragments d'utopies, a joint event of the **Collegium-Institut d'Etudes Avancées de Lyon & IMéRa, April 17-18, 2023**
- Organizer, seminar on the Iranian Democracy Movement (Behnaz Khosravi, ENS-Lyon), **Collegium de Lyon-Institut d'études avancées de l'Université de Lyon, France, March 9, 2023**
- Co-organizer, with Filip Kraus, Workshop on “Vietnamese Literature, Politics, and Propaganda,” **Palacký University, Olomouc, Czech Republic, June 2022**

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- Organizer, Chair, and Facilitator of weekly meetings at the **Institut d'études avancées, Nantes, France**, November 2020-June 2021 (selected examples below)
- Organizer, Chair, and Facilitator, avec Benjamin Stora, auteur du Rapport sur la colonisation et la mémoire de la guerre d'Algérie, remis au Président de la République française Emmanuel Macron en janvier 2021, **Institut d'études avancées, Nantes, France**, May 2021
- Organizer, Chair, and Facilitator, avec Jean-Marc Ayrault, former Premier ministre of France, **Institut d'études avancées, Nantes, France**, April 2021
- Organizer, Chair, and Facilitator, avec Alain Supiot, professeur du Collège de France et fondateur de l'Institut d'études avancées, **Nantes, Institut d'études avancées, Nantes, France**, April 2021
- Chair and Facilitator, Julien Dufour, "Langues d'Arabie : L'Histoire linguistique du Moyen-Orient à la lumière des langues "sudarabiques modernes," **Institut d'études avancées, Nantes, France**, February 2021
- Chair and Facilitator, Mahiye Seçil Dagtas, "Parenté et solidarité religieuses avec/entre les Syriens déplacés dans le sud de la Turquie," **Institut d'études avancées, Nantes, France**, January 2021
- Organizer, Chair, and Facilitator, avec Marie-Christine Courtès, réalisatrice du film "Sous tes doigts" nominé pour nominé aux Oscars en 2014, **Institut d'études avancées, Nantes, France**, December 2020
- Organizer & Chair, "Rebellion and Conformity: Youth and the State in East and Southeast Asia," Asian Dynamics Initiative Conference, **University of Copenhagen, Denmark**, June, 2018.
- Organizer & Chair, "Deify to Edify: Figures-on-High and Their Role in Political and Communal Formations in Vietnam," **6th French Network for Asian Studies International Conference/ Réseau Asie, Paris**, June 2017

USA:

- Co-convener (with Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox) of a workshop for the Special Issue for *Kyoto Review* on South Vietnam, September 2021
- Chair, "Republican Identity Formation," Conference: Studying Republican Vietnam: Issues, Challenges, and Prospects, University of Oregon, October 2019
- Chair and discussant, "Revolution, Development, and Violence in the Cold War," An International Symposium on "China" and "Vietnam" in the Longue Durée, **Columbia University, New York**, February 2019.
- Discussant, "European Colonization and Its Effects," Conflicts and Resolutions—**Texas A&M History Conference**, March 2018
- Organizer, "Harnessing Foundational Myths: Hùng Kings in Three Vietnam, 1965-2015," for the **Association for Asian Studies Convention, Seattle**, March 2016
 - Panel sponsored by the Vietnamese Studies Group (competitive selection)
- Organizer, "Ho Chi Minh's Legacy: New Views of President Ho's Role in the Establishment of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam," for the **Association for Asian Studies Convention, Chicago**, March 2015
- Organizer, "Constructions of Childhoods in Colonial and Post-Colonial Vietnam," for the **Association for Asian Studies Convention, Philadelphia**, March 2014

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- Discussant, “National Identities in Modern Asia,” Graduate and Undergraduate Students’ History Conference, **Texas A&M University**, February 2012.
- Organizer, “Myth, Memories, and the Vietnam War” for the **Association for Asian Studies Convention, Chicago**, March 2005
- Discussant, “Humor and Music during the Vietnam War,” The Fifth Triennial Symposium on the Vietnam War, **Vietnam Center, Texas Tech University**, 2005

INTRAMURAL SERVICE:**Texas A&M University:**

- Judge, LAUNCH Undergraduate Research Scholars (URS) Symposium, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Participated in organizing symposium “Global 1968,” April 2018
- Reviewer, Diversity Excellence Fellowships, The Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018
- Reviewer, Texas A&M University Arts & Humanities Program Selection Committee, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Reviewer, Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities (PESCA) Award Selection Committee, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Brown-Rudder and Gates-Muller Outstanding Student Awards Selection Committees, 2014; 2015
- Reviewer, Merit and Diversity Fellowship, 2013; 2014, 2015
- Judge, Pathways Undergraduate Symposium, 2011
- College of Liberal Arts Diversity Committee, 2008
- Asian Studies Development Group, 2005-2012
- Glasscock Center for Humanities Fellowships Committee, 2005

Department:

- Chair, Search Committee, East Asian History, 2023
- Social Committee – 2024-
- Promotion Committee, member, 2020
- Executive Committee, member, 2017-2019 (elected)
- Chair, Search Committee, Modern Russian History, 2019
- Keeble Dissertation Fellowship Award Committee, 2018
- Chair and Discussant, Panel “European Colonization and Its Effects,” Conflicts and Resolutions—Texas A&M Undergraduate and Graduate Students History Conference, March 2018
- Tenure Committee, Service, 2014-2015
- Tenure Committee, Service, 2017-2018
- Third-Year Review Tenure and Promotion Committee, Service, 2012-2013
- Third-Year Review Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2013-2014
- Library Committee, 2013-2014
- Graduate Committee, 2011-2013; 2014-2015

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- Chair, Strengthening on Monitoring of Student Progress in the Program Sub-committee
- Vision 2020 Dissertation Enhancement Grants Sub-committee
- Third Semester Review Committee
- Second Semester Review Committee
- Secretary, Departmental Meetings, 2004-2005, 2011-2012
- Executive Committee, member, 2005-2007, 2007-2008 (elected)
- Search Committee (US Foreign Relations), member, 2005-2006
- Faculty Co-Advisor of History Club, 2005-2006

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:

- Consul and Administrative Officer, Embassy of the State of Israel to the Baltic States, **Riga, Latvia**, 1994-1996
- Interpreter and Advisor for Vietnamese delegations to the USSR and Soviet delegations to Vietnam. In this capacity participated in negotiations and conferences on economic and cultural issues and accompanied delegations to Vietnam, China, and North Korea, 1985-1989
- Participated in compilation of the New Vietnamese-Russian Dictionary, **Institute for Linguistic Studies, Academy of Science of the USSR, Moscow**, 1988-1989
- Anchor, Editor, Correspondent, and Translator, Department of Broadcasting to Southeast Asian countries, **Radio Moscow, USSR**, 1986-1987