1970: Nixon and Discord during the Vietnam War
Conference Agenda

April 9-11, 2020

Thursday, April 9

All day: Participants arrive in Lubbock

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Registration Desk opens at the MCM Elegante Hotel
Location: Conference Registration Area near Hotel Registration Desk

6:15 PM: Buses depart for Texas Tech Museum
6:30 PM: Welcome Reception
(Business Attire)
Cash Bar with Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Welcome Reception Speaker:

Mr. Jan Scruggs, Founder, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Washington, DC

Sponsored by the Office of the President and College of Arts and Sciences, Texas Tech University

Location: Texas Tech Museum Auditorium

8:30 PM: Buses depart for return to MCM Elegante
8:00 AM: WELCOMING REMARKS

Ron Milam, Ph.D., Executive Director, Institute for Peace and Conflict, Texas Tech University

Brent Lindquist, Ph.D., Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas Tech University

Administrative Remarks

Stephen Maxner, Ph.D., Director, Vietnam Center and Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University

Location: Petroleum Room

8:30 AM: Plenary Session

The Legacy of the Vietnam War: The Importance of Memorials and Museums in Healing and Educating

Introduction: Ron Milam, Ph.D., Executive Director, Institute for Peace and Conflict & Associate Professor of History, Texas Tech University

A Discussion Featuring:

Mr. Jan Scruggs, Founder of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Washington, DC

and

Lieutenant General Ron Christmas, former President of the Marine Corps Foundation, Founder of the National Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico, Virginia

Moderated by Larry Berman, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus, University of California, Davis

Location: Petroleum Room
10:00 AM: Coffee Break

(Beginning of breakout sessions)
10:30 AM: Session 2

Session 2A

The War in Cambodia

Commentator/Moderator: TBD

The Cambodian Incursion: What are the Sources Available for Reflecting Local Viewpoints?
Stephanie Benzaquen-Gautier Ph.D., University of Nottingham (UK)

Rethinking the Public Diplomacy of Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) in the Cambodian Incursion
Mr. Ngoc Anh Khoa Doan, Ph.D. Candidate, Columbia University and
Ms. Nguyen Hong Xuan Le, University of Social Sciences and Humanities,
Ho Cho Minh City, Vietnam

Crisis In Extremis: The Cambodian War and the Early Days of the Khmer Republic, March-April 1970
Raymond Leos, Dean and Professor of Law and Communications
Faculty of Communications & Media Arts, Pannasastra University of Cambodia

Location: Petroleum Room

Session 2B

The Domestic Politics of War in 1970

Commentator/Moderator: Glenn Robins, Ph.D., Georgia Southern State University

Tightening the Purse Strings: Congress, Cambodia, and the Vietnam War
David Prentice, Ph.D. Instructor, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Oklahoma State University

A Society Much Buffeted by Change: Planning the All-Volunteer Force in 1970
William Taylor, Ph.D. Angelo State University
Session 2C

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Location: Cotton Room

Session 2D

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Location: Heritage Room

12:00 Lunch

Welcoming Remarks: Stephen Maxner, Ph.D., Vietnam Center and Sam Johnson
Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University

Lunch Presentation

US Marines at War: The Marine Corps Missions in Vietnam

Lieutenant General Ron Christmas, USMC (Retired)

Vietnam Veteran, former President of the Marine Corps Foundation, Founder of the
National Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico, Virginia

Location: Petroleum Room

1:30 PM: Sessions 3

Session 3A

The US Advisory Effort

Commentator/Moderator: TBD

Vietnamization and the U.S. Advisory Effort, 1970
James H. Willbanks, PhD, Vietnam Veteran, USA
Professor Emeritus of Military History, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS

*Advisor and Ambassador: U.S. Army’s Advisory Efforts Through the Mobile Advisory Teams in Vietnam*
  Uyen Carie Nguyen, Ph.D. Candidate, Texas Tech University

*The Province that went to Sleep: The Advisory Crisis, 1970*
  Robert Thompson, Ph.D., Army University Press

Location: Petroleum Room

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**Session 3B**

**Sixty-Two Days in Cambodia (Before and After Stories)**

Commentator/Moderator: Raymond Leos, Dean and Professor of Law and Communications, Faculty of Communications & Media Arts, Pannasastra University of Cambodia

*The Origins of the Khmer Coup of 1970*
  Stephen Sherman, Vietnam Veteran, Independent Researcher

*Nixon’s 1970 Incursion into Cambodia, The Anti-War Movement, and the Beginning of the End*
  Robert F. Turner, SJD, Senior Fellow, National Security Institute, George Mason University School of Law

Location: University Room

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**Session 3C**

**The US Antiwar Movement**

Commentator/Moderator: Tom Reich, Professor/Librarian, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

*“Los Yanquis quieren fuego”: Exploring the Cultural Rhetoric of 1970s Music Lyrics*
  Erin McCoy, Ph.D., University of South Carolina

*“A Cruel Hoax, An American Tragedy:” Max Cleland and Antiwar Vietnam Veterans*
  Glenn Robins, Ph.D., Georgia Southern State University

*1970: A Conscientious Objector’s Personal History in a Pivotal Year*
Session 3D

Location: Heritage Room

3:00 PM: Coffee Break

3:30 PM: Sessions 4

Session 4A
International Dimensions of the Vietnam War

Commentator/Moderator: TBD

Asymmetric Diplomacy: Julius Nyerere and Kwame Nkrumah and the Commonwealth Peace Mission
Paul Bjerk, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

1970: A Year of Turmoil for Australian Policy in Vietnam
Philip Webster, Texas Tech University

“Americans were wrong in all of their calculations.” Meeting of First Secretaries Le Duan and Władysław Gomułka on May 5, 1970
Jarema Slowiak, Ph.D., Jagiellonian University

Location: Petroleum Room

Session 4B

Waging Peace in Vietnam: Voices of the US Soldiers and Veterans Who Opposed the War

Commentator/Moderator: Nguyet T.M. Nguyen, Janet Oppenheim Postdoctoral Fellow, American University
A Discussion Featuring:

**Susan Schnall**, Lt. (j.g.), USNR. Convicted by general court-martial board for antiwar activities.

**Greg Payton**, Vietnam Veteran; member and spokesperson for Vietnam Veterans Against the War and Black Veterans for Social Justice.

**Alan Pogue**, Combat Medic, Chu Lai, Vietnam; photographically documented the GI peace movement at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Location: University Room

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**Session 4C**

*Higher Education Reform and Student Youth Movements in Vietnam*

Commentator/Moderator: TBD

*Reforming Higher Education in the Midst of War: The USAID Effort in 1970*
   Tom Reich, Professor/Librarian, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

*Born from War: An Analysis of Youth Identities of both Vietnams in 1970*
   Ngoc Anh Khoan Doan, Ph.D. Candidate, Columbia University

Location: Cotton Room

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**Session 4D**

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Location: Heritage Room

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**5:00 PM – End of first day presentations**

6:00 PM: Reception
   Cash Bar with light Hors d'oeuvres
   Business Attire

6:30 PM: Special Vietnam Veteran Recognition Program
   Hosted by the Vietnam Center and Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University
7:00 PM:  CONFERENCE BANQUET
Business Attire

7:30 PM:  Welcoming Remarks:  Ron Milam, Ph.D., Executive Director, Institute for Peace and Conflict, Texas Tech University

Keynote Speaker

Larry Berman, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, University of California, Davis

8:30 PM:  End of banquet

Meal sponsored by the Department of History, Texas Tech University
Saturday April 11

7:30 AM: Coffee Service in Conference Area

8 AM-5 PM: Registration Desk opens
Location: Conference Registration Area

8:30 AM: Session 5

Session 5A

Religion, Education, and Family Policy in Wartime Vietnam

Commentator/Moderator: TBD

*The Role of Religions in Privatization of Higher Education in South Vietnam before 1975: A Case Study of Van Hanh University and Hoa Hao University*
Pham Ngoc Bao Liem, Hue University of Sciences, Hue University

*North Vietnam’s Higher Education During the Vietnam War: A Case Study of Hanoi Medical University and Hanoi University of Science and Technology*
Le Nam Trung Hieu, Ph.D., Hue University of Sciences, Hue University

*The Family Code 1959 In South Vietnam: A Shift in Legal Culture or a Political Maneuver?*
Hoang Thao Anh, Hue University of Laws, Hue University

Location: Petroleum Room

Session 5B

SESSION TITLE

Commentator/Moderator: Amber Batura, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

*Let It Be? The Search for Sean and Dana, 1970-2020*
R. Kyle Hörst, Independent Researcher

“No Means No:” *Sexual Assault of American Women in Vietnam*
Rebecca McGee, Texas Tech University

Location: University Room

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Session 5C

SESSION TITLE

Commentator/Moderator: William Taylor, Ph.D. Angelo State University

Redcatcher Six Down: The Death of Brig. Gen. William R. Bond, 1 April 1970
Erik Villard, Ph.D., US Army Center of Military History

PSYOPS in Vietnam: Another Story of Lost Opportunity
Kyle Rable, Independent Researcher

Location: Cotton Room

Session 5D

OPERATION TAILWIND: The Aftermath

Commentator/Moderator: Stephen Sherman, Vietnam Veteran, Independent Researcher

A Discussion Featuring:


James R. Moriarty, USMC, Vietnam Veteran

Location: Heritage Room

10:00 AM: Coffee break - Conference Registration Area

10:30 AM: Sessions 6

Session 6A

Vietnamization: Economic, Military, Socio-political, and Diplomatic Consequences

Commentator/Moderator: Anh Lan Nguyen, Ph.D., Development and Marketing Director of the Institute for Civic Education in Vietnam

Pham Do Chi, Ph.D. Independent Scholar
Vietnamization: The Precondition to Peace Without Honor
Truong Duy Nong, Ph.D., Independent Scholar, Institute for Civic Education in Vietnam

Diplomatic Observation of U.S.-Vietnam Relations during the Vietnam War
Alex-Thai D. Vo, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor, Cornell University

Location: Petroleum Room
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Session 6B

Postwar Legacy Issues: Dioxin Contamination and Teaching the Vietnam War
Commentator/Moderator: TBD

How Did the Passaic River, a Superfund Site Near Newark, New Jersey, Become an Agent Orange Hotspot?
Kenneth R. Olson, Professor Emeritus of Soil Science, NRES, ACES, University of Illinois

Obstacles (and Solutions) to Teaching the Vietnam War in Secondary School
Drew Gibson, Independent Researcher, Williamstown, MA

Location: University Room
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Session 6C

Veteran Perspectives
Commentator/Moderator: TBD

Discord in the Deteriorating Americal—One Soldier’s Experience
Robert J. Aste, Attorney, Vietnam Veteran, and Independent Researcher

A Cobra Gunship Pilot’s Viewpoint of the Battle at FSB Ripcord
Mack Payne, Vietnam Veteran, Independent Researcher

Location: Cotton Room
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Session 6D

OPERATION TAILWIND

Commentator/Moderator: John S. “Tilt” Meyer, Vietnam Veteran

A Discussion Featuring:

**Bernard Bright**, 1SG (US Army, Ret), Vietnam Veteran. 1SG Bright served as the 3rd Platoon Leader (as a SFC) for the CCC Hatchet Force. He received a Bronze Star with “V” for this operation as well as two Purple Hearts

**Joe Driscoll**, USMC, Vietnam Veteran. Mr. Driscoll served as a Cobra Gunship pilot and received a DFC for his role in the operation.

**Barry Pencek**, USMC, Vietnam Veteran. Mr. Pencek served as Cobra Gunship pilot (Callsign Scarface 20).

Location: Heritage Room

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12:00 PM: Closing Remarks

Stephen Maxner, Ph.D., Director, Vietnam Center and Archive, Institute for Peace and Conflict, Texas Tech University

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12:30 PM END OF CONFERENCE

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