

George E. Dutton
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UCLA Department of Asian Languages and Cultures

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor, Southeast Asian Languages and Cultures Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, UCLA	2015 – present
Associate Professor, Southeast Asian Languages and Cultures Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, UCLA	2007 – 2015
Assistant Professor, Southeast Asian Languages and Cultures Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, UCLA	2001 – 2007
Director, UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies	2013 – 2021
Vice Chair, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures	2019 – 2021 2009 – 2013
Chair, UCLA Southeast Asian Studies Interdepartmental Program	2004 – 2010
Director, Southeast Asian Languages Program, ALC	2006 – 2009
Lecturer, History Department, University of Washington	Spring 2001 Winter 2000 Spring 1997

EDUCATION

University of Washington	Ph.D., History, 2001
Yale University	M.A., International Relations, 1992
Brown University	B.A., Magna Cum Laude, History and International Relations (honors), 1989
National University of Singapore	Non-degree student, 1987-1988

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

Cuộc Nổi dậy của nhà Tây Sơn (The Tay Son Uprising) [Vietnamese Translation], trans. by Lê Nguyễn (T.P. Hồ Chí Minh: Nhà Xuất Bản Thành Phố HCM, 2019).

A Vietnamese Moses: Philippe Binh and the Geographies of Early Modern Catholicism (Oakland, CA: University of California Press, 2017).

Voices of Southeast Asia: Essential Readings from Antiquity to the Present (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2014), editor.

Sources of Vietnamese Tradition (New York: Columbia University Press, 2012), co-editor with Jayne S. Werner and John K. Whitmore. (Named a *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title for 2013).

The Tay Son Uprising: Society and Rebellion in Eighteenth-Century Vietnam (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2006). [also, a reprint edition; Chiang Mai: White Lotus Press, 2008.]

Journal Articles

“From Civil War to Uncivil Peace: The Vietnamese Army and the Early Nguyen State (1802-1841),” *South East Asia Research* vol. 24, no. 2 (June 2016): 1-18.

“‘Society’ and Struggle in the Early Twentieth Century: The Vietnamese Neologistic Project and French Colonialism,” *Modern Asian Studies* vol. 49, no. 6 (November 2015): pp. 1994-2021.

“革命, Cách Mạng, Révolution: The Early History of ‘Revolution’ in Việt Nam,” *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, vol. 46, no.1 (February 2015): pp. 4-31.

“Threatening Histories: Rethinking the Historiography of Colonial Vietnam,” *Critical Asian Studies*, vol. 45, no. 3 (September 2013): pp. 365-392.

“Beyond Myth and Caricature: Situating Women in the History of Early Modern Vietnam,” *Journal of Vietnamese History*, vol. 8, no. 2 (Summer 2013): pp. 1-36.

“Nhìn Lại Tình Cảnh Và Vai Trò Của Nông Dân Thời Tây Sơn” [Reconsidering the Situation and Role of the Peasants in the Tay Son Period] *Xưa và Nay*, (Hanoi) no. 281 (April 2007).

“Ly Toet in the City: Coming to Terms with the Modern in 1930s Vietnam,” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 2, No. 1 (Feb. 2007): 80-108. [Also translated and published in Vietnamese in *Vietimes* (Saigon), in three parts, September 18, 26, 28, 2007]

“Reflections on Two American Wars,” *amerasia journal* vol. 31, no. 2 (2005): 116-121.

“Reassessing Confucianism in the Tây Sơn Regime (1788-1802),” *Southeast Asia Research* 13, no. 2 (July 2005): 157-183.

“The *Hoàng Lê Nhất Thống Chí* and Historiography of Late Eighteenth-Century Đại Việt,”

Journal of Southeast Asian Studies 36, no. 2 (June 2005): 171-190.

“Burning Tiger, Flaming Dragon: Military Technology and Strategy in Pre-modern Viet Nam,” *The Journal of East Asian Science, Technology, and Medicine* 21 (2003): 48-93.

“Verse in a Time of Turmoil: Poetry as History in the Tay Son Period,” *Moussons* 6 (December 2002): 37-68.

Book Chapters

“Pham Dinh Ho (1768-1839) and the Vietnamese Biographical Tradition” in *Biographical Traditions in Early Modern East Asia, 1500-1900*. (tentative title), Ihor Pidhainy and Ann Waltner, eds. (Palgrave MacMillan).

“Local Autonomy, Cult Figures, and Resistance to Authority,” in *Cambridge History of Southeast Asia*, Barbara Watson-Andaya and Leonard Andaya, eds. (forthcoming, Cambridge University Press, 2025).

“Philippe Binh and Global Catholic Networks in the Eighteenth Century,” in *A History of Christianity in Vietnam*, Anh Tran and Tuan Hoang, eds. (forthcoming, Brill Publishers, 2025).

“Vietnam and the Genocide of Champa, 1470-1509,” in *The Cambridge World History of Genocide, vol. 1, Genocide in the Ancient, Medieval and Premodern Worlds*, Ben Kiernan, et al. eds. (Cambridge University Press, 2023).

“Rebellion and Violence in Vietnam: 1500-1800,” in Philip Dwyer & Joy Damousi, eds, *The Cambridge World History of Violence*, (Cambridge University Press, 2020).

“Nineteenth-Century Portugal Through Other Eyes: The Diaries of Philipphê Binh,” in H. Hazel Hahn ed., *Cross-Cultural Exchange and the Colonial Imaginary: Global Encounters via Southeast Asia*, (National University of Singapore Press, 2019).

“Advertising, Modernity, and Consumer Culture in Colonial Vietnam,” *Exploring the Middle Class in Vietnam: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives*, Van Nguyen-Marshall, Daniele Belanger, and Lisa Drummond, eds. (Springer, 2011).

“Bridging the Gap: Academic Linkages with Southeast Asia,” in *Southeast Asian Studies: A State of the Field Survey*, Laurie Sears, ed. (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2007).

“An Introduction to Maurice Durand’s *Histoire des Tay Son*,” in Maurice Durand, *Histoire du Tay Son*, Philippe Papin, ed. (Paris: Les Indes Savantes, 2006).

“Crossing Oceans, Crossing Boundaries: The Remarkable Life of Philipphê Binh (1759-1832),” in *Viet Nam: Borderless Histories*, Anthony Reid and Nhung Tuyet Tran, eds. (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2006).

Digital Projects

Đại Nam Nhất Thống Chí (The Unification Gazetteer of Dai Nam) Digitization Project. Complete digital version of a 17-volume 19th-e20th-century Vietnamese geographical gazetteer. [in preparation for on-line access]

Book Reviews

Review of Claudine Ang, *Poetic Transformations: Eighteenth-Century Cultural Projects on the Mekong Plains*. Cambridge (Massachusetts) and London: Harvard University Asia Center, 2019) *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*, vol. 15, No. 4 (2020), pp. 110-112.

Review of Bradley Camp Davis, *Imperial Bandits: Outlaws and Rebels in the China-Vietnam Borderlands* (University of Washington Press, 2017), *Journal of Asian Studies*, 78, No. 2 (May 2019), pp. 483-484.

Review of Christopher Goscha, *Vietnam: A History* (Basic Books, 2016), *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*, vol. 13, No. 2 (2018), pp. 115-119.

Review of James Hershberg, *Marigold: The Lost Chance for Peace in Vietnam* (Stanford University Press, 2011), in *Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 72, no. 2 (May 2013), pp. 495-497.

Review of Kimloan Hill, *Rebels into Coolies: Impact of World War I on French Indochina* (Les Indes Savantes, 2011), in *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*, Vol. 7, No. 3 (2012), pp. 184-187.

Review of James Anderson, Li Tana, Nola Cooke, eds, *The Tongking Gulf through History* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011), in *American Historical Review* Vol. 117, no. 4 (October 2012), pp. 1204-1206.

Review of Ngo Van, *In the Crossfire: Adventures of the Vietnamese Revolutionary* and Vinh Sinh, ed. *Phan Chau Trinh and his Political Writings*, in *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, October 2012 (vol. 43, no. 3): 558-562.

Review of Olga Dror, *Cult, Culture, and Authority: Princess Liễu Hạnh in Vietnamese History*, in *Journal of the Siam Society*, 97 (2009).

Review of Olga Dror and Keith Taylor, eds, *Views of Seventeenth-Century Vietnam: Christoforo Borri on Cochinchina and Samuel Baron on Tonkin*, in *Journal of the Siam Society* 96 (2008).

Review of Choi Byung Wook, *Southern Vietnam under the Reign of Minh Mang (1820-1841): Central Policies and Local Responses*, in *Journal of the Siam Society* vol. 92 (2004): 173-177.

Review of Michael Coe, *Angkor and the Khmer Civilization*, in *Journal of Asian Studies* 63, 4 (November 2004): 1191-1193.

Review of Patricia Pelley, *Postcolonial Vietnam: New Histories of the National Past*, in *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 35, 2 (June 2004): 381-383.

Review of Mayoury Ngaosrivathana and Kennon Breazeale, *Breaking New Ground in Lao History*, in *Journal of Asian Studies* 63, 2 (May 2004): 560-562.

Review of Nguyen Van Ky and Georges Boudarel, *Hanoi: City of the Rising Dragon*, in *Journal of Asian Studies* (November 2003): 1316-1318.

Review of Arthur Dommen, *The Indochinese Experience of the French and the Americans*, in *Journal of Asian Studies* (May 2003): 701-703.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Geographies of War: Asia, Southeast,” *Sage Encyclopedia of War* (New York: Sage Press, 2016).

“Tay Son Rebellion,” *Encyclopedia of the Modern World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008).

“Cochin China,” *Encyclopedia of the Modern World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008).

“Buddhism: Southeast Asia,” *Encyclopedia of the Modern World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008).

“Hanoi,” *Encyclopedia of the Modern World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008).

“Nguyen Du” in *Encyclopedia of Modern Asia*, (New York: Scribner’s Reference, 2002).

“Truong Vinh Ky” in *Encyclopedia of Modern Asia*, (New York: Scribner’s Reference, 2002).

Reports

“The State of Southeast Asian Language Training in the U.S.” In *Southeast Asian Studies: A State of the Field Survey* edited by Laurie Sears. (Commissioned by the Ford Foundation).

“Current U. S. Scholarly Linkages with Southeast Asia.” In *Southeast Asian Studies: A State of the Field Survey*, edited by Laurie Sears. (Commissioned by the Ford Foundation).

CONFERENCE and Other PRESENTATIONS

“From the *Ramayana* to *The Art of Charlie Chan Hock Chye*:
Southeast Asian Literature and Global Influences,”

April 2025

UC/CSU Workshop: Intellectual Crosscurrents in Southeast Asia
UC Berkeley

Discussant/Commentator, Book Talk, Kevin Pham, <i>The Architects of Freedom Vietnamese Visions of Decolonization</i> UCLA Political Science Department	March 2025
Discussant/Commentator, Book launch for Kathryn Dyt, <i>The Nature of Kingship: The Weather-World in Nineteenth-Century Viet Nam</i> , SOAS London (Via Zoom)	February 2025
“Viewing Vietnamese History Through a Catholic Exile Lens” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (Seattle, WA)	March 2024
“Teaching Southeast Asian Studies Through Literature,” EuroSEAS Conference, Olomouc, Czech Republic (virtual)	Sept. 2021
“Animals and Humans in Vietnamese History,” Vietnam: Silences and Reverberations Symposium, Boston University	May 2021
“Thoughts on John Whitmore’s Contributions to Vietnamese History” John Whitmore Conference Yale Southeast Asian Studies Program	October 2020
“Why Zomia Matters: Reflections on Upland Southeast Asia” SEASSI Speaker Series, University of Wisconsin-Madison	July 2019
“Post-Colonial and Post-War Literatures in Southeast Asia” NEH Workshop on Colonialism and its Aftermath in Southeast Asia East-West Center, University of Hawaii	June 2019
Discussant, “Asian Christians, Global Networks & Cross-cultural Connections” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (Denver, CO)	March 2019
Panelist “Identity Transcending Borders: Vietnam and Armenia” Reconstructing National Identity Post-Conflict USC Conference on Public Diplomacy Methods	Nov. 2018
“The Curious Case of a Vietnamese Priest at the (18 th -C) Portuguese Court” Dept. of Religious Studies, Brown University	April 2018
“Um Padre Vietnamita em Lisboa,” (talk in Portuguese) Academia da Marinha, Lisbon, Portugal	April 2018
“The Future of Southeast Asia” Panel Discussion on Religion, Polytechnic School, Pasadena	March 2018

“A Vietnamese Moses in Portugal” Professors in the Pubs, UCLA Alumni Diversity Programs Black Cat Tavern, Silverlake, CA	Feb. 2018
“A Vietnamese Moses” Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Heritage Loyola University (Chicago)	March 2017
“Vietnamese Confucianism and Confucian Texts” NEH Workshop on Confucianism East-West Center, University of Hawaii	June 2016
“Real and Imagined Geographies of Early Modern Vietnamese Catholicism: The Portuguese Mission of Philipphê Binh,” Yale University Southeast Asia Center	March 2015
“The Tales of Philipphê Binh: Genealogies of a Vietnamese Catholic Literature,” ALC Faculty Colloquium, UCLA	April 2014
“Real and Imagined Geographies of Early Modern Vietnamese Catholicism: The Portuguese Mission of Philipphê Binh,” UC Riverside, SEATRIP Lecture Series	January 2014
“Books and Book Collecting in Nineteenth-Century Vietnam” SEASSI Lecture Series, UW-Madison, WI	July 2013
“The Nguyễn State and the Book Collecting Project,” Nguyễn Vietnam, 1558-1885: Domestic Issues, Harvard University	May 2013
“Examining Sabah from a Historical Perspective and larger SEA context,” Malaysia Forum, UCLA	April 2013
“Real and Imagined Geographies of Early Modern Vietnamese Catholicism: The Portuguese Mission of Philipphê Binh,” Southeast Asia Speaker Series, UC Berkeley	Feb. 2013
“Philipphê Binh and the Geographies of Early Modern Vietnamese Christianity” International Maritime Econ. History Assn. Meeting, Ghent, Belgium	July 2012
“The Diaries of Philipphê Binh: A Vietnamese Travel Account of Early Nineteenth-Century Portugal” “Cultural Exchange between Europe and Southeast Asia” (Seattle University)	May 2012

“Early Modern Vietnamese Catholic Literature: The Tales of Philipphê Binh” Conference on Literature & Religion (UC Irvine)	May 2012
“Philipphê Binh and the Geographies of Early Modern Vietnamese Christianity” Colloquium, UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies	April 2012
“The Origins and Etymology of ‘Revolution’ in early Twentieth-Century Viet Nam” Conference on Revolution in Vietnam (Berkeley, CA)	Nov. 2011
“Philipphê Binh and the Geographies of Early Modern Vietnamese Christianity” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (Honolulu, HI)	April 2011
“Making Sense of Senseless Violence in Colonial Vietnam,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA)	March 2010
“Pham Dinh Ho and the Vietnamese Biographical Tradition” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)	March 2009
“Writing an (Auto) Biography of Philiphe Binh” Harvard Conference on Vietnamese Biographical Writing	May 2008
“Advertising Modernity and the Creation of Consumer Culture in the Vietnamese Colonial Period” UW Conference: Beyond Teleologies (Seattle, WA)	March 2007
“‘Society’ and Struggle in Early Twentieth Century Vietnam” Translating Universals: Theory Moves Across Asia Conference (UCLA)	Jan. 2005
“Rethinking the Tay Son Era” 2 nd International Vietnamese Studies Conference (Ho Chi Minh City, VN)	July 2004
“Ly Toet in the City: Coming to Terms with the Modern in 1930s Viet Nam” UC Berkeley Annual Southeast Asian Studies Conference (Berkeley, CA)	April 2004
“Omens of Change in Eighteenth-Century Vietnam” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA)	March 2004
“Vietnamese Language Issues in the Early Twentieth Century and the Case of ‘Xa Hoi’ (Society)” Translating Universals: Theory Moves Across Asia Workshop (UCLA)	Dec. 2003
“Scholars, Courts, and the Examination System in 18th-Century Viet Nam” International Society for 18th-Century Studies Meeting (Los Angeles, CA)	Aug. 2003
“Vietnamese Women in the Marketplace: A Historical Overview,”	March 2003

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (New York, NY)	
“Rethinking ‘Cycles of Confucianization’: The Case of the Tay Son,” ASPAC Annual Meeting (Bellingham, WA)	June 2002
“Reassessing Vietnamese Christianity in the Tay Son Period, 1771-1802” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C.)	April 2002
“Crossing Oceans, Crossing Boundaries: The Remarkable Life of Philipphê Binh, 1759-1822” Vietnam: Crossing Boundaries Conference, UCLA (Los Angeles, CA)	May 2001
“The <i>Hoang Le Nhat Thong Chi</i> as a Source for 18 th Century Vietnamese History” American Historical Association Annual Meeting (Boston, MA)	Jan. 2001
“Tay Son (Tyson, Taixones): Giving a Name to Rebellion in 18 th -Century Vietnam” West Coast Association for Asian Studies Conference (Long Beach, CA)	Oct. 2000
“Verse in a Time of Turmoil: The Tay Son Peasant Uprising as seen through Contemporary Poetry” [presenter and panel chair] ASPAC Annual Meeting (Eugene, OR)	June 2000
“The Tay Son Uprising and the Response of Scholar Officials: Three Case Studies” New England Conference: Association for Asian Studies (New Haven, CT)	Oct. 1999

PRIZES, GRANTS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS

UCLA Faculty Research Grant	2023-2024
UCLA Faculty Research Grant	2020-2021
<i>Premio Fundação Oriente</i> (Portugal) Book Prize	2018
Fondation Dragon Bleu Research Support Grant (€20,000)	2017
UCLA Faculty Research Grant	2013-2014
UCLA Faculty Research Grant	2012-2013
UCLA Faculty Research Grant	2011-2012
UCLA Faculty Senate Grant	2008-2009
UCLA Faculty Senate Grant	2007-2008
UCLA Faculty Senate Grant	2006-2007
UC President’s Fellowship in the Humanities	2005-2006
UCLA Faculty Senate Grant	2005-2006
UCLA Faculty Senate Grant	2004-2005
UCLA Faculty Senate Grant	2003-2004
UCLA Office of Instructional Development Grant	2003
Assistant Professor Initiative Grant, UCLA	2002
Charles F. Keyes Academic Achievement Award, UW	2000

COMMITTEE and OTHER SERVICE

Member, International Advisory Committee, <i>SOJOURN</i> (Journal)	2023 –
UCLA Grievance Advisory Committee	2023 – 2026
Member, GETSEA Advisory Committee to SEASSI	2023 – 2024
Chair, GETSEA Steering Committee	2023 – 2024
External Reviewer, UW Southeast Asia Center	2021
Vice-Chair, Consortium for Graduate Education & Training on Southeast Asia	2020 – 2021
Chair, GETSEA By-laws and Mission Statement Subcommittee	2020 – 2021
GETSEA Steering Committee Member	2019 – 2024
External Reviewer, Cornell University Southeast Asia Program	2018
External Reviewer, Arizona State University “Asia Mediated Project”	2018
Chair, UCLA Committee on Academic Freedom	2018 – 2019
UCLA Committee on Academic Freedom	2016 – 2019
Program Committee (SEA Representative), Association for Asian Studies	2014 – 2017
Chair, Southeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies	2012 – 2013
Southeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies	2011 – 2014
Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Vietnamese Studies</i>	2005 – 2016
Book Reviews Editor, <i>Journal of Vietnamese Studies</i>	2005 – 2009;
	2013 – 2015
ALC Vice Chair	2009 – 2013
	2019 – 2021
ALC Director of South and Southeast Asian Languages	2006 – 2009
ALC Executive Committee	2007 – 2021
UCLA SEA FLAS Committee Chair	2009 – 2010
	2012 – 2013
Southeast Asian Studies IDP Advisory Committee	2001 – 2011
Southeast Asian Studies IDP Curriculum Committee	2001 – 2011

PUBLIC SERVICE and REFEREEING

Public Service: Judge, Los Angeles County National History Day Contest (March 2011-2013, 2018-2023), Judge, Los Angeles Unified School District Academic Decathlon (2020)

Referee: Journal of Eighteenth-Century Studies, University of Wisconsin Press, University of Washington Press, Stanford University Press, University of California Press, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, University of Hawaii Press, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, *Southeast Asia Research*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Crossroads: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association for Asian Studies
Vietnam Studies Group

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