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# NEWSLETTER

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*A country stays alive when its culture is alive*

SACEI NEWSLETTER is released the first of the month.  
It will update you on the latest news about SACEI.  
It serves as a LINK between SACEI members and those who are interested in the Vietnamese or Vietnamese-American culture.

## I. Join us at our Fall SACEI Conference



The banner features a map of Vietnam on the left, the text "2009 SACEI CONFERENCE WAR & REMEMBRANCE" in large, stylized letters in the center, and a traditional Vietnamese dragon flag on the right. Below the main text, it says "September 26, 2009 – Fairfax, VA".

Details will be updated at [www.sacei07.org](http://www.sacei07.org)

### PAPER PRESENTATION 09:00-17:00

1. **Keynote Speaker:** TBA
2. **James Bruton**, MBA, Lt. Col. (ret.) USAR.  
Scholar, contributor to SACEI Forum.  
*How My Vietnam Experience has influenced my Life*
3. **Mary Cargill**,  
Professor and Chair, Literature & Languages,  
Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN

Author of "Voices of Vietnamese People"  
*Gold Rings and Jeans: Lan Nguyen's story*

4. **Tran Quoc Dung**,  
Professor of Anesthesiology,  
Georgetown University, Washington DC  
*Famous War Pictures*

5. **Van Nguyen Duong**, Lt. Col. ARVN (ret.)  
Survivor of 13 years of northern reeducation camps  
Author of "The Tragedy of the Vietnam War"  
*Lessons of the War*

6. **Bacsy NguyenleHieu**,  
Scholar, Contributor to SACEI Forum  
*The Face of the Enemy*

7. **Tran Ngoc Hue**,  
Lt. Col. ARVN, (ret.) The Hero of the city of Hue (1968).  
Survivor of 13 years of northern reeducation camps.  
Prominently featured in Andrew Wiest's "Vietnam's Forgotten Army"  
*The Battle of Hue*

8. **Vinh Mai**  
LCDR, MC, USN  
*Memory of Vietnam* (tent.)

9. **Mark Moyar**,  
Professor and Kim T. Adamson Chair of Insurgency and Terrorism,  
US Marine Corps University, Quantico, VA.  
Author of "Triumph Forsaken" & "Phoenix and the Birds of Prey"  
*The Fight for the History of the Vietnam War*

10. **Rufus Phillips**,  
USAID & State Department (ret.)  
Author of *Why Vietnam Matters*.  
*South Vietnam under the Ngo* (tent.)

11. **Nghia M. Vo**,  
Author of "The Vietnamese Boat People" & "The Bamboo Gulag"  
*Of War and Memories*

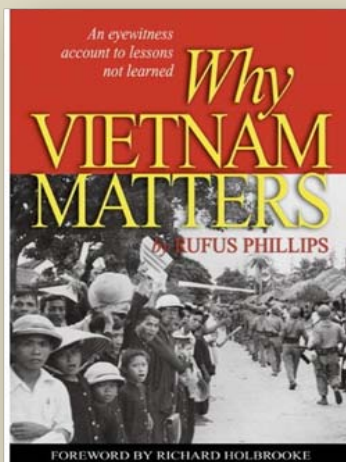
DINNER GALA

19:00-21:00

# A Festival of Ao Dai



## II. New Book



Involved in Vietnam as a young army officer, a CIA case officer, the official responsible for counterinsurgency in our economic aid mission (USOM/Saigon) and as a State Department Consultant, author Rufus Phillips presents in this memoir and history an inside view of what happened during the critical 1954-1968 period. The author describes in vivid narration not only what happened on the American side but key events and personalities on the South Vietnamese side including the lead up to the November 1963 coup against President Diem. Having participated in the birth of an independent South Vietnam from 1954 to 1956, working under Colonel (later General) Edward G. Lansdale, Phillips earned the friendship and trust of many Vietnamese including President Diem, Generals Duong Van Minh and Le Van Kim, as well as members of Diem's political opposition. He had personal contact with President

Kennedy, Ambassadors Nolting and Lodge and Secretary Robert McNamara and was an advisor to Vice-President Hubert Humphrey. Phillips tried to introduce an understanding of Vietnamese politics to American leaders. He describes key events in his struggle to change the way the war was being fought and support was given to the Vietnamese in a struggle which ultimately only they could win.

Available at [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com)

**iii. MOVIE: BOLINAO**  
<http://www.bolinao52.com/>



The harrowing story of 110 boat people who wandered at sea for 37 days (for a trip that was supposed to take -7 days) before finally setting foot on Bolinao, the Philippines... There were only 52 people left...

**FABULOUS NEWS TO SHARE**

BOLINAO 52 "swept" the Emmys on Saturday evening 5/16/09 winning:

- 1) Outstanding Achievement in Documentary to Duc Nguyen
- 2) Outstanding Music Composition to Mark Izu

In his acceptance speech, Duc dedicated the award to his mentor and the "Mother Asian American Film" Loni Ding, Prof. of Ethnic Studies @ UC-Berkeley, who is recovery from a severe stroke, since last we saw her at our home for POTLUCK & A DOC, in April. (Please send healing love to Loni for her speedy and full recovery!) We also dedicate this award to the 2.0 million Vietnamese Boat People around the world who remind us of the 'high price' of freedom'.



#### IV. POETRY

### DU LỊCH BẰNG XE ĐẠP



*Vợ lớn, vợ bé lão cũng đèo,  
Chở nặng, xe đạp lão cong queo.  
Vợ cả, vợ hai, hai vợ hết,  
Còng lưng, lão đạp vợ (s) lên đèo.*

*Lên đèo, lên đèo, lại lên đèo,  
Gập ghềnh, khúc khuỷu, suối trong veo.  
Cỏ xanh mơn mớn, hoa hương ngát,  
Đèo thấp, đèo cao lão cũng trèo.*

*Đèo Cả, Đèo Ngang lão cũng đèo,  
Hải Vân cao vút, lão cũng leo,  
Xoa mây, vượt gió lòng phơi phới,  
Rù Rì quanh co đạp cái vèo.*



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