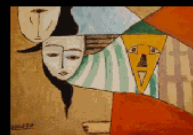




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- SACEI Newsletter updates you on the latest news about Vietnamese-America.
- It serves as a link between SACEI members and those who are interested in the Vietnamese or Vietnamese-American culture.

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Editorial Note

As 2011 is coming to an end, we wish to offer our SINCERE THANKS for your support for SACEI and hope you will continue to support us for the coming year. 2011 has been a challenging, but successful year. We have:

1. Published monthly SACEI newsletters
<http://www.sacei07.org/news.jsp>
2. Updated the SACEI website, which includes new items:
 - Youth section with its more than 36 blogs <http://www.sacei07.org/youth.jsp>
 - Hall of Freedom Fighters <http://www.sacei07.org/freedomfighters.jsp>
 - Hall of Heroes <http://www.sacei07.org/tranhungdao.jsp>
3. Organized the annual Fall SACEI Conference and the Awarding of the SACEI Man of the Year
http://www.sacei07.org/2011_SACEI%20Man%20of%20the%20year.pdf
4. and published
 - SACEI Forum #8 THE FALL OF SAIGON, which contains the proceedings of the Second Annual Sacei Conference
 - SAIGON. A HISTORY, a 300-year look at the beloved city of Saigon.
<http://www.sacei07.org/member.jsp>

As a 501(c)3 organization, we depend on your support to continue our work and have uploaded a Paypal donation button on our website to simplify the process.

Thank you,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Dr. Nguyen Thanh Tung: Member of President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders

Dr. Tung Thanh Nguyen is a Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), Co-Leader, Cancer Disparities Program where he pro-vides medical care to a diverse patient population and teaches clinicians. He also serves as Director of the Vietnamese Community Health Promotion Project and Principal Investigator of the Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research and Training at UCSF, and in this role conducts research in health care prevention for Asian Americans. He has worked on studies to increase breast, cervical cancer, and colorectal cancer screening among Asian Americans as well as on tobacco use among Asian Americans. Dr. Nguyen was the volunteer Chair of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Team of the American Cancer Society in California. In 2002, he was awarded the American Cancer Society Control Career Development Award for his outstanding work in primary care and research. Dr. Nguyen holds a B.A. in Philosophy from Harvard University and an M.D. from the Stanford School of Medicine.



Thong Nguyen: MBA, Strategy Director Bank of America



Thong Nguyen

Thong Nguyen's father was a ranking member of the South Vietnamese military and in 1975, with Saigon about to fall to the North Vietnamese army, flight was the only option. The family reached New York, and for a year, Nguyen, his parents and five siblings lived in a small apartment on the Upper West Side. Nguyen later won a scholarship to Columbia, earning a mechanical engineering degree, then an MBA.

Today, he is the new Strategy Chief of the Bank of America. He also serves as a member of the Bank of America's Diversity and Inclusion Council, and is on the boards of the San Francisco Ballet and the New York-based Part-

nership with Children. The International Rescue Committee (IRC) honored Nguyen in November 2010 as one of 10 Refugees of Distinction. http://youtu.be/RRDIBtM_BEE

Nguyen once worked for Fleet and had sales, marketing and business-building jobs with General Electric, McKinsey & Co., and IBM before joining Bank of America in 2003. He and Moynihan worked together in the wealth management unit before Moynihan became CEO. Nguyen was then West Division Executive for U.S. Trust, a division that serves the bank's wealthiest clients.

<http://blogs.wsj.com/deals/2011/11/17/bofa-has-a-new-strategy-chief-thong-nguyen/>



Vietnamese Boat People Monument in Australia

The Vietnamese Boat People Monument was officially unveiled on Friday 4 November 2011 in Saigon Place, Bankstown NSW Australia.



Bankstown (29.7 square-miles, 180,000 people) is a city-suburb located in the southwest corner of Sydney, Australia. It is a commercial center with a large number of manufacturing businesses. It is divided into four wards, each electing three councilors.



Lee Lee Ngoc Truong: Orchestra Conductor



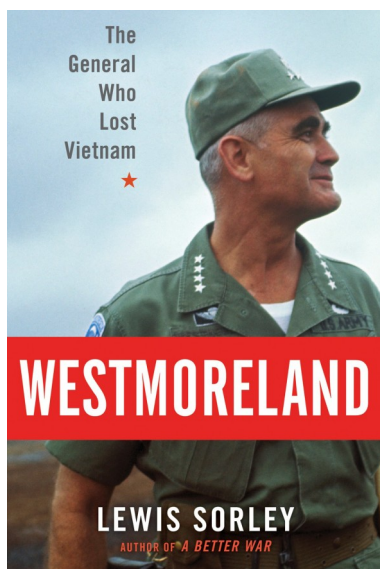
Born and raised in the U.S. from parents from Quang Ngai, central Vietnam who emigrated to the U.S. after 1975, Lee Lee or simply Lily loved music since she was a child. After finishing school, she went to college and graduated with two degrees in Music and Orchestra.

She studied under Vietnamese (Vu Ton Binh) and American teachers and became Associate Conductor. She is known as the artist who "turned her back the audience." She is presently the Assistant Conductor at the Laguna Nigel Presbyterian Church.

<http://diendanctm.blogspot.com/2011/11/nguoi-nghe-si-quay-lung-vao-khan-gia.html>



Lewis Sorley: Westmoreland: The General Who Lost Vietnam



Is this man the real reason the Vietnam War was lost? How did he get there, why did he fail, and how did he last so long?

Unless and until we understand General William Westmoreland, we will never understand what happened to us in Vietnam, or why. An Eagle Scout at fifteen, First Captain of his West Point class, Westmoreland fought in World War II and Korea, rising rapidly to command the 101st Airborne Division and become Superintendent at West Point, then was chosen to lead the war effort in Vietnam.

That turned out to be a disaster. He failed to understand a complex war, choosing a flawed strategy, sticking to it in the face of all opposition, and misrepresenting the results when truth mattered most. In so doing he squandered four years of support by Congress, much of the media, and the American people. The tragedy of William Westmoreland provides lessons not just for Vietnam, but for America's future military and political leadership. Lewis Sorley's definitive portrait is essential reading.

Available on Amazon:

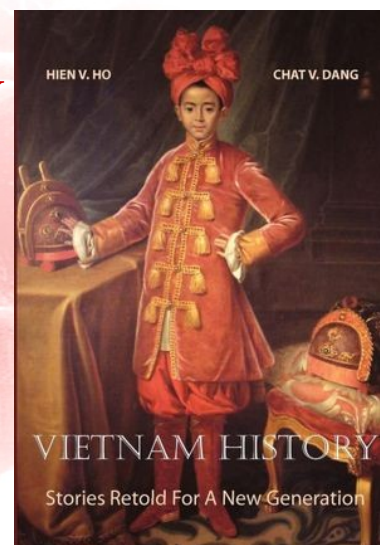
<http://www.amazon.com/Westmoreland-The-General-Lost-Vietnam/dp/0547518269>

Hien Ho, Chat Dang: Vietnam History

For English readers wishing to learn more about Vietnamese history and culture, the choices are abundant. However, while countless memoirs have been written by American combatants or civil participants about their unique experiences during the Vietnam War, an informative, enjoyable English text about the History of Vietnam is still a rare encounter. Able to peruse French, English, and Vietnamese writings, the authors have committed themselves to produce a book with abundant illustrations that addresses select aspects of Vietnamese history and culture for the new generations. There is no intent to refight old battles or to appeal to cultural pride, just eye-opening, entertaining pieces of knowledge.

Available on Amazon:

<http://www.amazon.com/Vietnam-History-Stories-Generation-Expanded/dp/1468186337>



Vietnam Film Before 1975

Take a look at the film titles produced before 1975

