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**A country stays alive when its culture is alive**

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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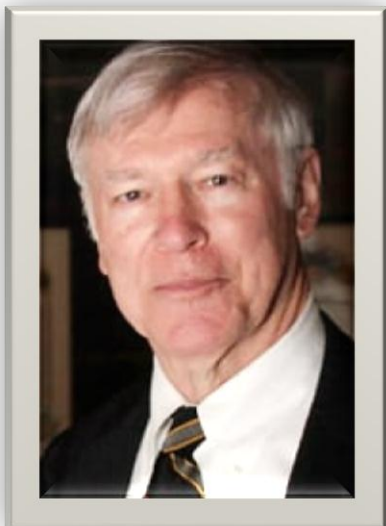
## I. THIRD ANNUAL SACEI CONFERENCE



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***SOUTH VIETNAM: 1954-1975***

**September 24, 2011 – Fairfax, VA**



Dr. Lewis Sorley

The third Annual SACEI Conference took place on September 24, 2011. It was well attended and well received. Dr. Lewis Sorley received the 2011 Man of the Year Award. Details will be published in the November newsletter.

## II. DR. BINH NGUYEN: RADIOLOGIST

Born in Vietnam, Dr. Nguyen spent part of her childhood in Europe, and started highschool in the US. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. degree in Biochemistry from the University of Maryland, College Park, went to medical school and finished a fellowship in Thoracic Radiology at University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Nguyen has been appointed Assistant Professor of Radiology for prestigious medical institutions including Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and currently the Uniformed Services of the University of the Health Sciences. She is presently the Chief of Thoracic Radiology Section, Department of Radiology at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington; D.C. She is the speaker of RallyforDemocracy.org, a nonprofit organization that focuses on human rights and democratic values involving Southeast Asia, and in collaboration with other international human rights and democracy organizations and activists.

Appointed by Governor Timothy Kaine in 2009 to the Virginia Asian Advisory Board (VAAB), Dr. Nguyen was elected Chairman of the VAAB in May 2010. Recently she was appointed by Governor Bob McDonnell to the Virginia Radiation Advisory Board in 2011.

At the International Conference of the Association of the Physicians, Dentists, Pharmacists of the Free world in Toronto, Canada in August 2011, she said:



*"In VN the citizens do not have freedom, democracy and human rights.  
In VN there are no check and balance of the three branches of the government.  
Civic activism or community involvement is not synonymous with politics.  
Awareness, willingness and responsibility are not a burden but a privilege.  
We represent a transition generation. Our responsibility is to preserve the heritage of the  
Generation, to develop upon this foundation, and to enhance the potential and success of the  
next generation.  
We need to work together for a democratic government in VN, free and humane society and  
Protect the basic human rights of the Vietnamesees."*

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## III. CHARLES CHI: NEXT CHANCELLOR AT CARLETON UNIVERSITY



Mr. Chi, 45, who has been named Chancellor at Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada) will take office at the end of November 2011. He graduated from Carleton with a Bachelor of System Engineering in 1988, following which he created an optical network company that sold for \$452 million.

He is an entrepreneur, innovator, and venture investor. He is currently the Executive Chairman at Lytro, Mountain View, California, which is developing a suite of products based on technology that may revolutionize photography. He is the former vice-president of marketing at Ciena, co-founder at Lightera Networks, marketing group manager at Cisco.

Chi was born in Vietnam, but left the war-torn country when he was two, settling in Ottawa at age five. He graduated from Merivale High School. His father, Nguyen Huu Chi, a former provincial governor in Vietnam, taught political science at Queen's University in Kingston and then at Carleton.

<http://www1.carleton.ca/communication/2011/charles-chi-named-next-carleton-university-chancellor>  
<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/kind+chancellor+Carleton+university/5320617/story.html#ixzz1YdpbXr23>

#### IV. JACQUELYN NGO: 6 YEAR-OLD ARTIST (AUSTRALIA)







## V. CLAIRE BERLINSKI: HIDDEN HISTORY OF EVIL (Provided by Bill Laurie)

...It is not nearly as well understood that Communism led just as inexorably, everywhere on the globe where it was applied, to starvation, torture, and slave-labor camps. Nor is it widely acknowledged that Communism was responsible for the deaths of some 150 million human beings during the twentieth century. The world remains inexplicably indifferent and uncaring about the deadliest ideology in history.

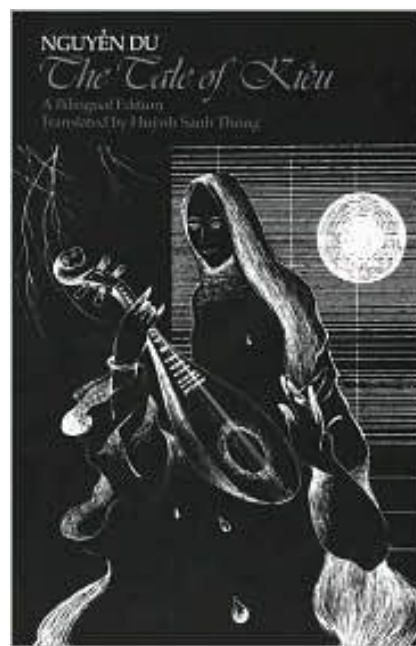
[http://www.city-journal.org/2010/20\\_2\\_soviet-archives.html](http://www.city-journal.org/2010/20_2_soviet-archives.html)

## VI. NGUYEN DU: THE TALE OF KIEU (TRANSLATED BY HUYNH SANH THONG)

Nguyen Du's Tale of Kieu occupies the role of Shakespeare in Vietnamese literature: children study in school, adults allude to it in daily conversation. This is a good translation that will let the curious discover a timeless exploration of love, loss, and life. For Vietnamese-Americans struggling to appreciate poetry in their native language, the facing Vietnamese-English format is a boon. (Comments from a reader)

Note: This 19th century masterpiece that has been exquisitely translated by Huynh Sanh Thong is a required reading at school in Vietnam in the 1960s and 1970s. This is the story from riches to rags of the young and beautiful Kieu who struggled through bad/poor choices to redeem herself and to pull herself out conflicting situations she put herself in. Will she be successful? The reason this tale is popular in Vietnam is that it not only reflects the author's true professional/political turmoil, but also the travails the Vietnamese had to face in a war-torn, divided third-world country. Vietnamese are fond of reciting Kieu's verses during conversations/discussions.

Additional reading: Nghia M. Vo: Kieu's Karma in Vo et al *The Lands of Freedom*. Outskirts Press 2009: 159-175.



## VII. US CENSUS 2010

**Vietnamese population, 2000 : 1,122,528**

**Vietnamese population, 2010 : 1,548,449**

**Increase : 425,921**

**Percentage: 37.9%**

VA places fifth overall among all US states as far as Vietnamese population is concerned.

Top 10 States with Largest Vietnamese Population: 2010		
1	California	581,946
2	Texas	210,913
3	Washington	66,575
4	Florida	58,470
5	Virginia	53,529
6	Georgia	45,263
7	Massachusetts	42,915
8	Pennsylvania	39,008
9	New York	28,764
10	Louisiana	28,352

**Top 10 U.S. Metropolitan Statistical Areas with Largest Vietnamese Population: 2010**

1	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	271,234
2	San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	125,774
3	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown,	103,525
4	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington,	71,839
5	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD	58,767
6	San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	55,636
7	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	55,114
8	San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	44,202
9	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	36,554
10	Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH	32,353

**Top 10 Cities with Largest Vietnamese Population: 2010**

1	San Jose city, California	100,486
2	Garden Grove city, California	47,331
3	Westminster city, California	36,058
4	Houston city, Texas	34,838
5	San Diego city, California	33,149
6	Santa Ana city, California	23,167
7	Los Angeles city, California	19,969
8	Anaheim city, California	14,706
9	Philadelphia city, Pennsylvania	14,431
10	New York city, New York	13,387

<b>Change in Vietnamese Population by State: 2010</b> (Largest to smallest)				
<b>Geography</b>		<b>Census</b>		<b>Change</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Number</b>		<b>Percent</b>
<b>California</b>	447,032	581,946	<b>134,914</b>	30%
<b>Texas</b>	134,961	210,913	<b>75,952</b>	56%
<b>Washington</b>	46,149	66,575	<b>20,426</b>	44%
<b>Florida</b>	33,190	58,470	<b>25,280</b>	76%
<b>Virginia</b>	37,309	53,529	<b>16,220</b>	43%
<b>Georgia</b>	29,016	45,263	<b>16,247</b>	56%
<b>Massachusetts</b>	33,962	42,915	<b>8,953</b>	26%
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	30,037	39,008	<b>8,971</b>	30%
<b>New York</b>	23,818	28,764	<b>4,946</b>	21%
<b>Louisiana</b>	24,358	28,352	<b>3,994</b>	16%
<b>North Carolina</b>	15,596	27,304	<b>11,708</b>	75%
<b>Oregon</b>	18,890	26,195	<b>7,305</b>	39%
<b>Illinois</b>	19,101	25,036	<b>5,935</b>	31%



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