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To research, document, and promote Vietnamese Culture
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



CALL FOR PAPERS

This one-day conference will take a new look at the Republic of Vietnam thirty-six years after the Fall of Saigon.

SACEI plans to revisit the Republic not only from the war aspect, but also from the economic, cultural, and historical points of view. The Republic was the cradle of southern nationalism and embodied the culture of the Mekong delta and the leadership of the bustling and crowded Saigon metropolis. Despite its short life, its achievements were nonetheless plentiful and important.

SACEI (Saigon Arts, Culture, & Education Institute)—a non-profit organization—invites you to share your experiences and knowledge with peers and the next generation.

The 2011 Person of the Year will also be announced at the conference.

Please submit your one-page abstract to sacei007@yahoo.com.

The deadline is June 15, 2011. Web: www.sacei07.org

II. VIETNAM'S GREAT WALL



After five years of excavation and exploration, the longest Wall in Southeast Asia turns out to be only 127 km (79 miles) long; it was made of alternating sections of earth and stone with some sections reaching up to 4 meters high (12 feet) and up to 6 meters wide (18 feet). Located in the remote mountain foothills of central Vietnam close to Quang Ngai, it was built along a pre-existing road with more than 50 forts being identified along its length.

There is evidence that it was built to demarcate territory and regulate travel and commerce between the Viet in the plains and the Hre tribe in the mountains valleys. Although the wall is 500 years old, the ramparts were built by General Le Van Duyet under the reign of Gia Long (1802-1820).

http://edition.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/asiapcf/01/25/vietnam.wall/index.html?eref=edition_travel&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fedition_travel+%28RSS%3A+Travel%29

<http://www.vietnam.com/article/archeologists-determine-central-vietnams-great-wall-to-be-around-500-years-old.html>

III. DR. DINH NGUYEN: CHEMIST-PHYSICIST

Dinh C. Nguyen received a B.S. with Honor in Chemistry at Indiana University, Bloomington in 1979 and a Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1984. Since joining Los Alamos National Laboratory in 1984, he has done pioneering work in single molecule detection, up-conversion of solid-state lasers, RF photo-injectors, advanced photo-cathodes, and high-gain amplifier FEL (Free Electron Laser) concepts such as the self-amplified spontaneous emission (SASE) and regenerative amplifier. The high-gain SASE experiments that he performed in 1997 are the first in a series of experiments that have culminated in the first X-ray FEL at SLAC. His current research includes the development of high-power FEL, high-average-current RF injectors, rugged photocathodes and new ideas of hard X-rays FEL. Dinh Nguyen is a member of the American Physical Society, the International FEL Program Committee, and the FEL Technology Area Working Group. He has published more than 60 refereed journal articles and numerous conference papers.

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/tag/dinh-nguyen/>

The E-Bomb

[http://books.google.com/books?id=5LA8PkPZcYcC&pg=PR9&lpg=PR9&dq=Dr+Dinh+Nguyen+PhD&source=bl&ots=602sam8uz&sig=fp0LZqP01-vbTWzUDDg-](http://books.google.com/books?id=5LA8PkPZcYcC&pg=PR9&lpg=PR9&dq=Dr+Dinh+Nguyen+PhD&source=bl&ots=602sam8uz&sig=fp0LZqP01-vbTWzUDDg-fiNmC1XA&hl=en&ei=ELVRTYXdE4bG1QemtrnvCg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=10&sqi=2&ved=0CFsQ6AEwCQ#v=onepage&q&f=false)

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IV. DR. HUYNH VAN THANH: RADIOLOGIST, TEACHER OF MINDFULNESS

DỪNG LẠI

Hãy dừng lại hồi ai
Thường thức phút giây này
Đừng tìm về dĩ vãng
Đừng mơ ước tương lai
Hôm qua là ký ức
Biết ra sao ngày mai?
Vô Thường từng giây phút
Hãy dừng lại hồi ai

(Huynh V) Thanh

<https://sites.google.com/site/thienquanphothong/>

<https://sites.google.com/site/mindfulnessonlinecourse/>

STOP

O my friend please stop
Savor this moment
Do not search the past
Or dream of the future
Yesterday is but a memory
Tomorrow is yet uncertain
All things are impermanent
O my friend please stop

ARRÊTE

Arrête
Savoure ce moment
Ne te perd plus dans le passé
Ni ne t'égare dans l'avenir,
Comme d'habitude
Hier n'est qu'un souvenir
Demain s'emplit d'incertitude
Tout passe, tout change
Arrête

V. ALEXANDRIA HUYNH: YOUNGEST 2010 CAL STATE GRADUATE



The youngest graduate of 2010, 17 year old Alexandria Huynh, during CSULA commencement ceremonies and festivities

Saturday 12 June 2010

While most other her age are finishing high school, 17-year-old Alexandria Huynh - the youngest graduating senior in the class of 2010 at Cal State L.A. - is heading to Harvard University this fall to pursue a Ph.D. in immunology.

Admitted to Harvard Medical School with full scholarship and an additional stipend, she was also accepted to doctoral programs at Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Through the University's Early Entrance Program (EEP) Huynh was admitted to Cal State L.A. at the age of 13. Huynh received her bachelor's degree in biology with honors. She hopes to pursue a career in biomedical research with clinical applications.

As part of Edith Porter's research team at Cal State L.A., Huynh focused on how intestinal cells in mice respond to *Salmonella enteric serovar Typhimurium*, a bacterium that is a leading cause of gastroenteritis in humans.

Recognizing Porter for her dedication, Huynh said, "She puts in an almost ridiculous amount of time in mentoring students, both in classes and in the lab. She provided solid support and guidance as a research mentor, and helped me learn how to be more critical of myself and my work."

A Torrance resident, Huynh was also a member of the Golden

Key Honor Society and the Phi Kappa Phi Honor society at Cal State L.A. Recipient of the Kinecta Federal Credit Union Scholarship, she was recently named the winner of Cal State L.A.'s Phi Kappa Phi Outstanding Senior Award and presented the Early Entrance Program Graduate of the Year scholarship. In addition, she has volunteered at the Torrance Memorial Medical Center. When time allows, she also enjoys figure skating and playing the piano.

Huynh said: "EEP provided a strong infrastructure and support system for us. We were able to talk to older students who had been through the same experiences as we were going through, as well as alumni with different perspective"

Cal State L. A.'s admits extraordinarily gifted youngsters—some as young as 11—directly into college, providing the



early entrants with monitored evaluation, regular counseling sessions, and the opportunity to study with like-minded peers. Huynh is among more than 20 others EEP graduates receiving their baccalaureate degrees this year.

VI. NATHAN NGUYEN: YOUNG MILLIONAIRE

Nathan came to the US in 1991 at the age of 5. He has a BS from the University of California at Irvine. One day, on returning to his USCI apartment, he noticed his roommate had lying on his bed a guitar he wanted to sell. That encounter sparked the idea of creating an on-line retail business dealing with musical instruments. He is now a 25-year-old founder and CEO of InstrumentalSavings.com: an on-line retailer and distributor of musical instruments and young millionaire.

<http://www.cnbc.com/id/15840232?video=1215146593&play=1>

VII. BOOK: DAVID BIGGS: QUAGMIRE

Nation-Building and Nature in the Mekong Delta

In the twentieth century, the Mekong Delta has emerged as one of Vietnam's most important economic regions. Its swamps, marshes, creeks, and canals have played a major role in Vietnam's turbulent past, from the struggles of colonialism to the Cold War and the present day. Quagmire considers these struggles, their antecedents, and their legacies through the lens of environmental history.

"This brilliantly researched book explains the part that the environment has played in several colonial schemes in the Mekong Delta and in America's most tragic war there, and how the environmental history of the Mekong Delta has been part of the process of nation building in Vietnam." - Mart Stewart, Western Washington University

<http://www.youtube.com/user/UWashingtonPress#p/u/2/gp1-UltZqsk>

