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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

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Archipelago of Resettlement: Vietnamese Refugee Settlers in Guam and Israel-Palestine
Archipelago of Resettlement charts the roots and routes of postwar Vietnamese refugees to two understudied sites of diasporic resettlement. From April to November 1975, the U.S. military processed over 112,000 Vietnamese refugees on Guam; from 1977 to 1979, Israel granted asylum and citizenship to 366 non-Jewish Vietnamese refugees. This interdisciplinary project traces archipelagic connections between these two sites of settler colonialism and U.S. empire in order to theorize what I call the “*refugee settler condition*”: the vexed positionality of refugee subjects whose very condition of political legibility via citizenship is predicated upon the unjust dispossession of an Indigenous population.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

- “Queer Love across Queer Time: Nonaligned Solidarity, Indigenous Incommensurability, and the Temporal Drag of the Vietnam War.” *Critical Ethnic Studies* 5, no. 1 (Spring 2019): forthcoming.
- “Cold War Entanglements, Third World Solidarities: Vietnam and Palestine, 1967-75.” In “Vietnam, War, and the Global Imagination,” edited by Timothy K. August, Eryn 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

- “Introduction—Vietnam, War, and the Global Imagination,” co-authored with Timothy K. August and Vinh Nguyen. In “Vietnam, War, and the Global Imagination,” edited by 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. Under review with Duke University Press.
- “Historicizing the Transpacific Settler Colonial Condition: Asian-Indigenous Encounters in Shawn Wong’s *Homebase* and Viet Thanh Nguyen’s *The Sympathizer*.” Under review with *MELUS*.
- “Revisiting the ‘Southern Question’: Translating South Korea and South Vietnam through the American South.” Under review with *American Quarterly*.

In Progress

- “Revisiting the Southern Question: South Korea, South Vietnam, and the American South.” Second book project.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 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

- 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

- 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

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

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 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, 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)

Modern Language Association (MLA)
National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)
National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID) Diversity Scholars Network

SERVICE AND 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
2015 Rhetoric Graduate Student Conference Co-organizer, "Humanism and its Prefixes," UC Berkeley
2014-18 *Qui Parle* Editorial Board Member, UC Berkeley
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

REFERENCES

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