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

4:30 PM:  Bus departs Doubletree for Chapman University

5:30-7 PM: Welcome Reception at Chapman University
Argyos 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., Texas Tech University
Andrew Wells-Dang, Ph.D., Senior Expert, Vietnam, United States Institute of Peace

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Attire: Business Casual

7:15 PM  Bus departs Chapman for Doubletree Hotel
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

   Ron Milam, Ph.D., Executive Director, Institute for Peace & Conflict, Texas Tech University
   Kyle Longley, Ph.D., Director, The War and Society Program, Chapman 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

   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

Commentator/Moderator: James H. Willbanks, Ph.D., LTC, USA Ret, Professor Emeritus of Military History, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College

*Vietnam 1972: Quang Tri: The Easter Offensive strikes the South*
Mr. Charles Melson, Independent Researcher

*The Battle of Quang Tri Depicted in “Forever Twenty” – a Novel by a Vietnamese Soldier who died in the War, in the movie “The Scent of Burning Grass” and in Official History Textbook for Vietnamese Schools*
Ms. Thi Kim Dieu Tran, Independent Researcher

Location: Lassen Room (2nd Floor)

Session 2B

Vietnamization I

Commentator/Moderator:

*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 (2nd Floor)
Session 2C

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 (2nd Floor)

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

1:30 PM: Sessions 3

Session 3A

Easter Offensive II

The Spring Offensive

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

Break in the Chain: Intelligence Ignored

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 (2nd Floor)

Session 3B

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: Redwood/Tahoe Room (2nd Floor)

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 (2nd Floor)

3:00 PM: Coffee Break

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, UC-Irvine
Ken Osgood, Colorado School of the Mine
Bill Allison, Georgia Southern University

Location: Lassen Room (2nd 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 (2nd 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 (2nd 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

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

Keynote

Ambassador John Negroponte

8:30 PM: End of banquet

Location: Atrium, Doubletree Hotel

Banquet sponsored by
The War and Society Program, Chapman University
Institute for Peace & Conflict, Texas Tech University
Vietnam Center & Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University
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, Linebacker II, Operation Pocket Money, and the War Powers Act

Moderator Mr. Greg Sanders, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran

Panel Participants:

Ambassador John Negroponte
Robert Turner
Luke Nichter
Jim McLeroy

Location: Lassen Room (2nd Floor)

Session 5B

International Relations

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

Ms. Morragotwong Phumplab, Ph.D. Candidate, National University of Singapore

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 (2nd Floor)
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 (2nd Floor)

10:00 AM: Coffee break - Conference Registration Area

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 (2nd Floor)
Session 6B

Humanitarian Programs During War

Commentator/Moderator: Miriam 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

Natalia Tsvetkova, Ph.D., St. Petersburg State University

Location: Redwood/Tahoe Room (2nd Floor)

Session 6C

Easter Offensive III

Commentator/Moderator: Mr. Khoa Doan, Lecturer, Faculty of International Relations, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Ramifications of Propaganda on the Vietnam War in 1972: The Case of the Easter Offensive

Mr. Nguyen Thai Cuong, Undergraduate Student, Faculty of International Relations, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Mr. Le Bao Dang Tuyen, Undergraduate Student, Faculty of International Relations, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Mr. Nguyen Quoc Anh, Undergraduate Student, Faculty of International Relations, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Mr. Pham Duc Thang, Undergraduate Student, Faculty of International Relations, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Ms. Mai Thanh Binh, Undergraduate Student, Faculty of International Relations, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Location: Shasta/Sierra Room (2nd Floor)

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

1:30 PM: Sessions 7

**Session 7A**

“The Vietnam War in Film and Literature”

Commentator/Moderator: Lan Cao

Discussants:

- Robert Olen Butler
- Tony Bui
- Naja Pham Lockwood

Location: Lassen Room (2nd Floor)

**Session 7B**

Postwar Narratives and Historical Interpretations

Commentator/Moderator: TBD

1972: *Vietnam War Orthodoxies Revisited*
Christoph Giebel, Ph.D., University of Washington

Mr. Olli, Siitonen, Ph.D. Student, University of Helsinki
The Future Lied to Us
Nghia Vo, MD, Independent Scholar

Location: Redwood/Tahoe Room (2nd Floor)

Session 7C

SESSION TITLE

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

The Vietnam Antiwar Movement 1972 and America 2022
Roger Canfield, Ph.D., Independent Scholar, 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 (2nd Floor)

3:00 PM: Coffee break - Conference Registration Area

3:30 PM: Sessions 8

Session 8A

The Vietnamese Experiences of Warfare in 1972: Memory and Contestation

Commentator/Moderator: Tuan Hoang, Ph.D., Pepperdine University

Forever Twenty: State and Local Contestation over Commemoration of Lives Lost in the Quang Tri Citadel
Tam Ngo, Ph.D., Max Planck Institute & the Netherlands Institute for War, Genocide and Holocaust Studies Institute (NIOD) (Co-authored with Dat Nguyen and Ha Lan Tran, NIOD)

"Fires of Summer": Setting the Musical Scene in 1972 South Vietnam
Jason R. Nguyen, Ph.D., Independent Scholar
The 1972 Christmas Bombings in History and Memory: The Films “The Little Girl of Hanoi” and “Twelve Days and Nights”
Margaret B. Bodemer, Ph.D., California Polytechnic State University

Location: Lassen Room (2nd Floor)
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Session 8B

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

Look! Rice Paddies! American Comics and the Vietnam War in 1972
James Sandy, Ph.D., University of Texas, Arlington

The John Lennon FBI Files of 1972
Mr. Andy Pham, Independent Researcher

Location: Redwood/Tahoe Room (2nd 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 (2nd Floor)
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5:15 PM Closing Remarks
Location: Atrium

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