

CURRICULUM VITAE: VICTOR LIEBERMAN

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Degrees

1967, BA, Yale University, Summa Cum Laude, graduated first in the Class of 1967
 1976, PhD in Southeast Asian History, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

Employment History

1967-1968, Carnegie Teaching Fellow in Southeast Asian History, Yale University.
 1978, Junior Fellow in Southeast Asian History, Cornell University.
 1975-1980, Lecturer in Asian History, Hatfield Polytechnic, England.
 1980-1983, Senior Lecturer in Asian History, Hatfield Polytechnic.
 1984-1985, Assistant Professor, Southeast Asian History, University of Michigan.
 1985-1991, Associate Professor, Southeast Asian History, University of Michigan.
 1991-present, Professor, Southeast Asian History, University of Michigan.
 2005-present, Marvin B. Becker Collegiate Professor of History, University of Michigan
 2013-present, Raoul Wallenberg Distinguished University Professor of History and Professor of Asian and Comparative History, University of Michigan

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Edited Collections

Burmese Administrative Cycles: Anarchy and Conquest, c. 1580-1760, 355 pages.
 Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1984. Winner of the Harry J. Benda Prize from the Association for Asian Studies, 1987.

Editor and principal contributor, "The Eurasian Context of the History of Mainland Southeast Asia," *Modern Asian Studies* (Cambridge University Press) 31, 3 (1997), a special issue devoted to an examination of Lieberman's scholarship.

Editor, *Beyond Binary Histories: Re-imagining Eurasia to c. 1830*, 329 pages. Ann Arbor and Richmond, UK: University of Michigan Press, 1999.

Series Editor, with M.C. Ricklefs and David Wyatt, of Michael Charney, *Southeast Asian Warfare 1300-1900*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2004.

Series Editor, with M.C. Ricklefs and David Wyatt, of Ian Proudfoot, *Old Muslim Calendars of Southeast Asia*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2006.

Series Editor, with M.C. Ricklefs, of Francois Robinne and Mandy Sadan, eds., *Social Dynamics in the Highlands of Southeast Asia*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2006.

Series Editor, with M.C. Ricklefs, of James Anderson and John Whitmore, eds., *China's Encounters on the South and Southwest*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2015.

Strange Parallels: Southeast Asia in Global Context, c. 800-1830. Volume 1: Integration on the Mainland, 510 pages. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003. Winner of the World History Association Book Prize, 2004.

Strange Parallels: Southeast Asia in Global Context, c. 800-1830. Volume 2: Mainland Mirrors: Europe, Japan, China, South Asia, and the Islands, 973 pages. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009.

The Hundred-Year Struggle for Israel and Palestine: An Analytic History and Reader, 461 pages. San Diego: University Readers, 2011; revised edition, 2016.

Embracing the World, Hating Your Neighbors: Ethnicity and Loyalty in Asia and Europe, c. 1200-1850. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, c. 380 pages, forthcoming.

Articles and Book Chapters

"Why the Hukbalahap Failed," *Solidaridad* 1, 4 (1966): 22-30. Republished by Yale University Southeast Asia Studies Department Reprint Series no. 24 (1968).

"A New Look at the Sasanavamsa," *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, University of London 39, 1 (1976): 137-49.

"Ethnic Politics in Eighteenth Century Burma," *Modern Asian Studies* 12, 3 (1978): 455-82.

"The Transfer of the Burmese Capital from Pegu to Ava," *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland* 1980, 64-83.

"Provincial Reforms in Taung-ngu Burma," *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, University of London 43, 3 (1980): 548-69.

"The Political Significance of Religious Wealth in Burmese History: Some Further Thoughts," *The Journal of Asian Studies* 39, 4 (1980): 753-69.

"Europeans, Trade and the Unification of Burma, c. 1540-1620," *Oriens Extremus* 27, 2 (1980): 203-226.

"A Note on Burmese Religious Landholdings," *The Journal of Asian Studies* 40, 4 (1981): 745-46.

"How Reliable is U Kala's Burmese Chronicle? Some New Comparisons," *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 17, 2 (1986): 236-55.

- "Reinterpreting Burmese History," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 29, 1 (1987): 162-94.
- Seven entries (Anauk-hpet-lun, Ava, Bayin-naung, Nan-da-bayin, Syriam, Tabin-shwei-ti, Toungoo Dynasties) in *The Encyclopedia of Asian History*, Ainslee T. Embree, Editor in Chief, New York: Macmillan under the Auspices of the Asia Society, 1988.
- "Wallerstein's System and the International Context of Early Modern Southeast Asian History," *Journal of Asian History* 24, 1 (1990): 70-90.
- "Secular Trends in Burmese Economic History, c. 1350-1830, and Their Implications for State Formation," *Modern Asian Studies* 25, 1 (1991): 1-31.
- "Was the Seventeenth Century a Watershed in Burmese History?", in Anthony Reid, ed., *Southeast Asia in the Early Modern Era: Transformations in Patterns of Commerce, Power and Belief*, Ithaca: Cornell U.P., 1993, 214-49.
- "Abu-Lughod's Egalitarian World Order," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 35, 3 (1994): 544-550.
- "Local Integration and Eurasian Analogies: Structuring Southeast Asian History, c. 1350-1830," *Modern Asian Studies* 27, 3 (1993): 475-572.
- "An Age of Commerce in Southeast Asia? Problems of Regional Coherence," *The Journal of Asian Studies* 54, 3 (1995): 796-807.
- "Political Consolidation in Burma under the Early Konbaung Dynasty, c. 1752-1820," *Journal of Asian History* 30, 2 (1996): 152-68.
- "Mainland-Archipelagic Parallels and Contrasts, 1750-1850," in Anthony Reid, ed., *The Last Stand of Asian Autonomies: Responses to Modernity in the Diverse States of Southeast Asia and Korea, 1750-1900*. Basingstoke: Macmillan, 1997, 27-53.
- "Transcending East-West Dichotomies: State and Culture Formation in Six Ostensibly Disparate Areas," *Modern Asian Studies* 31, 3 (1997): 463-546.
- "Introduction," *Modern Asian Studies* 31, 3 (1997): 449-62.
- "Introduction: Eurasian Variants," in Victor Lieberman, ed., *Beyond Binary Histories: Re-imagining Eurasia to c. 1830*. Ann Arbor and Richmond, UK: University of Michigan Press, 1999, 1-18.
- "Introduction," *The Padaeng Chronicle and the Kengtung State Chronicle Translated*, by Sao Saimong Mangrai. Ann Arbor: Center for Southeast Asian Studies, 2002.
- "The Colonial Reorganization of Southeast Asia in the Nineteenth Century," pamphlet written for inclusion in Tatsuro Yamamoto, general ed., *The History of Southeast Asia*, Volume 5, Teruko Saito, volume ed., Tokyo: Iwanami Shoten, 2002.
- "Alaung-hpaya' in *The Historical Encyclopedia of Southeast Asia. Vol. 1*. Ooi Keat Gin, ed., Santa Barbara,: Clio Press, 2003.

- Review essay of Jos Gommans and Jacques Leider, eds., *The Maritime Frontier of Burma*, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 45, 3 (2002)
- "Some Comparative Thoughts on Premodern Southeast Asian Warfare," *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 46, 2 (2003): 1-11.
- Communication to the Editor, *Journal of World History* 14, 1 (2003).
- "Excising the Mon Paradigm from Burmese Historiography," *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 38, 2 (2007): 377-83.
- "The Qing and Their Neighbors: Early Modern China in World History," *Social Science History* 32, 2 (2008): 281-304.
- "Protected Rimlands and Exposed Zones: Reconfiguring Early Modern Eurasia," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 50, 3 (2008): 692-723.
- "Mainland Southeast Asia and the World Beyond, c. 800-1825: Rethinking Assumptions," *Journal of Asian History* 43, 2 (2009): 103-36.
- "Maritime Influences in Southeast Asia, c. 900-1300: Some Further Thoughts." *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 41, 3 (2010): 529-39.
- "A Zone of Refuge in Southeast Asia? Reconceptualizing Interior Spaces," *Journal of Global History* 5, 2 (2010): 333-46.
- "Southeast Asia and Eurasia During A Thousand Years," *South East Asia Research* 19, 1 (2011): 5-25.
- "John K. Whitmore's Contribution to Vietnamese and Southeast Asian Studies," in Kenneth Hall and Michael Aung-Thwin, eds., *New Perspectives on the History and Historiography of Southeast Asia*. London: Routledge, 2011, 15-24.
- "Charter State Collapse in Southeast Asia, c. 1250-1400, As a Problem in Regional and World History," *The American Historical Review* 116, 4 (2011): 937-63.
- "Southeast Asia and Eurasia During A Thousand Years," in Li Tana and Geoff Wade, eds., *Anthony Reid and the Study of the Southeast Asian Past*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies 2011, 47-68.
- "The Picketers' Intellectual Assumptions Examined," *Jewish News* 35, 10 (2011): 12, 37
- Review essay of Peter Boomgaard, *Southeast Asia: An Environmental History*, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 54, 4 (2011).
- "What *Strange Parallels* Sought To Accomplish," *The Journal of Asian Studies* 70, 4 (2011): 931-938.
- "Response to Comments on *Strange Parallels*," *The Journal of Asian Studies* 70, 4 (2011): 999-1006.

- "The Impact of Climate on Southeast Asia, c. 950-1820: New Findings," with Brendan Buckley, *Modern Asian Studies*, 46, 5 (2012): 1049-1096.
- "Poisoned Process," *The Times Literary Supplement*, Sept. 20, 2013, pp. 26-27.
- "Small World," *Department of History University of Michigan Newsletter* 2013.
- "Subjectivity and Objectivity in the Arab-Israeli Dispute," *Michigan Daily*, April 7, 2014.
- "The Southeast Asian Mainland and the World Beyond: Rethinking Assumptions," in Geoff Wade, ed., *Asian Expansions: The Historical Experience of Polity Expansion in Asia*. Abingdon: Routledge, 2014, 92-119.
- "1555: Four Imperial Revivals," in Eric Tagliacozzo, Helen Siu, and Peter Perdue, eds., *Asia Inside Out: Changing Times*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2014, 64-89.
- "Ethnicity and Power in Early Modern Europe and Asia," in John Brooke and Julia Strauss, eds., *State Formation: Histories and Cultures of Statehood* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), 290-304.
- "Testimony to the U of Michigan Student Government Ahead of Its Vote on BDS," two-part essay in *Algemeiner*, December 2016:
<https://www.algemeiner.com/2016/12/02/testimony-to-the-u-of-michigan-student-government-ahead-of-its-vote-on-bds-part-i/>
<https://www.algemeiner.com/2016/12/04/testimony-to-the-u-of-michigan-student-government-ahead-of-its-vote-on-bds-part-ii/>
- "Why Were Nationalism and Democracy European? Political Ethnicity in Asia and Europe 1400-1850," *The Journal of Global History*, forthcoming.
- "Ethnic Hatred and Universal Benevolence: Political Ethnicity in Precolonial Myanmar -- and Britain," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, forthcoming.
- "Political Trajectories in Western Europe and Southeast Asia Compared," in Sun Laichen and Momoki Shiro, eds., *From Southeast Asian to Global History: Essays in Honor of Victor Lieberman*, forthcoming.
- Book reviews in *The English Historical Review*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, etc
Research Languages: Burmese, French, Latin

Service on the Editorial Board of Professional Historical Journals

Modern Asian Studies

The Medieval Globe

Journal of Global History

Annals of Global History

Highlander

Awards, Fellowships

Warren Memorial Prize for Highest Academic Average in Class of 1967, Yale University.

Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship, 1968-1969 (unused).

Marshall-Allison Fellowship, from Yale, 1972-1973.

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Governing Body Postgraduate Exhibitions, 1972-1975.

B.C. Law Prize in Buddhist Studies, specially awarded for proficiency in Burmese, School of Oriental and African Studies, 1973.

Junior Fellowship in Southeast Asian History, The Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, 1978.

Research Grant (\$16,000) from the Social Science Research Council of Great Britain, to examine "Social and Economic Determinants of the Sixteenth-Century Unification of Burma," 1979.

Eli Lilley Teaching Award, University of Michigan, 1984-1985.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1986.

Rackham Faculty Fellowship and Grant, University of Michigan, 1986.

Social Science Research Council/American Council of Learned Societies Grant to examine precolonial Burmese economic history, 1987.

Fulbright Award to Burma, to examine Kon-baung archives, 1987 (deferred).

Arthur H. Cole Grant-in-Aid from the Economic History Association, 1987.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers, 1987-1988.

The Harry J. Benda Prize in Southeast Asian Studies, awarded by the Association for Asian Studies for *Burmese Administrative Cycles* (Princeton University Press), 1987.

University of Michigan Faculty Recognition Award, 1989, for scholarship and teaching.

Translation and research grants from the Office of the Vice-President for Research and the Center for Japanese Studies, University of Michigan, 1994-1996.

LS&A Excellence in Education Award, University of Michigan, 1996.

Richard Hudson Research Professorship, University of Michigan, 1996-97.

LS&A Excellence in Research Award, University of Michigan, 1998.

LS&A Excellence in Education Award, University of Michigan, 1999.

Steelcase Research Professorship, Institute for the Humanities, University of Michigan, 2002-2003.

University of Michigan Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award, 2004, for scholarship, service, and teaching.

The World History Association Book Prize, awarded for *Strange Parallels, Vol. 1* (Cambridge University Press), 2004.

Marvin B. Becker Collegiate Professorship in History, 2005

Honorary Fellowship, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 2009

Matthews Underclass Teaching Award, University of Michigan, 2012

Raoul Wallenberg Distinguished University Professorship in History, University of Michigan 2013

Golden Apple Award, conferred by student ballot, on the best teacher at the University of Michigan, 2014

Select Administrative Posts

Associate Director, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan

Director, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan

Member, Executive Committee, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan

Member, Executive Committee, Department of History, University of Michigan

Chair, History Graduate Fellowships Program, University of Michigan

Chair, History Curriculum Committee, University of Michigan

Chair, China History Search Committees, University of Michigan

Chair, Southeast Asia History Search Committee, University of Michigan

Member, Faculty Promotion Review Committees, University of Michigan

Member, Southeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies

University of Michigan Courses Most Frequently Taught, with Most Recent Enrollments

History 207 (crosslisted as Asian Studies 112), Introduction to Southeast Asian History, 68

History 218, History of the Vietnam War, 96

History 244, History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1880-Present, 317. For many years this has been the largest course in the History Department and one of the most popular in the College of LSA.

History 329, Problems in the Historiography of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 13

History 445/594, Why the West Rules(d) the World, 11

History 469/698, Problems in the History of Precolonial Southeast Asia, 11

History 472, History of Burma, 12

History 552, History of Precolonial Mainland Southeast Asia, 14

History 615, Introduction to Historical Theory and Methods, 18

Select Academic Presentations

"The Sixteenth Century Unification of Burma," Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, 1978.

- "East-West Interaction in Precolonial Burma," Centre for South-East Asian Studies, University of London, 1979.
- "Continuity and Change in Burmese History," Centre for South-East Asian Studies, University of London, 1983.
- Colloquium on Island and Mainland Southeast Asia, Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute, University of Michigan, 1984.
- "Patterns of State Formation in Precolonial and Contemporary Burma," Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin, 1984.
- "How Reliable was U Kala's Chronicle?" Panel In Honor of Prof. O.W. Wolters, Association for Asian Studies Convention, Philadelphia, 1985.
- "Wallerstein and Southeast Asia: The Modern World System in Comparative Perspective," Inter-regional Panel, Association for Asian Studies Convention, Chicago, 1986.
- "Vietnamese Communism in Regional Perspective," Project on International Communism Conference III, University of Michigan, 1989.
- "The Structure of Early Modern Southeast Asian History: A Theoretical Schema," Comparative Studies in Social Transformations Brownbag Series, University of Michigan, 1989.
- "Was the Seventeenth Century a Watershed in Burmese History?," SSRC Conference on Southeast Asia in the 15-18th Centuries, Lisbon, 1989.
- "Pacific Doctrine, Militant Adherents: Buddhism and War in Premodern Burma," School of Integral Studies, San Francisco, 1990.
- "The Konbaung Response to the British Intrusion," Australian National University Conference, Penang, Malaysia, 1992.
- "Mainland Southeast Asia as an Integrated Unit," Burma Studies Conference, Northern Illinois University, 1992.
- "Early Modern South and Southeast Asian History Compared," University of Wisconsin, South Asia Studies Seminar, 1994.
- "Some Thoughts On Mainland/Archipelagic Differences During the 'Last Stand of the Autonomous States,'" Australian National University Conference, Bali, Indonesia, 1994.
- "Political Consolidation Under the Early Konbaung Dynasty," 13th International Association of Historians of Asia Conference, Tokyo, 1994.
- "The Eurasian Context of Early Modern Southeast Asian History," Conference on Eurasian History, SOAS, University of London, 1995.
- "What's Wrong with Southeast Asian Historiography?," UCLA, 1998.
- Discussant, "New Colas in Old Burmese Bottles: A Refreshing Look at Primary Sources," 48th Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Michigan State University, 1999.
- Discussant, "Current Trends in Burmese Scholarship," Association for Asian Studies Annual Convention, San Diego, 2000.
- Discussant, Conference on Pre- and Early Modern Expertise, Center for Japanese Studies, University of Michigan, 2001.
- Principal discussant, "Warfare in Pre-colonial Southeast Asia," Association for Asian Studies Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., 2002.
- "Southeast Asia in Global Context, c. 800-1830: Some Preliminary Thoughts," UC Irvine Conference on Southeast Asia in Global Context, 2004
- Principal interlocutor on panel discussing *Strange parallels*, vol. 1, Social Science History Association, Portland, 2005
- "A New View of Eurasia, c. 800-1800," Marvin B. Becker Collegiate Lecture, University of Michigan, 2006
- Keynote Address, "Southeast Asia and Eurasia," Conference on Asian State Formation, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, May, 2006
- "Rethinking Early Southeast Asian History," Department of History, National University of

- Singapore, May 2006
- "Southeast Asia and Eurasia During a Thousand Years," Department of History, Michigan State University, February, 2011.
- "An Historian Looks at the Arab-Israeli Conflict," Washtenaw Community College, November, 2011.
- "Past and Current Trends in the Arab-Israeli Conflict," American Movement for Israel, March, 2012.
- "Unifying Patterns in Early Southeast Asian and Eurasian History," Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, 2013.
- "Southeast Asia and Eurasia During a Thousand Years," Lecture in the Traphagen Lecture Series, Yale University, 2013.
- "What I Think I Know About History," Golden Apple Teaching Award Lecture, University of Michigan, 2014.
- "The Mideast Conflict on University Campuses," Sharei Zedek Forum, 2017
- "Political Ethnicity in Southeast Asia and Eurasia," Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Yale University, 2016.
- "Universal Empires, Political Ethnicity, and Nationalism," Emory University, 2018.