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are interested in the Vietnamese or Vietnamese-American culture.

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I. Second Annual SACEI Fall Conference

The FALL of SAIGON
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September 25, 2010
Fairfax, VA.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Fall of Saigon, 35 years ago still resonates loud and clear in our hearts. It was the most significant and traumatic event in the lives of many people, Vietnamese-Americans as well as Americans. One could not think about it without tears in our eyes.

- ❖ What did exactly happen?
- ❖ How did it happen?
- ❖ How did it affect us, Vietnamese abroad as well as at home.

This Conference plans to explore these topics and to put the Fall of Saigon in its perspective.

Deadlines

- Abstract: March 30, 2010.
- Notification: April 30, 2010.
- Manuscript: June 15, 2010.

Presentation: Power point, if possible, 15 min and 5 min Q & A.

Publication: Papers will be published in a special SACEI Forum, which will be available at the Conference.

Registration and Hotel: will be available later on www.sacei07.org

Mail: Please send your abstract to www.sacei007@yahoo.com

II. YOUTH CONFERENCE

A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

JULY 17, 2010
Annandale, VA

CALL FOR PAPERS

If the first generation of Vietnamese-Americans are the builders who migrated to and established themselves in the U.S., young Viet-Am (2nd and subsequent generations) need to define themselves and their place in the U.S. community and abroad. They are the bridge to the future through which future generations will travel.

This Forum attempts to give young Viet-Am (high school and college students) the opportunity to present and discuss their personal interest and vision of the future, to their peers and the community.

Topics: The following topics will be discussed:

1. Health issues from young Viet-Am's point of view
2. Academic, Societal, and Historical issues
3. Views and contributions to the world

Key Due Dates:

Abstracts: February 15, 2010
Full Manuscript: April 15, 2010

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III. COMMANDER HUNG B. LE VISITED VIETNAM

Danang, Vietnam. On November 9, 2009, thirty-nine year-old Cmdr. Hung Ba Le, the first Vietnamese-American to command a

United States Navy destroyer, *USS Lassen*, had just stepped ashore on a formal port call, making an emotional return to Vietnam for the first time since he fled as a young boy on a fishing boat at the end of the war in 1975.

“To be able to return to Vietnam after 35 years and to be able to do it as commander of a United States naval warship was an incredible honor and a privilege.”



Commander Le's father, Thong Ba Le, who is now 68, was a commander in the wartime South Vietnamese Navy. In 1975 he fled the Communist military when his base came under attack by rocket and mortar fire. The family spent two days at sea before being rescued by a United States Navy vessel.

While he was able to take his wife and his four younger children when he fled, he was unable to rescue four older children, who were trapped in Hue, Commander Le said. Two of these sons spent several years in Communist re-education camps, he said.

A standout scholar and athlete in high school, Commander Le graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree in economics in 1992 and was commissioned as a Navy officer. He is married with two children.



<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/10/world/asia/10vietnam.html>

IV. ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTER TINI TRAN

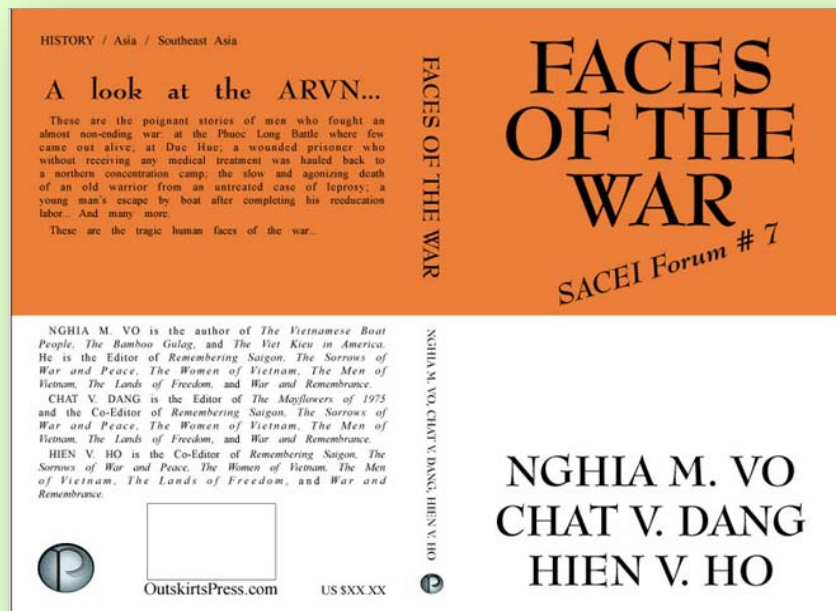
Born Tran Thien Huong in Saigon in 1971, she was evacuated with her family in 1975 by the U.S. Seventh Fleet to Subic Bay, Guam, and then Alabama. She graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with degrees in political science and journalism

Tini Tran is a veteran foreign correspondent with The Associated Press. She has recently completed a year as a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. Prior to that, she served as the Vietnam bureau chief for The Associated Press, based in Hanoi from 1999-2006. Tini was the first Vietnamese-American allowed to join the permanent foreign press corps in post-war Vietnam and has traveled extensively throughout Asia and parts of the Middle East on assignment, reporting from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iraq, among other countries.



Tran Thien Huong

V. BOOK



VI. YELLOW FLAG AT THE 2010 VANCOUVER OLYMPICS



History of the Vietnamese Flags: <http://www.sacei07.org/saigon1.jsp>

VII. POETRY

GIẤC ĐÔNG MIÊN



*Em ngủ suốt mùa Đông
Đời như con nước ròng.
Rồi mùa Xuân, mùa Hạ,
Qua mùa Thu, mùa Đông*

*Em ngủ tiếp mùa Đông,
Rồi mùa Đông, mùa Đông.
Năm năm dài Em ngủ.
Con nước đã cạn dòng*

*Giấc Đông Miên Em ngủ,
Những tháng ngày xưa cũ,
Một đời thôi cũng đủ.
Em ơi thôi cứ ngủ,
Ngủ dài một giấc Đông Miên.*

*Trưa nay Hoa Xuân nở
Em tôi đang ngủ đờ
Bập bềnh từng hơi thở.
Bây giờ giấc ngủ đã là..... Xuân Miên.*

*Ru Em ngon giấc ngủ dài:
" Ồ ời,.....
Hợp tan một giấc chiêm bao,
Bảy chữ, Thiên Địa mệnh mang
Mình đi đâu? về đâu?.....*

Lê Văn Trữ