

# 1970-1971: Nixon, Discord, and the US Withdrawal from Vietnam

## Conference Agenda April 9-10, 2021

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### Friday, April 9

#### 8:30 AM: *WELCOMING REMARKS*

- Ron Milam, Ph.D., Executive Director, Institute for Peace & Conflict, Texas Tech University
- Michael San Francisco, Ph.D., Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas Tech University

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#### 9:00 AM: *Plenary Session*

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

#### *"Victory, Defeat, or Stalemate? Doubt and Uncertainty in America's Withdrawal from Vietnam"*

- Greg Daddis, Ph.D., San Diego State University

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10:00 AM: Break

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## 10:30 AM: Sessions 2

### **Session 2A: *Beyond the Quagmire: New Interpretations of the Vietnam War***

Introduction: Justin Hart, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Academic Programs, Institute for Peace & Conflict and Associate Professor of History, Texas Tech University

A Discussion Featuring:

- Geoffrey Jensen, Ph.D., College of Security and Intelligence
- Ron Milam, Ph.D., Texas Tech University
- Doug Bradley, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin at Madison
- Martin Clemis, Ph.D., U.S. Army Command and General Staff College
- Bill Allison, Ph.D., Georgia Southern University
- Matthew Stith, University of Texas at Tyler

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### **Session 2B: *The Impact of Peace Movements and Religion in Vietnam***

Commentator/Moderator: Stephen Maxner, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

- ***The People's Peace Treaty***  
Doug Hostetter, Pax Christi International NGO Advocacy Team at the UN in New York
- ***Vietnamese Nationalism: The Case of Peace Movements During 1970-1971 in South Vietnam***  
Ha Trieu Huy, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- ***"Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Will Prevail": Marian Devotionalism, Anticommunism, and the Vietnam Conflict***  
Tuan Hoang, Pepperdine University

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## **12:15 PM: *Lunchtime Presentation***

Introduction: Stephen Maxner, Ph.D., Director, Vietnam Center & Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University

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- James H. Willbanks, PhD, Lieutenant Colonel (USA, Ret), Professor Emeritus of Military History, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College

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## **1:30 PM: Sessions 3**

### **Session 3A: *Cultures of War***

Commentator/Moderator: Justin Hart, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

- ***“Los Yanquis quieren fuego 1”:* Exploring the Cultural Rhetoric of 1970s Music Lyrics**  
Erin McCoy, Ph.D., University of South Carolina
- ***“No Means No:” Sexual Assault of American Women in Vietnam***  
Rebecca McGee, Texas Tech University

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### **Session 3B: *Vietnamization: Economic, Military, Socio-political, and Diplomatic Consequences***

Commentator/Moderator: Anhlan Nguyen, DBA, Development and Marketing Director of the Institute for Civic Education in Vietnam

- ***Deficit Financing in Wartime South Vietnam: The Major Reform of 1970-1971***  
Pham Do Chi, Ph.D. Independent Scholar

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- ***Vietnamization: The Precondition to Peace Without Honor***  
Truong Duy Nong, Ph.D., Independent Scholar, Institute for Civic Education in Vietnam
- ***A Diplomatic Observation of U.S.-Vietnam Relations during the Vietnam War***  
Alex-Thai D. Vo, Ph.D., Research Fellow, US-Vietnam Research Center, University of Oregon

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### **3:30 PM: Sessions 4**

#### **Session 4A: *The War on the Ground in South Vietnam***

Commentator/Moderator: Stephen Maxner, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

- ***“PSYOPS in Vietnam: Another Story of Lost Opportunity”***  
Kyle Rable, Bowling Green University
- ***Halting Hanoi: Godley’s Clandestine Coalition and the Defense of Military Region II, 1970***  
Jeff Schultz, Luzerne County Community College
- ***The Fate of Agent Blue, the Arsenic Based Herbicide, Used in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War***  
Ken Olson, Ph.D., University of Illinois

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#### **Session 4B: *Vietnam War Author’s Panel***

Commentator/Moderator: Justin Simundson, Ph.D., US Air Force Academy

- ***Lyndon Johnson, Vietnam, and the Presidency: The Speech of March 31, 1968***

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David Zarefsky, Owen L. Coon Professor Emeritus, Communication Studies, Northwestern University

- ***War in the Villages, U.S. Marine Corps Combined Action Platoons in the Vietnam War***  
Ted N. Easterling, PhD., Independent Scholar, Vietnam Veteran
- ***Storms over the Mekong: Major Battles of the Vietnam War***  
William Head, Ph.D., Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

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**5:30 PM: *Keynote Speaker***

Introduction: Ron Milam, Ph.D., Executive Director, Institute for Peace & Conflict, Texas Tech University

***Differing Realities for Negotiating Peace in Vietnam: 1970 and 1971 in Washington, Saigon, and Hanoi***

- Larry Berman, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, University of California, Davis
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**Saturday, April 10**

**8:30 AM: Sessions 5**

**Session 5A: *The Son Tay Raid: “The Greatest Thing that Happened in the Vietnam War”***

Commentator/Moderator: Cliff Westbrook, Captain, USAF (inactive)

A Discussion Featuring:

- John Gargus, Colonel, USAF (retired)
- Terry Buckler, Sergeant, USA (inactive)
- Patrick St.Clair, Command Sgt Major, USA (retired)
- Lee Ellis, Colonel, USAF (retired)

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**Session 5B: *Direct and Indirect Protest Against the War***

Commentator/Moderator: Stephen Maxner, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

- *MAYDAY 1971: A White House at War, a Revolt in the Streets, and the Untold History of America's Biggest Mass Arrest*  
Lawrence Roberts, Journalist and Author
- *Masters of War: Daniel Ellsberg's Decision to Leak the Pentagon Papers*  
Danielle McLennan, University of Western Ontario, Canada

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**10:30 AM: Sessions 6**

**Session 6A: *The War in Cambodia***

Commentator/Moderator: Stephen Maxner, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

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- ***Tightening the Purse Strings: Congress, Cambodia, and the Vietnam War***  
David Prentice, Ph.D. Oklahoma State University
- ***American presence in Cambodia from the Cambodian Incursion to Chenla II: The Question of Sources, Archive, and Local Viewpoints***  
Stephanie Benzaquen-Gautier Ph.D., University of Nottingham (UK)

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**Session 6B: “The Soldier and the Diplomat: Human Engagement in the Vietnam War in 1970-71”**

Commentator/Moderator: Uyen Nguyen, Ph.D. Candidate, Texas Tech University

- ***1970: A Conscientious Objector’s Personal History in a Pivotal Year***  
Philip Szmedra, Ph.D., Gannon University
- ***A Society Much Buffeted by Change: Planning the All-Volunteer Force in 1970***  
William Taylor, Ph.D. Angelo State University
- ***“Americans were wrong in all of their calculations.” Meeting of First Secretaries Le Duan and Wladyslaw Gomulka on May 5, 1970***  
Jarema Slowiak, Ph.D., Jagiellonian University

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### ***The Cambodian Incursion***

- Inette Miller, Author of *Girls Don't! A Woman's War in Vietnam*; War Correspondent, Time Magazine

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Immediately following Lunch Presentation (Same Webinar)

### **Conference Closing Remarks**

- Ron Milam, Ph.D., Executive Director, Institute for Peace & Conflict, Texas Tech University
  - Stephen Maxner, Ph.D., Director, Vietnam Center & Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University
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