

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Education:** 1970: B.A. University of Michigan, double major in Russian Studies/Russian Literature, High Honors; (1966-68: first two years of undergraduate education at Reed College, Deans's list both years.)  
1997: Entered Ph.D./M. Phil. Program in History at School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, U.K. Ph. D. thesis passed on 1 May 2001, by examiners Prof. Steve A. Smith of the University of Essex and Prof. Odd Arne Westad of LSE. Thesis title: *Nguyen Ai Quoc, the Comintern and the Vietnamese Communist Movement*. Thesis uses Russian and French primary sources, as well as Vietnamese language sources.

**Grants received:** 1994 – grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for research on Ho Chi Minh;

1997-2000 – Overseas Research Student Award for study at SOAS, from the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom;

1998 – Central Research Fund Grant from the University of London for research at French Overseas Archives, Aix-en-Provence.

2002 – British Academy research grant for travel to Vietnam, to study 'The Third Force During the Second Vietnam War (1963-1975): The Evolution of the Concept and the Reality'.

2006 – Grant from the William Joiner Center (shared with Jane Griffith) for research on Women Who Worked with The National Liberation Front in Central Vietnam (1960- ?)

2009 – American Council of Learned Societies fellowship for Jan.-Aug. 2010

**Employment:** September 2004 -- Associate Director, Center for Vietnamese Philosophy, Culture and Society, Temple University; Associate Professor (non-tenured) of History

Oct. 2001 – Sept. 2003: Research Coordinator, Cold War Studies Programme, International History Department, London School of Economics and Political Science. Appointment for two-year contract, which provided for fifty percent of my time to be spent on research. The work included organizing seminars and conferences, maintaining a website, assisting graduate students, sharing the teaching of a seminar on Revolutions in the Third World, working with funding agencies and administering the project budget.

In May 2003 I organized an international conference on “Tripolar Diplomacy and the Third Indochina Conflict”. In July 2003 and 2004 I lectured at a seminar for US and Russian high school teachers on the Cold War, sponsored by the Gilder-Lehrman Foundation in NYC and LSE’s CWS Programme. My two lectures covered ‘The Origins of the Cold War in Asia, 1945-1950’ and ‘The Vietnam War: What We Know and What We Don’t Know’.

Summer 1992-1996 – Research on Nguyen Ai Quoc, including travel to Aix-en-Provence, Moscow and Vietnam in 1994-5 for this purpose. I also worked as a full-time housewife and mother of two daughters: Emma, born 1978, and Katharine, born 1984.

1987- 1992 – Freelance journalism in Moscow, in particular regular coverage of Soviet--Asia relations for the *Far Eastern Economic Review*. In these years I travelled widely in the Russian Far East and in Central Asia.

1982-1986 – Writing on Indochina and Thai cultural issues, for *FEER*, *Guardian* (London), and other publications; based in Bangkok, Thailand. Contract editing of Unesco publications. In 1983-4 I helped to coordinate a conference for the Building Together Foundation in Bangkok on squatters in Asian cities; also worked as a consultant for American Friends Service Committee on Cambodian refugees in Thailand.

### **Work for the American Friends Service Committee:**

1977- winter, 1982 – Co-Director of Quaker International Affairs Program in Southeast Asia, based in Singapore. Work involved organizing conferences on regional issues relating to peace and social justice, in consultation with a wide network of contacts in the region. Some projects undertaken:

1. Study visit for Muslim community workers in the Philippines to development-oriented schools (pesantren, but non-fundamentalist ones) in Indonesia.
2. Seminar for Southeast Asian grass-roots development workers on communications techniques.
3. Conference on Asean-Indochina relations bringing together Asean academics and journalists.
4. Support and organizational assistance for a Thai conference on Indochinese refugees in Thailand.

Autumn 1975- December, 1976 – American Friends Service Committee consultant and Indochina Program staff member. Activities included public speaking on events in Vietnam at the end of the war and development of audio-visual resources for education on Vietnam.

October 1973 – August 1975 – American Friends Service Committee Saigon Representative. Joint appointment with Paul Quinn-Judge. Main role was to provide support for Quaker Physical Rehabilitation Center in Quang Ngai (Central Vietnam) by liaising with Ministries of Health and Foreign Affairs, placing patients in Saigon for specialized medical treatment, and purchasing supplies. We also stayed in touch with political developments in South Vietnam and reported to the Quakers on these issues, including the situation of political prisoners. This post required intensive study of Vietnamese language, which we undertook in Saigon before taking up our responsibilities.

1971-1973 – Quaker Overseas Volunteer at Centre Quaker International in Paris, France, joint appointment with Paul Quinn-Judge. Open-ended volunteer work ranging from bookkeeping to organizing workcamps, colloquies for diplomats and talks on current affairs in English and French.

**Publications:** *Ho Chi Minh: The Missing Years (1919-1941)*, 2003 published by Christopher Hurst/U.K. and the University of California Press.

*The Third Indochina War: Conflict between China, Vietnam and Cambodia, 1972-79*, (co-editor with Odd Arne Westad) London: Routledge, 2006.

*Cold War History*, vol. 5, no. 4, November 2005: Guest Editor of Special Issue on *New Evidence on the Cold War History of Vietnam: 1954-75*. Issue includes my essay, “The Ideological Debate in the DRV and the Significance of the Anti-Party Affair, 1967-68”.

### Articles

“Ho Chi Minh: Alive and Well in Post-revolutionary Vietnam,” in *Harvard Asia Quarterly*, Spring/summer 2008.

“Through a Glass Darkly: Reading the History of the Vietnamese Communist Party,” in *Making Sense of the Vietnam Wars: Local, National and Transnational Perspectives*, Oxford University Press, 2008.

“From the *Quiet American* to the Paris Peace Conference: The Search for a Third Force in Vietnam” in *Vietnam and the West*, ed. Wynn Wilcox, forthcoming in 2010, from Cornell University Press.

“Vietnam’s Bumpy Road to Reform,” *Current History*, Vol. 105, no. 629, September 2006.

“Ho Chi Minh and the Making of His Image” in *Naissance d’un Etat-Parti: Le Viet Nam Depuis 1945*, eds. Christopher Goscha and Benoit de Tréglodé. Paris : Les Indes savantes, 2004.

“Rethinking the History of the Vietnamese Communist Party” in *Rethinking Vietnam*, Routledge, 2004, papers from a EuroSEAS panel at University of London, September 2001.

“Women in the early Vietnamese communist movement: sex, lies and liberation” in *South East Asia Research*, 9, 3 (2001).

“Ho Chi Minh: New Perspectives from the Comintern files” in *Vietnam: Sources et Approches*, papers from the Euroviet Conference in Aix-en-Provence 3 –5 May 1995, (Université de Provence: 1996)

Numerous articles in the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, including in the *FEER's Asia Yearbook* (on Soviet Far East and Central Asia), from 1984 to 1997, on issues including the status of women in Vietnam, the development of the Soviet Far East and Siberia, the Kurile Islands (Northern Territories), Soviet-Chinese relations, ethnic tensions in Central Asia, the Baikal-Amur railway, Soviet/Russian – Korean relations, Soviet-Vietnamese relations, and Vietnamese workers in Russia.

**Conferences** Presented a paper on “Ho Chi Minh’s Mental Map” at Christ Church College, conference on **The Mental Maps of Cold War Leaders**, Sept. 2009.

Participated in the panel on Vietnam at the Radcliffe Institute for Advance Study’s Conference, *Post-Colonial Wars: Current Perspectives on the Deferred Violence of Colonialism*, Oct. 29-30, 2008.

Presented “Geopolitics and Vietnam’s Intervention in Cambodia (1978-1989)” at a Conference at Peterhouse College, Cambridge, UK: *Towards a History of Humanitarian Intervention*, September 18 2008.

For Association of Asian Studies annual conference in April 2008, I organized a panel on “Saigon’s Civil Society and the Politics of Contestation: 1920-1975,” at which I presented a paper on “Saigon’s Anti-War Movement and Culture of Journalism (1963-1975).”

Presented “Phan Chau Trinh: Escaping the Phan Boi Chau Narrative” at Harvard University workshop “*Telling Vietnamese Lives*,” May 2008

Presented “Local Women, Globalized War” at University of Washington workshop “*Beyond Dichotomies: Alternative Voices and Histories in Post-colonial Vietnam*,” May 2008.

47<sup>th</sup> Strategy for Peace Conference, sponsored by the Stanley Foundation, October 19-21, 2006, Warrenton, Virginia. Vietnam expert on Roundtable: *Domestic Determinants: Changing Asia-Pacific Societies and Foreign Policy*.

In April 2006 I took part in a symposium to launch the new *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*, Being edited at the University of California at Berkeley. I am serving on the advisory board of the journal.

In January 2006 I was part of a roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, titled “Perspectives on Vietnam and the Vietnam-American War”, sponsored by the National History Center.

Earlier conferences on Vietnam:

Euro-Viet Conference at Aix-en-Provence in 1995; at the University of Pennsylvania, “Moving Beyond the War: New Directions in the Study of Viet Nam,” 31 March – 1 April, 2000, where I presented a paper titled, “The Return of Nguyen Ai Quoc: The Path to the Eighth Plenum”; in Paris at the Institut des Sciences Politiques in January 2001; at the EuroSEAS Conference in London, 2002, I presented “Re-thinking the History of the Vietnamese Communist Party”.

In May 2003 I organized and presented a paper at a conference entitled, “Tri-polar Diplomacy and the Third Indochina War”, sponsored by the LSE’s Cold War Studies Programme. On January 27 2003 I presented a talk on ‘Ho Chi Minh in Power’ to the Yale Vietnamese Studies Group.

I helped to organize two panels for the EuroSEAS conference in Paris, September 2004, in which a number of historians from Vietnam took part. I presented papers on “Peasants, Class War and the Comintern in the Revolutionary High Tide, 1930-1” and “The Ideological Debate in the DRV and the Significance of the Anti-Party Affair (1967-8)”.

## Service

Advisory Board, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*.

Conferences organized at Temple:

“The Vietnamese American Experience”, April 2005;

“The Vietnam War 30 Years On: Unanswered Questions and the Search for Documentary Evidence”, June 20-21, 2005;

“Going with the Past: Traditional Culture in Contemporary Vietnam”, October 6-7, 2006.

Vietnam and the UN Security Council, Fall 2007

A Conference on the State of Nom Studies, May 2008.

Commentator for *JVS* special volume on the Vietnam War, Oct. 2009

Briefing of Luce Foundation Southeast Asia Fellows on Vietnam, August 2008

Presentations at Ho Chi Minh National Political Academy, August 2009: East Asian Civil Society in the Meiji Era and French Colonial Civil Society in Vietnam.

Reviewing of manuscripts, fall 2008: one book manuscript for University of California Press, and one article for the *Journal of Asian Studies*

Occasional articles on Vietnam for the “Open Democracy” website, on a volunteer basis