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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022 – Present	Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies San José State University
2023 – 2024	UC President’s and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies University of California, Merced <i>Mentor:</i> Ma Vang
2021 – 2022	Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Asian American Studies Faculty Affiliate in Department of Gender and Women’s Studies University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign <i>Mentors:</i> Mimi Thi Nguyen and Junaid Rana

EDUCATION

2021	Ph.D. (with Honors), History of Consciousness Designated Emphases: Feminist Studies and Critical Race and Ethnic Studies University of California, Santa Cruz <i>Dissertation:</i> “War Material: Vietnam and Transpacific Imaginaries of Capital and Transition” <i>Committee:</i> Eric Porter (chair), Neda Atanasoski, Christine Hong.
2014	MA, Asian American Studies Concentration: Gender Studies University of California, Los Angeles Master’s Thesis: “‘No Asians’: Digital and National F(r)ictions of Proliferated Life and Queer Subjectivity” <i>Committee:</i> Purnima Mankekar (chair), Grace Kyungwon Hong, Victor Bascara
2012	BA, Asian American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles
2011	Coursework in Ethnic Studies University of Hawai’i, Mānoa

PUBLICATIONS

Single-Author Book Manuscripts

<i>In Progress</i>	<i>Loss in Perpetuity: Necrovalue, Iterative Vietnam and the Racial Mediation of Permanent War</i>
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Edited Journals and Volumes

Forthcoming	“Imperial Erotic: Sexual Libidinal Economies of War in Playboy (On View)”
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Book on Martha Rosler. Edited by: Caren Kaplan and Mimi Thi Nguyen.

- 2028 *(in progress)* Asian American Geographies and the Politics of Space
Amerasia Journal
(first author – editor) Co-Edited with: Laureen D. Hom (Stanford University),
Yvonne Kwan (SJSU), and Stephen Suh (SDSU)
- 2027 *(in progress)* Resisting Liberal Capture: Genealogies of Responsibility
Ethnic Studies Pedagogy
(second author – editor) Co-Edited with: José M. Aguilar-Hernandez (Cal Poly
Pomona), Kēhaulani Vaughn (UC Riverside), Charles Sepulveda (UC Riverside),
and David Stovall (UIC)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Under Review “Refugee Landlords: the Surplus Home, Imperial Politics of Dwelling, and Viet-Afghan Resettlement after Airbnb.” *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*.
- 2026 “Mississippi to the Mekong: Capital and Plantation/Refugee Ecologies across Two Deltas.” *Amerasia Journal*. Special Issue: Refuge and Refuse.
- 2025 “Loss.” *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Refugee Studies*.
- 2024 “Towards a Critical Pedagogy of Introduction: Ethnic Studies as ‘General Education’ after AB-1460.” (first author). Co-authored with: Ryan Buyco, May Lin, Simmy Makhijani, Saugher Nojan, and Wendi Yamashita. *AAPI Nexus Journal: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Policy, Practice and Community* 21:1&2. Special Issue: Asian American Studies Now!
- 2021 “The Labor of Absolution: National Detritus and the Op-Ed Form of the Vietnamese Refugee.” *Critical Ethnic Studies* 6:1.

Reviews

- 2019 “Specular Vietnam and the Cinematics of Distraction”
Verge: Studies in Global Asias, Special Issue: Forgetting Wars 5:2
- 2015 “Review of *Life Support: Biocapital and the New History of Outsourced Labor*”
Catalyst Journal: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience 1:1

Media and Public-Facing

- 2026 *(Forthcoming)* “Immigration Law and the American Dream”
A Wall Street Story Podcast
- 2026 “Refugee Landlords”
“Who’s Afraid of Gender Studies? Interview with Jane Ward”
Sad Francisco Podcast

- 2025 “Asian American Vietnam War Veteran Recalls Complex Experience”
KTVU Fox News, Interviewee
- 2020 "Refugee Returns: Solidarity, Pandemic, and Temporal Intimacies in the Belly of the Beast, an interview with Hồng-Ân Trương"
Critical Ethnic Studies Blog
<http://www.criticalethnicstudiesjournal.org/blog/2020/10/1/refugee-returns-solidarity-pandemic-and-temporal-intimacies-in-the-belly-of-the-beast>
- 2020 “The Humanities Institute Graduate Profile: Trung P.Q. Nguyen”
UCSC Humanities Institute Blog
- 2018 “Images of the Vietnamese Human: Visuality and the U.S. War in Southeast Asia”
UCSC Department of Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Graduate Spotlight

SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2021 – 2019 Managing Editor, *Critical Ethnic Studies Journal*
University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2019 – 2020 Documentary Research Assistant, *The Asian Americans Series*
WETA/CAAM/Flash Cuts/ITVA/Tajima-Peña Productions, Los Angeles, California
- 2017 – 2018 Managing Editor, *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies*
University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2014 – 2017 Grants and Community Research, Vietnamese Youth Development Center (now Southeast Asian Development Center)
Tenderloin, San Francisco, California
- 2013 – 2014 Dean of Students, Breakthrough Collaborative Silicon Valley
San José, California
- 2013 – 2014 Graduate Researcher, LGBTQIA+ Student Retention, Community Programs Office
University of California, Los Angeles

TEACHING

San José State University

Asian American Studies Program

2022 – Present

*Taught (*and developed)*

AAS 001: Introduction to Asian American Studies

AAS 175: Asian American Communities

AAS 177: Environmental Racism and Militarism*

AAS 184: Ethnic Studies Theory*

Developed

AAS 120: Asian American Labor and Social Movements

AAS 132: Asian Americans and the Law

AAS 155: Asian American Cultural Studies

AAS 158: Asian American Gender and Sexualities

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Asian American Studies Department

2021

AAS 300: Theories of Race, Gender, and Sexuality

University of California, Santa Cruz

History of Consciousness Department

Instructor of Record

2019

HISC 106: U.S. Horror Film: Race, Capitalism, and Monsters*

HISC 117: Making the Refugee Century*

Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Department

Teaching Assistant

2017

CRES 100: Comparative Theories of Race and Ethnicity

History of Art and Visual Culture Department

Teaching Assistant

2017

HAVC 80: Colonial Histories & Legacies: Africa, Oceania, and the Indigenous Americas

2016

HAVC 43: History of Modern Architecture

University of California, Los Angeles

Asian American Studies Department

Teaching Assistant

2014

AAS 20: Asian American Communities

2013

AAS 50: Asian American Women

AAS M116: Asian American Social Movements

Breakthrough Collaborative Silicon Valley (formerly San José)

2013

9th Grade, College Readiness

2010

8th Grade, Literature (Honors Section)

7th-9th Grade, French 1

2009

7th Grade, Writing

GRANTS AND FUNDING

2026

CSU AANHPI Student Achievement Program. Collaborator and Coordinator. *San José State University*.

Award: \$1,875,000 (five year)

2025

Ethnic Studies Collaborative. Programming Grant. *San José State University*.

Award: \$1,000

2024 CSU AANHPI Student Achievement Program. Collaborator. *San José State University*.

Award: \$160,000 (one year)

CSU APIDA Mini-Grants. Collaborator. *San José State University*.

Award: \$35,000 (one year)

SELECTED AWARDS

2026	University Faculty Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Assigned Time Award. SJSU.
2025	Exceptional Levels of Service to Students Award. SJSU.
2024	Global Asias Summer Institute Participant, “(In)voluntary Migrations.” Penn State University.
2023	UC President’s and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship. UC Merced.
2021	Teachers Ranked as “Excellent”, Asian American Studies, UIUC.
2021	Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship, Asian American Studies, UIUC.
2021	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Culture and Politics Program, Georgetown University. (<i>declined</i>)
2019	Summer Dissertation Completion Award. The Humanities Institute. UC Santa Cruz.
2019	“Diversity as Discipline: Decolonizing the Neoliberal University?” Symposium Participant. UC Office of the President Humanities Research Institute.
2018	Graduate Travel Award, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Program. UC Santa Cruz
2017	FLAS Year-Long Fellowship (Vietnamese), Scholar-In-Residence, the Center for Southeast Asia Studies. UC Berkeley.
2017	Florence Tan Moeson Fellowship, U.S. Library of Congress.
2016	FLAS Summer Fellowship (Vietnamese). University of Wisconsin, Madison.
2015	Tuition and Travel Award, Summer Institute in Asian American Studies, “The Subject(s) of Human Rights.” National Taiwan University and Ministry of Science and Technology.

- 2014 Eugene Cota-Robles Graduate Fellowship, Graduate Division. UC Santa Cruz.
- 2013 The Tang Scholarship for LGBTQ Youth, Silicon Valley Community Foundation.
- 2013 Community Service Scholarship for Engaged Research, UCLA APA Association
- 2012 Graduate Opportunity Research Fellowship, Graduate Division, UC Los Angeles

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- 2026 “Penetrability and Imperial War, or the Alienation of Erotic Labor-Power”
Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Struggles
Historical Materialism Annual Conference, London, UK
- 2026 “Plantation Logic and the Refugee across the U.S. South and Southeast Asia”
American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2026 “Reading Group: Imperialism and the Law of Value”
Marxist Literary Group-Institute on Culture and Society Conference, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
- 2026 (*invited*) “U.S. Imperialism in Asia and the Pacific”
Asian American Law Journal Symposium, UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA
- 2026 “Plantation/Refugee Ecologies”
Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Honolulu, HI
- 2026 “From Groundwork to Growth: Building AANHPI Student Success Ecosystems at San José State University”
Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education, Anaheim, CA
- 2026 (*invited*) “Housing Insecurity in the Bay Area”
Learning, Equity, and Growth Series, Skyline College, San Bruno, CA
- 2026 “Un/Propertied Refugees: Technocapital, Resettlement, and Housing Crisis in the Viet/Afghan Equation”
Association of American Geographers Conference, San Francisco, CA
- 2026 (*invited*) “Asian American Studies in CSU+CCC”
CA CSU ASAP Summit, Sacramento, CA
- 2026 “Plantation and Refugee Ecologies: War and Capital-Making Across Two Deltas”
Global Asias Conference, UC Irvine, Irvine, CA
- 2025 “Un/Propertied Refugees: Technocapital, Resettlement, and Housing Crisis in the Viet/Afghan Equation”
American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico

- 2025 “Refugee Landlords”
Urban History Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA
- 2025 (*invited*) Critical Perspectives on Immigration
Vietnamese American Roundtable Symposium, San Jose, CA
- 2025 “Student-Driven Grassroots Models of Recruitment and Retention in and beyond Asian American Studies”
Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education, Oakland, CA
- 2025 “Loss: A Keyword for Vietnamese American Studies”
Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Boston, MA
- 2025 “Conditional Loss: LIFE Magazine, Racial Capitalism, and Commodity Forms of the Southeast Asian Image” (*Southeast Asian and Southeast Asian Diasporic-Sponsored Panel*)
Modern Language Association Convention, New Orleans, LA
- 2024 “Good Refugee/Bad Refugee: Unsettling the Frames of Empire” (*invited*)
Vietnamese American Experiences Conference, Santa Clara County Department of Education, San José, CA
- 2024 “Un/Propertied Refugees”
Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Seattle, WA
- 2024 “Resettlement Horror: Necrovalue, Extractive Loss, and the Southeast Asian Refugee Figure”
Dept. of Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, UC Merced
- 2024 (*invited*) “In the Crossfires: Radicalizing Lessons from Queer of Color and Southeast Asian Studies”
Transforming Higher Education Through Ethnic Studies Praxis Symposium, Cal Poly Pomona
- 2024 (*invited*) “Unending Losses: Racial Capitalism, Value, and the Incorporation of the Vietnamese Refugee”
Center for Southeast Asia Studies and Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies Program, UC Berkeley
- 2024 (*invited*) “Resettlement Horror: Necrovalue, Extractive Loss, and the Southeast Asian Refugee Figure”
Dept. of Asian American Studies, UC Davis
- 2024 “Projecting Insecurity from the Agrocolony: Photomagazines of Vietnamese Labor and Leisure”
American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada

- 2023 “Towards a Critical Pedagogy of Introduction: Ethnic Studies as ‘General Education’ after AB-1460”
Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Long Beach, CA
- 2023 (*invited*) “Theorizing Muddied Metal: U.S. Imperialism and Racializing Landscapes”
Suspicious Landscapes Working Group, B.O.L., Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
- 2022 “Metal and Mud: Racial Entanglements and Conscripted Landscape in the U.S. South and the Transpacific”
4S: Social Studies of Science, Cholula, Mexico
- 2022 “Mats and Walls: Metal at the Base and Border”
Association for Asian American Studies, Denver, CO
- 2022 “Bourgeois Bodies: Visual Rhetorics of Vietnamese Labor-Power, Race, and Gender in the Colony”
Dept. of Asian American Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2022 “Resettlement Horror: Southeast Asian Bodies and Mediations of Crisis Capital in the Long 80s”
Dept. of Asian American Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2022 “Past as Prologue: Diasporic Experience and the Production of Knowledge in Southeast Asian Studies”
Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii
- 2021 (*invited*) “Community Based Organizations and Building Solidarity Across Difference” (*plenary session*)
Southeast Asian American Studies Conference, San José, CA
- 2021 “On the Frontline: Southeast Asian Care-Workers, Crisis, and Arts in SF, Stockton, and Oakland”
Southeast Asian American Studies Conference, San José, CA, 2021
- 2021 (*invited*) "Refractions of Fascism: Colonial/Imperial Power, Visualizing Justice, and the Vietnam War"
Dept. of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, San José State University.
- 2021 (*invited*) "Refugee Reminders: Material Histories of Imperial Visuality in Southeast Asia and the U.S.-Mexico Border"
Art History and Visual Culture Program, Bard College
- 2021 (*invited*) "Salvage Installation: Refugee Material and Permanent War in Southeast Asia and the U.S.-Mexico Border"
Dept. of Global Asian Studies, University of Illinois, Chicago

- 2020 *(invited)* “Transitive Wars and Racialized Refuge: Temporal Politics at the Limits of the Vietnamese Op-Ed Form and the Syrian Civil War”
Dept. of Media and Cultural Studies, Macalester College
- 2020 “Belliphonic Sound: Cuban Aesthetics of Vietnamese Performance in 79 *Primaveras*”
Modern Language Association Convention, Seattle, WA
- 2019 “Sex with Comrades: Erotic Visuality in Hanoi, a City at War”
American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI
- 2019 “Counterinsurgent Aesthetics in Southeast Asia and the Magasin of Racial Spectatorship”
Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Madison, WI
- 2018 “The Vietnam War and the Racial Forms of Petrocapital”
American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2018 “Crude Nightmares: Refugee, Oil, and the Futures of National Reproductivity”
Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Program, UC Santa Cruz
- 2017 “Post-War Visuality: Afterimages and Images After the Corpse”
American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2017 “Fugitivity and Refuge Aesthetics: Reconstruction to the Vietnam War” (invited lecture)
Introduction to Asian American Studies, UC Riverside Department of Ethnic Studies
- 2017 “Memory as Commodity: Post-War Vietnamese Aesthetics”
Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Portland, OR
- 2016 “War Material: Vietnamese Objects of Post-War Subjectivity”
Humanities Division, UC Santa Cruz, 2016
- 2016 “Southeast Asian Liberatory Embodiment and the Human”
Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Miami, FL
- 2015 “From Suffering Flesh to Perishing Life: Failed Articulations of Normative Southeast Asian Refugee Resettlement Post-1975”
National Women Studies Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI
- 2015 “Borderland Horrors: Transgression, Death, and National Imaginaries in Southeast Asian Resettled Communities”
Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2014 “Between Violence and Value: War Spectrality, Irresolution, and Psychic Excess”

The States of Southeast Asian American Studies Conference, University of Minnesota, Twin-Cities

2013 “0 Feet Away: Postmodern Desires and Racialized Discourse”
Thinking Gender, Center for the Study of Gender, University of California, Los Angeles.

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

San José State University

Service to University

2025 – Present Co-PI, CSU ASAP Programs, Academic Affairs Unit
2025 Search Committee Member, Associate Vice President, Student Equity and Belonging
2023 – 2026 Faculty Associate in Residence, Center for Asian Pacific Islander Student Empowerment

Service to College of Social Sciences

2027 Committee Member, Curriculum
2026 – Present Committee Member, Student Success
2025 – Present Co-Chair, Spatial Justice Across Territories Research Group, Ethnic Studies Collaborative
2024 – Present Member, Ethnic Studies Collaborative
2022 Member, Scholarship Committee, College of Social Sciences

Service to Program/Department

2025 – Present Advising Committee Member, Asian American Studies Program
2023 – Present Founder and Coordinator, Asian American Studies Street Team
2023 – Present Chair, Faculty Recruitment, Curriculum, and Outreach Initiatives, Asian American Studies Program
2022 Member, Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee (Service Review), Dept. of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

Lead Programmer

2026 Impact of ICE on Asian Americans
2026 Career Pathways in Asian American Studies
2026 Dispatches from a Resistant Mexico (*Co-Program with: Department of Chicana/o Studies, Native American and Indigenous Studies Program, Native American and Indigenous Student Success Center, Ethnic Studies Collaborative*)
2026 Research as Resistance: First Annual Asian American Studies Student Symposium
2025 Housing Justice in San Jose (*Co-Program with: Department of Chicana/o Studies*)
2025 Readings in Solidarity (*Co-Program with: Department of Chicana/o Studies*)
2025 BTS: K-Pop, Race, and Abolition (*Co-Program with: Center for Asian and Pacific Islander Student Empowerment*)

Nguyen, Trung Phan Quoc – CV, Fall 2026

- 2025 Ethnic Studies Careers in K-12 (*Co-Program with: Center for Asian and Pacific Islander Student Empowerment*)
- 2024 Decolonizing Therapy: A Book Talk with Stephanie Foo (*Co-Program with: Center for Asian and Pacific Islander Student Empowerment*)

Student Advising

- 2025-2026 Mentor, McNair Scholars, Nhi Bui (Department of English and Asian American Studies Program). Project: “Crises in/Form: The Question of Excess in *The Gangster We Are All Looking For*.”
- 2026 Independent Study, Brandon Doan. Project: U.S. Militarism and Racialized State Control: From Imperialism to Deportation.
- 2026 Independent Study, Aaryan Hakim. Project: “Social Media Algorithms and the Production of South Asian American Racism.”
- 2026 Independent Study, Kailee Ia. Project: “The Fight for Asian American Studies at SJSU.”
- 2026 Independent Study, Seven Del Rosario. Project: “Chains of Fatih: Incarceration, Filipino American Families, and the Afterlives of Religious Control.”

Critical Ethnic Studies Journal

2026 – Present Editorial Board Member

Association for Asian American Studies

Asian American Feminisms Section

2024-2026 Co-Chair

Southeast Asian Section

- 2019 – 2022 Executive Steering Committee Member
- 2019 Co-Chair, Southeast Asian/American Studies Post-Conference
- 2016 – 2019 Secretary

California State University

2023 Founder and Chair, APIDA AB 1460 Junior Faculty Group

UC Santa Cruz

- 2017 Graduate Representative, Ph.D. Admissions, History of Consciousness Department
- 2016 Graduate Representative, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Program
- 2016 Co-Chair, Critical Leisure Studies, Institute of Humanities Research
- 2015 Co-Chair, Asia-Pacific Graduate Reading Group
- 2014 Elections Coordinator, UAW 2865
- 2014 Graduate Representative, Ph.D. Admissions, History of Consciousness Department

UC Los Angeles

2012-2014 Community Partnerships Liaison, Asian American Studies Graduate Student Association

Peer Reviewer

Book Manuscripts *Routledge*

Journal Articles *Amerasia Journal*
Ethnic Studies Pedagogies
Gender, Place, and Culture
Pacific Coast Philology
Photography and Culture
Studies in Control Societies
Theory, Culture & Society
TSQ: Trans Studies Quarterly
Verge: Studies in Global Asias

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker)

Vietnamese (native speaker; fluent)

French (intermediate in reading, writing, and translating)