

# *1972: The War Between North and South Vietnam*

## Conference Agenda

March 31 – April 2, 2022  
Orange, California

### Thursday, March 31

- All day: Participants arrive in Orange, CA
- 12:00 PM - Registration Desk opens at the Doubletree Hotel  
5:00 PM Location: Conference Registration Area
- 5:00 PM: Bus departs Doubletree for Chapman University**
- 5:30-7 PM: **Welcome Reception at Chapman University**  
Argyros Forum, Third Floor, Cash Bar with hors d'oeuvres

**Panel Discussion: “Going (Back) to Vietnam: Experiences of Veterans, Refugees, and Students from the U.S.”**

#### Panelists

Ron Milam, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Texas Tech University  
Andrew Wells-Dang, Ph.D., Senior Expert, Vietnam, United States Institute of Peace  
Diu-Huong Nguyen, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of California, Irvine

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Attire: Business Casual

7:15 PM Bus departs Chapman for Doubletree Hotel

With the exception of the Thursday evening reception, all conference sessions and meals will take place at the conference hotel:

Doubletree Anaheim – Orange  
100 The City Drive  
Orange, CA 92868

**Friday, April 1**

7:00 AM: Coffee Service in Hotel Conference Registration Area

7:30 AM-5 PM: Registration Desk Open at Hotel  
Location: Conference Registration Area

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**8:00 AM: WELCOMING REMARKS**

Kyle Longley, Ph.D., Director, The War and Society Program, Chapman University

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

**Administrative Remarks**

Steve Maxner, Ph.D., Director, Vietnam Center & Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University

Location: Atrium  
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**8:30 AM: Session 1**

**PLENARY SESSION**

**Long-Haired Warriors, Grunts, and the Long Reach of the Vietnam War**

Commentator/Moderator: Amber Batura, Ph.D., Air Command and Staff College

***“Long-Haired Warriors” in Vietnam: A Comparative Approach***

Kathryn Statler, Ph.D., University of San Diego

***“Conscription and Gender in the Post-Vietnam War Era”***

Kara Dixon Vuic, Ph.D., Texas Christian University

***“The country is behind you—50%”: American Media, GIs, and the Antiwar Movement”***

Addie Jensen, Ph.D. Candidate, University of California, Santa Barbara

Location: Atrium  
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10:00 AM: Coffee Break

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**Beginning of Breakout Sessions**

(Please note all breakout sessions will take place on the Second Floor)

**10:30 AM: Sessions 2**

**Session 2A**

**Easter Offensive I**

***The Spring Offensive***

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

***Break in the Chain: Intelligence Ignored***

W.R. (Bob) Baker, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran

***The Secret Weapon that could have saved South Vietnam***

Mr. Stephen Sherman, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran

***How my Father and his Friends could have Won the War***

Lindsay Butler, Documentary Film Producer

Location: Lassen Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**Session 2B**

**Vietnamization I**

Commentator/Moderator: Andrew Wells-Dang, Ph.D., Senior Expert, Vietnam, United States Institute of Peace

***Vietnamization: The 1972 Easter Offensive as a Benchmark***

David Anderson, Ph.D., Professor of History Emeritus, California State University, Monterey Bay, and Senior Lecturer of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School

***Hamlet-Engaging, not Nation-Building: Shared Struggle of the U.S. Army's Mobile Advisory Teams, Territorial Soldiers, and the People in the Middle in Viet Nam 1972***

Ms. Uyen (Carie) Nguyen, Ph.D. Candidate, Texas Tech University

Location: Redwood/Tahoe Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**Session 2C** - VACANT

Location: Shasta/Sierra Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
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**12:00 Lunch**

**Lunch Presentation**

*Women and the Emotional Costs of the Vietnam War*

**Kara Dixon Vuic, Ph.D.**

LCpl. Benjamin W. Schmidt Professor of War, Conflict, and Society  
in Twentieth-Century America, Texas Christian University

Location: Atrium, Doubletree Hotel  
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**1:30 PM: Sessions 3**

**Session 3A**

**Vietnamization II**

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

*Vietnamization of the Brown Water Navy*

Mr. David Hipple, Ph.D. Student, Texas Tech University

*It's an Image Problem: How Vietnamization Affected the PSYOP Mission*

Mr. Kyle, Rable, Ph.D. Student, Texas Tech University

Location: Lassen Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
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**Session 3B** - VACANT

Location: Redwood/Tahoe Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
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**Session 3C**

**Negotiating for Peace I**

Commentator/Moderator: Richard Filipink, Ph.D., Western Illinois University

*No Easy Way Out: the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation Turns to Peace, 1971-1973*

Marc Gilbert, Ph.D., Hawai'i Pacific University

***Hanoi-Washington Fight-Talk Negotiation and Diplomatic Actions of South Vietnam in 1972***

Mr. Trieu Huy Ha, Ph.D. Student, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, HCMC

Location: Shasta/Sierra Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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3:00 PM: Coffee Break

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**3:30 PM: Sessions 4**

**Session 4A**

**“Teaching the Vietnam War: Pedagogy and Engaging the New Generation of Students”**

Commentator/Moderator: John F. Burns, Director, Midway Institute for Teachers

Discussants:

Kathryn Statler, University of San Diego  
Diu-Huong Nguyen, University of California, Irvine  
Ken Osgood, Colorado School of the Mine  
Bill Allison, Georgia Southern University

Location: Lassen Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**Session 4B**

**SAR and MIAs**

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

***The Golden Age of USAF Search and Rescue: Setting a Lofty Stage in Southeast Asia***

John Blumentritt, Ph.D., Civilian Vice Dean, Squadron Officer School, Air University

***Last Known Alive- Case #1402: Analysis of USA Capt John T. McDonnell***

Mr. John McDonnell, Independent Researcher

Location: Redwood/Tahoe Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**Session 4C**

**Negotiating for Peace II**

Commentator/Moderator: Richard Filipink, Ph.D., Western Illinois University

***The Doomed 1972 Paris Peace Talks***

Nghia Vo, MD, Independent Scholar

***Paris Negotiations at the Periphery of South Vietnamese Politics (1972)***

Jerry Silverman, Ph.D., Independent Scholar

Location: Shasta/Sierra Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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

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**6:00 PM: Reception**

Cash Bar with light Hors d'oeuvres  
Business Attire  
Location: Atrium, Doubletree Hotel

**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:** Stephen Maxner, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

**Speaker Introduction:** Sean Cunningham, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

**Keynote**

**Ambassador John Negroponte**

*Vietnam, perspectives from Saigon, Paris, and Washington, 1963-1973*

8:30 PM: End of banquet

**Banquet sponsored by**  
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**Institute for Peace & Conflict, Texas Tech University**  
**Vietnam Center & Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University**

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**Saturday April 2**

7:30 AM: Coffee Service in Conference Area

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

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**8:30 AM: Sessions 5**

**Session 5A**

**Panel Discussion:  
*Paris and the War Powers Act***

Moderator Mr. Stephen Sherman, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran

Panel Participants:

Ambassador John Negroponte, Vice Chairman, McLarty Associates  
Luke A. Nichter, Ph.D., Professor of History, James H. Cavanaugh Endowed  
Chair in Presidential Studies, Chapman University  
Stephen B. Young, Global Executive Director, Caux Round Table for Moral  
Capitalism

Location: Lassen Room (2nd Floor)

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**Session 5B**

**International Relations**

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

***A Frustrating Year with a Tragic Finale: Polish-Vietnamese Relations in 1972 and the Sinking of MS Józef Conrad***

Jarema Slowiak, Ph.D., Jagiellonian University

***Australia and the Withdrawal from Vietnam***

Mr. Philip Webster, Ph.D. Student, Texas Tech University

Location: Redwood/Tahoe Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**Session 5C**

***The Grunts War and Beyond: The Vietnam War and American Veterans”***

Commentator/Moderator: Angelica Allen, War, Diplomacy, and Society Program,  
Chapman University

***"How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bottle: Lee Umlauf, Alcohol, and the Vietnam War"***

Bo Kent, War, Diplomacy, and Society Program, Chapman University

***“Black Liberation & Fighting Fire with Fire: The Radicalization of Black Vietnam Veterans”***

Randy Felder, War, Diplomacy, and Society Program, Chapman University

***Responsibility and Reconciliation: Agent Orange in the Vietnam War***

Megan Lee, War, Diplomacy, and Society Program, Chapman University

Discussant: Charissa Threat, War, Diplomacy, and Society Program, Chapman  
University

Location: Shasta/Sierra Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
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10:00 AM: Coffee break - Conference Registration Area  
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**10:30 AM: Sessions 6**

**Session 6A**

**Environmental Impact of War**

Commentator/Moderator: William Thomas Allison, Ph.D., Georgia Southern University

***The 1972 Senate Weather Modification Hearings: Understanding the Implications of Environmental Harm during the Vietnam War***

Pamela McElwee, Ph.D., The State University of New Jersey

***Wartime Propaganda and Orwellian Memory-Holing in Nam Bo***

Alan Potkin, Ph.D., Vietnam Veteran, Digital Conservation Facility, Center for  
Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University

Location: Lassen Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
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**Session 6B**

**Humanitarian Programs During The Vietnam War**

Commentator/Moderator: Mariam Beevi Lam, Ph.D., University of California, Riverside

*A Drop in the Bucket: The failed effort to save Vietnam's 'black babies'*

Sabrina Thomas, Ph.D., Wabash College

*Soap, Squalor, and the Archives of Medical Humanitarianism*

Ms. Ann Tran, Ph.D. Student, University of Southern California

Location: Redwood/Tahoe Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**Session 6C**

**Nixon at War**

Commentator/Moderator: Sean Cunningham, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

*Winning an Election is Terribly Important: Playing Politics with Vietnam in 1972*

Richard Filipink, Ph.D., Western Illinois University

*The Shadow of Peace: The American Ceasefire & Nixon's Failure to Enforce the Paris Peace Accords*

CAPT Josh Taylor, USN; Independent Researcher

Location: Shasta/Sierra Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**12:00 PM: Lunch**

**Lunch Presentation**

*Scars of War: The Politics of Paternity and Responsibility for the Amerasians of Vietnam*

**Sabrina Thomas, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor and David A. Moore Chair in American History  
Wabash College

Location: Atrium, Doubletree Hotel

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1:30 PM: Sessions 7

**Session 7A**

**“The Vietnam War in Film and Literature: A Feminist Perspective”**

Commentator/Moderator:

Lan Cao, J.D., Betty Hutton Williams Professor of International Economic Law,  
Chapman University Fowler School of Law. Author of *Monkey Bridge, The Lotus  
and the Storm*, and *Family in Six Tones*

Discussants:

Lan Duong, Ph.D., Lan Duong, Associate Professor, Cinema and Media Studies,  
USC, *Treacherous Subjects: Gender, Culture, and Trans-Vietnamese  
Feminism* (2012)

Location: Lassen Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**Session 7B**

**Postwar Narratives and Historical Interpretations**

Commentator/Moderator: David DiLeo, Ph.D., Professor, Emeritus, of History and  
Humanities, Saddleback College

***1972: Vietnam War Orthodoxies Revisited***

Christoph Giebel, Ph.D., University of Washington

***Unofficial Norms and Official Military Practices in the Personal Narratives of  
American Soldiers of the Vietnam War***

Mr. Olli, Siitonen, Ph.D. Student, University of Helsinki

***The Future Lied to Us***

Nghia Vo, MD, Independent Scholar

Location: Redwood/Tahoe Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**Session 7C**

***All Over the Map***

Commentator/Moderator: Mr. Greg Sanders, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran

***The Vietnam Antiwar Movement 1972 and America 2022***

Roger Canfield, Ph.D., Independent Scholar, Vietnam Veteran

***Revisiting Operations LINEBACKER II and POCKET MONEY***

Mr. James McLeroy, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran

***New Ways to Research Archival Material***

Mr. Stephen Sherman, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran

Special note: Attendees at this session will be provided a copy of VVFH Publication 'Extracts from MACV Command History 1970 (Cambodia)', 250 pp., subject to availability.

Location: Shasta/Sierra Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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3:00 PM: Coffee break - Conference Registration Area

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**3:30 PM: Sessions 8**

**Session 8A**

**The Vietnam War in Popular Culture**

Commentator/Moderator: Ron Milam, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

***Rockin' 1972: Music and the Wind Down of the Viet Nam War***

Erin McCoy, Ph.D., University of South Carolina

***"Fires of Summer": Setting the Musical Scene in 1972 South Vietnam***

Jason R. Nguyen, Ph.D., Independent Scholar

***Look! Rice Paddies! American Comics and the Vietnam War in 1972***

James Sandy, Ph.D., University of Texas, Arlington

Location: Lassen Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**Session 8B**

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Location: Redwood/Tahoe Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**Session 8C**

**From Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan**

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

***The American Wars in Viet Nam, Iraq, and Afghanistan: A Personal Perspective***

Mr. Ted Engelmann, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran

***The Summers of Flames: Comparative Analysis of U.S. Policy and Strategy in the 1972 Easter Offensive and Fall of Afghanistan 2021***

Mr. Trevor Yates, Ph.D. Student, Texas Tech University

Location: Shasta/Sierra Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**5:15 PM      Closing Remarks**

Location: Atrium

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