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WORK EXPERIENCE

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, Department of History, 2004-present

Chair of the Department of Asian Societies, Cultures and Languages (ASCL), 2023-2026.

Associate Professor of History since July 2011 (joint appointment with ASCL since 2023).

Assistant Professor of History, 2004-2011.

Undergraduate courses taught include:

The Vietnam War • The United States and the World • What is History? • Guerrilla Warfare and Counterinsurgency • American Empire and Development • History of Development in Asia • Asia, the Middle East, and the Cold War • The Pentagon Papers • Oral History in a Digital Age
• Developing Vietnam: History, Environment, and Culture

Founding Director of the [Dartmouth Vietnam Project](#), a student-driven oral history program which documents the memories and experiences of Dartmouth alumni and other members of the Dartmouth community who lived through the Vietnam War era (2014-present).

Founding Director of the [Dartmouth Digital History Initiative](#), a grant-funded initiative to develop digital tools for use with digital collections of oral history data (2019-present).

Founding Director of [Developing Vietnam](#), a study abroad program in Ho Chi Minh City in which Dartmouth College students collaborate and co-learn with students from Fulbright University Vietnam.

Instructor for [Global Insight Expedition: Vietnam](#), an annual for-credit global business learning course for MBA students at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth (2016-present).

Adopted member of the Dartmouth College Class of 1964.

EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Department of History

Ph.D. degree in American and International History. (Received November 2004.)

Dissertation: “Grand Designs: Vision, Power and Nation Building in America’s Alliance with Ngô Đình Diệm, 1954-60.” (Advisors: Professors Akira Iriye, Hue-Tam Ho Tai and Ernest May.)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Department of History

M.A. degree in American History. (Received December 1997.) Additional coursework in Vietnamese and Southeast Asian History.

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

B.A. Degree in History with Distinction, and member of Phi Beta Kappa. (Received June 1991.)

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

Monograph: *Misalliance: Ngo Dinh Diem, the United States, and the Fate of South Vietnam*. Cambridge, MA, Harvard University Press, 2013. [Published in Vietnamese as *Liên Minh Sài Lâm: Ngô Đình Diệm, Mỹ, và Số Phận Nam Việt Nam*. Hồ Chí Minh City: National Politics Publishing House, 2016.]

Document Reader: *The Vietnam War: A Documentary Reader*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016.

PUBLICATIONS: PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Book chapter: Edward Miller, "The Crisis of 1963 and the Origins of the Vietnam War," in Edward Miller and Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, eds. *The Cambridge History of the Vietnam War. Volume I: Origins*. (Cambridge University Press, expected 2024).

Book chapter: "Past Imperfect: Peacemaking, Legitimacy, and Reconciliation in US-Vietnam Relations, 1975-2020." Borje Ljunggren and David H. Perkins, eds., *Vietnam: Navigating a Rapidly Changing Economy, Society and Political Order* (Harvard University Asia Center, forthcoming 2023).

Book chapter: "Development, Space, and Counterinsurgency in South Vietnam's Bến Tre Province, 1954-1960." In Stephen Macekura and Erez Manela, eds., *The Development Century: A Global History*. Cambridge University Press, 2018: 150-172.

Journal Article: "The Postcolonial War: Hue-Tam Ho Tai and the 'Vietnamese Turn' in Vietnam War Studies." *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 12 n. 3 (October 2017): 14-22.

Journal Article: "Religious revival and the politics of nation building: re-interpreting the 1963 'Buddhist crisis' in South Vietnam." *Modern Asian Studies*, January 2015. http://journals.cambridge.org/abstract_S0026749X12000935

Book chapter: "Across the Pacific and Back to Vietnam: Transnational Legacies and Memories of the Vietnam War" in Akria Iriye and Robert David Johnson, eds., *Asia Pacific in the Age of Globalization* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015).

Book chapter: "Ngo Dinh Diem and Vietnam War Revisionism in Mark Moyar's *Triumph Forsaken*," in Andrew Wiest and Michael Doige, eds., *Triumph Revisited: Historians Battle for the Vietnam War* (New York: Routledge, 2010).

Journal Article: [Co-authored with Tuong Vu] "The Vietnam War as a Vietnamese War: Agency and Society in the Study of the Second Indochina War." Introduction to a special issue of *The Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 4, n. 3 (2009): 1-16.

Book chapter: "The Diplomacy of Personalism: Civilization, Culture and the Cold War in the foreign policy of Ngô Đình Diệm," in Christopher Goscha and Christian Ostermann, eds., *Connecting Histories: Decolonization and the Cold War in Southeast Asia, 1945-1962* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2009), 376-402.

Journal Article: "Vision, Power and Agency: the Ascent of Ngô Đình Diệm, 1945-1954," *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 35, no. 3 (October 2004): 433-458. Republished in Mark Bradley and Marilyn Young, eds., *Making Sense of the Vietnam Wars: Local, National and Transnational Perspectives* (Oxford University Press, 2008), 135-169. [Vietnamese translation published in July 2007 on www.talawas.org.]

Journal Article: "War Stories: The Taylor-Buzzanco Debate and the Future of Vietnam War Studies," *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 1, no.1 (October 2006).

PUBLICATIONS: CO-EDITED WORKS

Edited Volume: Edward Miller and Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, eds. *The Cambridge History of the Vietnam War. Volume I: Origins* (Forthcoming, 2024)

Journal Issue: Ann Marie Leshkovich, Mark Philip Bradley, and Edward Miller, co-editors, *The Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 12, n. 3 (October 2017). In this special issue, historians and anthropologists revisit and reflect on the work and career of Prof. Hue-Tam Ho Tai, recently retired from the History Department of Harvard University.

Journal Issue: Edward Miller and Tuong Vu, co-editors, *The Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 4, n. 3 (October 2009). This special issue of *JVS* highlights recent research on the Vietnam War, with particular attention to research in Vietnamese archives and other Vietnamese-language sources. The issue includes our introduction, “The Vietnam War as a Vietnamese War: Agency and Society in the Study of the Second Indochina War.”

PUBLICATIONS: REVIEWS, PREFACES, BLOG POSTS, AND OP-EDS

Book Review: “Review of Tuong Vu and Sean Fear, eds., *The Republic of Vietnam, 1955-1975: Vietnamese Perspectives on Nation Building*.” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*, Fall 2022.

Book Review: “Review of Andrew Gawthorpe, *To Build as Well as Destroy: American Nation Building in South Vietnam*,” *Journal of American History* 108, n.1 (June 2021): 202.

Book Review: “Review of Pierre Asselin, *Hanoi’s American War: A History*,” H-Diplo Online Discussion Network (April 2021), <https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XXII-34.pdf>.

Article Review: “Review of Daniel Bessner and Fredrik Logevall. “Recentring the United States in the Historiography of American Foreign Relations” H-Diplo Online Discussion Network (May 2020). <https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XXI-42.pdf>.

Book Review: “Review of Kevin Boylan, *Losing Binh Dinh: The Failure of Pacification and Vietnamization, 1969-1971*.” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 14, n. 2 (May 2019): 155-160.

Book Review: “Review of Nathalie Huynh Chau Nguyen, *South Vietnamese Soldiers: Memories of the Vietnam War and After*.” *Australian Historical Studies* 50, no. 1 (January 2019): 143–44.

Introduction: [H-Diplo roundtable book review on Geoffrey Stewart, *Vietnam’s Lost Revolution: Ngô Đình Diêm’s Failure to Build an Independent Nation, 1955-1963* \(Cambridge University Press, 2018\)](#), H-Diplo Online Discussion Network (July 2018).

Essay: “Parallel Paths to Power,” printed in *The Vietnam War: An Intimate History* by Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns. New York: Knopf, 2017.

Op-ed article: “[The Unreconciled War](#),” *USA Today*, December 18, 2017.

Op-ed article: “[Behind the Phoenix Program](#),” *New York Times*, Vietnam ’67 series, December 29, 2017.

Book Review: [Review of Geoffrey Shaw, *The Lost Mandate of Heaven: The American Betrayal of Ngo Dinh Diem, President of Vietnam*](#). *The Common Reader* (Sep 2017).

Book Review: “David Marr’s Vietnamese Revolution: A Review of David Marr, *Vietnam: State, War and Revolution (1945-1946)*.” *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 48, n. 1 (Feb 2017): 135-142.

Book Review: Review of David F. Schmitz, *Richard Nixon and the End of the Vietnam War*. *Journal of Military History* 80, n. 3 (July 2016): 963-964.

Book Review: Review of Christian Appy, *American Reckoning: The Vietnam War and Our National Identity*. *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 11, n. 1 (Feb 2016): 137-141.

Dictionary Entry: “Vietnam War.” *America in the World, 1776 to the Present: A Supplement to the Dictionary of American History*. Ed. Edward J. Blum. Vol. 2. Farmington Hills, MI: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2016. 1051-1056.

Blog Post: “[Comrades and Rivals: Vietnam-China Relations and the Legacies of the Vietnam War](#).” China Policy Institute Blog, University of Nottingham (U.K.), 24 April 2015.

Book Review: “Review of Pierre Asselin, *Hanoi’s Road to the Vietnam War, 1954-1965*,” H-Diplo Online Discussion Network (September 2014). <http://h-diplo.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XVI-2.pdf>

Book Review: “Review of Fredrik Logevall, *Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America’s Vietnam*,” *Journal of American Studies* (May 2014), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0021875814000280>.

Book Introduction: Introduction to *Dartmouth Veterans: Vietnam Perspectives*, edited by Phillip C. Schaefer (Lebanon, NH: Dartmouth College Press, 2014).

Op-ed article: “[Remember Diem’s Downfall: learning lessons from the death, 50 years ago this month, of South Vietnam’s founding leader](#),” New York Daily News, 20 Nov 2013.

Book Review: “Review of Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, *Hanoi’s War: An International History of the War for Peace in Vietnam*.” *Diplomatic History* (June 2013): 1170-1173.

Introduction, Roundtable Book Review: “H-Diplo roundtable on Christopher Goscha, *Vietnam: un état né de la guerre, 1945-1954*.” H-Diplo Online Discussion Network (Fall 2012).

Op-ed article: “[Obama, learn the lessons of Vietnam—from JFK, not LBJ](#),” 13 Nov 2009. Co-authored with Prof. Larry Berman, Department of Political Science, University of California at Davis.

Book review: “A review of James Carter, *Inventing Vietnam: The United States and State Building, 1954-1968*,” H-Diplo Online Discussion Network, (May 2009). <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-X-14.pdf>.

Book Preface: Foreword to *Vietnam: A Portrait of its People at War*, by David Chanoff and Doan Van Toai, 2nd ed. (London: I.B. Taurus, 2009).

News service article: “Đánh Giá lại Ngô Đình Diệm” [Reassessing Ngô Đình Diệm], BBC World Service (Vietnamese edition), 16 April 2009, http://www.bbc.co.uk/vietnamese/vietnam/2009/04/090415_ngodinhdiem_miller.shtml.

Dictionary Entry: “The Vietnam War,” in Akira Iriye & Pierre-Yves Saunier, eds., *The Dictionary of Transnational History* (Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Mcmillian, 2009).

Book review: “Mark L. Lawrence, *Assuming the Burden: Europe and the American Commitment to War in Vietnam*,” *Journal of Modern History* 80, no. 1 (March 2008).

Book review: “Revisionism with a Vengeance: A Review of Mark Moyer’s *Triumph Forsaken: The Vietnam War, 1954-1965*,” *Passport* 38, no. 3 (December 2007).

Book review: “Seth Jacobs, *America’s Miracle Man in Vietnam: Ngo Dinh Diem, Religion, Race, and U.S. Intervention in Southeast Asia*,” H-Diplo Discussion Network, (June 2007), <<http://www.h-net.org/%7Ediplo/roundtables/#jacobs>>.

Working paper: Edward Miller and Matthew Masur, "Saigon Revisited: Researching South Vietnam's Republican Era (1954-1975) at Archives and Libraries in Ho Chi Minh City," The Cold War International History Project, <www.cwihp.org> (October 2006).

Book review: “Nguyễn Long Thành Nam, *Hoa Hao Buddhism in the Course of Vietnam’s History*,” *Journal of Religion*, 85, no. 3 (July 2005).

Book review: “Philip E. Catton, *Diem’s Final Failure: Prelude to America’s War in Vietnam*,” *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia*, no. 3 (March 2003), <http://kyotoreview.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/issue/issue2/article_239.html>.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

National Endowment for the Humanities, Digital Humanities Advancement Grant (Level III).

\$478,000.00 grant to support the integration of data annotation and data visualization tools developed by the Dartmouth Digital History Initiative into the Oral History Metadata Synchronizer (OHMS), the premier platform for managing digital oral history archives. September 2023-August 2025.

Dartmouth College Dean of Faculty, Senior Faculty Grant. Leave grant to support research and writing a research monograph on re-interpreting the Vietnam War as a Civil War. January-August 2022.

John Sloan Dickey Center, Dartmouth College, Faculty Research Travel Grant. \$2500.00 grant to conduct research in Vietnam during July 2022.

National Historical Publications and Records Commission, U.S. National Archives, Major Initiatives Grant. \$319,000.00 grant to support the launch of the *Dartmouth Digital History Initiative*, a 2.5 year project to develop data visualization tools for use with digital collections of oral history data. July 2019-June 2022.

Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation, Organizational Grant. \$10,000.00 grant to support the operations of the Dartmouth Vietnam Project, an oral history program I co-founded. October 2019-September 2020.

John Sloan Dickey Center, Dartmouth College, Faculty Research Grant. \$2000.00 grant to conduct research in Vietnam, provided by the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College, December 2017.

United States National Archives, Honorary Committee for *Remembering Vietnam*, An exhibit on the Vietnam War staged at the US National Archives, Washington DC. November 2017-February 2019.

Dartmouth College, Dartmouth Conferences Award. \$40,000.00 grant to support an international conference on the origins of the Vietnam War at Dartmouth College, July 2017.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipend. \$6,000.00 award for research in Vietnam during summer 2015.

Dartmouth College, Faculty International Research Travel Grant. For research in Vietnam during summer 2015.

John Sloan Dickey Center, Dartmouth College, Faculty Research Grant. \$2000.00 grant to conduct research in Vietnam, December 2014.

Dartmouth College, Jack E. Thomas 1974 Family Fellowship. Fellowship for recently tenured faculty, 2013-2014.

John Sloan Dickey Center, Dartmouth College, Faculty Research Grant. \$2000.00 grant to conduct research in Vietnam, December 2010.

Dartmouth College Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Junior Faculty Fellowship. 2007-2008.

John Sloan Dickey Center, Dartmouth College, Faculty Research Grant. \$2000.00 grant to conduct research in Vietnam, January 2008.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipend for Research. \$6000.00 award for research in Vietnam during summer 2006.

Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for the study of the Social Sciences, Dartmouth College, Junior Faculty Fellowship. 2005-2006.

John Sloan Dickey Center, Dartmouth College, Faculty Research Grant. Grant to support research in Vietnam, January 2005.

John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University, John M. Olin Predoctoral Fellowship in National Security Studies. 2003-2004.

Whiting Dissertation Completion Fellowship in the Humanities, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, 2003-2004.

Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Charles Warren Center for American History, Harvard University, 2002-2003.

Graduate Student Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2001-2002 & 2002-2003.

Fulbright-Hays Fellowship for Doctoral Dissertation Research in Vietnam and Singapore, US Department of Education. 2001-2002.

Visiting Associate, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Republic of Singapore. 2002.

Harvard Merit Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University. 2000-2001.

Predissertation Fellowship, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. Summer 2000.

Research Grant, Charles Warren Center for American History, Harvard University. February 2000.

Dwight D. Eisenhower/Thomas A. Pappas Graduate Fellowship, 1999-2000.

Fellowship for language study in Hanoi, Vietnam, Vietnamese Advanced Study Institute. Summer 1998.

FLAS Fellowship for Vietnamese Studies, University of Michigan. 1996-1997.

FLAS Fellowship for Vietnamese language study, Arizona State University. Summer 1996.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

INDEPENDENCE PALACE, HO CHI MINH CITY, HISTORICAL ADVISOR (2014-present)

Provided expert historical advice and guidance on the content and organization of a new historical exhibit on the history of Independence Palace and the city of Saigon/Ho Chi Minh City. This exhibit opened in March 2018. Prior to 1975, Independence Palace served as the South Vietnamese seat of government. Prior to the Covid pandemic it was among the most-visited public history sites in Vietnam, with more than one million visitors per year.

FULBRIGHT UNIVERSITY VIETNAM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES (2017-2019)

Provided expert advice and oversight for a new non-profit, private university based in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. FUV is Vietnam's first independent university, and the first to offer a liberal arts undergraduate curriculum. As a member of the FUV Board during its startup phase, I participate in many different aspects of building the university, including the design of its new campus, the hiring of its first Chief Academic Officer, the hiring of its founding faculty, and the recruitment of its founding class of students.

MIDWAY INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS (2018-present)

Faculty presenter and panelist for an annual summer program of professional development seminars for middle school and high school teachers held on board the USS Midway Museum in San Diego, California. These seminars provide teachers with methods and resources useful for teaching World War II history, Korean War history, Vietnam War history, and Cold War history.

NATIONAL HUMANITIES CENTER, REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS (2019-2023)

Reviewer of faculty applications for year-long residential fellowships at the NHC.

FLORENTINE FILMS, ADVISOR ON THE VIETNAM WAR (2012-2017)

Provided expert historical advice to directors/producers Ken Burns and Lynn Novick and their team on the historical content of a documentary film on the Vietnam War, broadcast on Public Television in the United States and around the world in 2017.

PUBLIC RADIO INTERNATIONAL, ADVISOR ON LBJ'S WAR (2017)

Provided expert historical advice and commentary to executive producer Steve Atlas on a series of podcasts using oral history interviews and other materials to explore President Lyndon Johnson's decisions to escalate the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. In the first three months after the publication of this series in September 2017, it was downloaded more than 400,000 times.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL ARCHIVES, ADVISOR ON REMEMBERING VIETNAM (2017-19)

Provided expert historical advice to the curator of an exhibit on the Vietnam War at the U.S. National Archives in Washington, DC. I also served on the Honorary Committee for this initiative.

***THE JOURNAL OF VIETNAMESE STUDIES*, EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD (2006-2013)**

Appointed to advise the editors of a University of California-based peer-reviewed journal (launched in October 2006). I also serve as a referee for article manuscripts submitted to the journal.

VIETNAMESE STUDIES GROUP, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (2004-2007; 2010-2016)

Elected to Association of Asian Studies-affiliated council that coordinates activities and exchanges involving Vietnam specialists in various disciplines.

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, FULBRIGHT US STUDENT SCREENING COMMITTEE: SOUTHEAST ASIA (2016)

Served on a committee that reviewed applications for Fulbright Fellowships to conduct research in Southeast Asia.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES, FELLOWSHIP PANELS (2009, 2018)

Served on a panel that reviewed applications from university and independent scholars for NEH Fellowships in History (2010-2011) and NEH Summer Stipends (2019).

SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES SUMMER INSTITUTE (SEASSI), FLAS FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE (2008-2016)

Served on three-member committee that evaluated entries in a national competition among graduate students and others for federally-funded Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) awards for intensive summer language study.

PROFESSIONAL GROUP MEMBERSHIPS

Active member of American Historical Association (AHA), the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) and the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR).