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**EDUCATION**

- 2026            Ph.D., French, University of California, Berkeley  
                  Areas of Expertise: Southeast Asian diasporas, migration, memory,  
                  aesthetics, food, 20th- and 21st-century French and Francophone  
                  literature and culture  
                  Dissertation: *Con ãn com chura (Child, have you eaten yet)? Care and  
                  Culinary Crossings in Diasporic Vietnamese Memory*  
                  Committee: Karl A. Britto (chair), Debarati Sanyal, Khatharya Um
- 2021            M.A., French, University of California, Berkeley
- 2018            B.A., French & Francophone Studies; Literature, Hamilton College  
                  *Summa cum laude* with departmental honors, Phi Beta Kappa
- 2016-2017     Study Abroad: Hamilton in France; Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris 3)

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

- 2023            "J'écris contre': Linda Lê's Refugitide Aesthetics." *L'Esprit Créateur*, vol. 63 no. 4,  
2023, p. 48-61. <https://doi.org/10.1353/esp.2023.a919688>.

**Book Reviews**

- 2025            "A Cannibal's Coming of Age," Review of *What Hunger* by Catherine Dang.  
*diaCRITICS*. Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network (DVAN), 14 October 2025.  
<https://diacritics.org/2025/10/book-review-what-hunger/>
- 2025            "Book Review: *Coming Out of My Skin*," Review of *Coming Out of My Skin (La Peau  
hors du placard : Asiatique et gay, une vie de lutte)* by Jean-Baptiste Phou. *diaCRITICS*.  
Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network (DVAN), 29 January 2025.  
<https://diacritics.org/2025/01/book-review-coming-out-of-my-skin/>

**Creative**

- 2017            "[Images of Diaspora, or at Whom is Buddha Laughing?](#)," University & College Poetry  
Prize, The Academy of American Poets
- 2016            "[Grandma Loves Duck](#)," University & College Poetry Prize, The Academy of American  
Poets

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & HONORS**

### **External**

2023-2024 [Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowship](#), American Council of Learned Societies

### **University of California, Berkeley**

2026 Continuing Student Fellowship, Department of French  
2025 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate Division  
2023-2025 Paul Brun Memorial Scholarship, Department of French  
2025 CSEAS Travel Grant, Center for Southeast Asian Studies  
2024 Domestic Conference Travel Grant, Graduate Division  
2024 Southeast Asian Lives and Histories Project (SEALIVES) Small Grant, Center for Southeast Asian Studies  
2023 International Conference Travel Grant, Graduate Division  
2020-2023 Block Grant Award, Department of French  
2020-2021 Foreign Languages and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Vietnamese, Center for Southeast Asian Studies  
2019-2021 Mousseau Memorial Fund Fellowship, Department of French  
2019-2020 Block Grant Fellowship, Department of French

## **INVITED TALKS**

2025 “The Terroir Memoir: Doan Bui’s and Beth (Bich Minh) Nguyen’s Gastro-Racial Longing,” Asie du Sud-Est Research Network (ASERN), September 18 (Virtual)

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

### **Panels Organized**

2026 “Diasporic Detours: Southeast Asian America and Europe,” panel chair, Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI, April 2-4  
2025 “Reimagining Asian Diasporas With/in the Francophone World,” panel co-organized with Chloé Luu, Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 20-23  
2025 “Legacies of 1975 in Southeast Asia and Its Diasporas: 50 Years Afterward,” roundtable co-organized with the Asie du Sud-Est Research Network (ASERN), Modern Language Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, January 9-12

### **Papers Presented**

2026 “Transatlantic Testimonies: French-American Transits and Vietnamese Refugee Archives,” in panel on “Diasporic Detours: Southeast Asian America and Europe,” Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI, April 2-4  
2025 “What is a (Vietnamese/French) Writer? Literature in/of Displacement,” in roundtable on “Disorienting the Vietnam War: Feminist and Queer Perspectives on

- the 50th Anniversary,” Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference, Boston, MA, April 17-19
- 2024 “Soups for the Soul: Complicities in the Diasporic Vietnamese Kitchen,” in panel on “Food and Drink in Migrant Narratives,” Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association Annual Conference, Palm Springs, CA, November 6-10
- 2023 “The Things We Carry: Writing, Seeing, and ‘Representing’ Việt Kiều Literature,” in panel on “Transcultural Francophonies: South-East Asian Perspectives in French Studies,” Society for French Studies Annual Conference, Newcastle University, UK, June 26-28
- 2023 “Em Aime/Yêu Anh: Transnational Love and Solidarity After Agent Orange,” in roundtable on “Malady and Coloniality in the Francophone World,” Modern Language Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, January 5-8 (Hybrid)
- 2021 “‘Heaven and hell intertwined in the belly of our boat’: Water and Ghostliness in Vietnamese Diaspora Literature,” in panel on “In and Between Lands and Waters: Margins, Boundaries, and Centers,” Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference, University of California, Riverside, May 14-15 (Virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic)

### **CAMPUS TALKS**

- 2025 “Playing With Fire in Linda Lê’s Stories of Meat,” Works-in-Progress Series, Prospective Students Spring Visit, Department of French, March 17
- 2024 Panelist, “World-making through Daily Life, Taste, and Space,” The Luce/UC Berkeley Southeast Asian Lives and Histories Project Research Symposium, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, October 25

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY**

##### **Courses as Instructor of Record**

Francophone Diasporas of Southeast Asia (Fall 2024)

Elementary French I, intensive (Summer 2022)

##### **Courses as Lead Instructor**

Advanced Intermediate French IV (Spring 2023)

Intermediate French III (Spring 2022, Fall 2022)

Elementary French II (Fall 2021)

Elementary French I (Fall 2020) [taught online due to COVID-19]

##### **Honors, Trainings, and Workshops**

Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, GSI Teaching and Resource Center (2025)

Course Improvement Grant, “Silence and language in diaspora: A conversation with Doan Bui and Jean-Baptiste Phou,” GSI Teaching and Resource Center (November 2024)

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, GSI Teaching and Resource Center (May 2024)

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Curriculum Workshop, Department of French (May-July 2021)

COVID-19 Remote Curriculum Workshop, Department of French (July-August 2020)

### **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2025 Critical Refugee Studies Graduate Writing Retreat Grantee, Critical Refugee Studies Collective (CRSC), August 28-30. Virtual writing workshop with interdisciplinary graduate student cohort, program alumni, and CRSC faculty
- 2025-pres. Graduate Student Researcher for Dr. Khatharya Um (UC Berkeley, Ethnic Studies) and Dr. Hélène Le Bail (Sciences Po CERI), June-August. Transcribing and translating recordings of panels from “50 ans d’exils du Cambodge, du Laos et du Vietnam. Écrire et transmettre les mémoires et l’histoire de l’exil d’une génération à l’autre” Symposium at Le Centre de recherches internationales, Sciences Po
- 2024 First-Year Cohort of the Southeast Asian Lives and Histories Project, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley. Trained in life history research methods and workshopped other grantees’ oral history projects
- 2023-pres. *The Mise-en-Place Archive*. Ongoing oral history archive consisting of interviews with immigrant, refugee, and BIPOC chefs, curated in collaboration with Oakland Bloom’s Open Test Kitchen Program. Available at: [www.alantye.com/the-mise-en-place-archive](http://www.alantye.com/the-mise-en-place-archive)
- 2023 Graduate Student Participant, nominated by Dr. Debarati Sanyal (UC Berkeley, French), “Refuge at Risk: Concepts, Infrastructures, Futures,” University of California Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI), UC Irvine, February 16-17.
- 2021 Graduate Student Researcher for Dr. Karen Barkey (UC Berkeley, Sociology), January-May. Compiled and summarized French-language sources on religious pluralism in the Mediterranean

### **SERVICE**

Mentor, Undergraduate Forum, Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association (PAMLA) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. August-November 2025.

Organizer, “A reading and conversation with writer and journalist Doan Bui,” Department of French, University of California, Berkeley. April 8, 2025.

Coordinator, Francophone Studies Working Group, Townsend Center for the Humanities, University of California, Berkeley. 2023-2024.

Media & Communications Committee, Department of French, University of California, Berkeley. 2021-2023.

Graduate Student Coordinator, Prospective Students Spring Visit, Department of French, University of California, Berkeley. March 2020, March 2021 (virtual due to COVID-19)

Reader, Graduate Application Hackathon, Office for Graduate Diversity, University of California, Berkeley. November 2021, 2023, 2025

Volunteer, Modern Language Association (MLA) Annual Convention, Seattle, WA. January 2020.

Poster Designer, Department of French, University of California, Berkeley. 2019-2022

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Discussant, "An Evening with Doan Bui," City Lights Bookstore, San Francisco, CA. 6 April 2025.

Volunteer, Oakland Bloom, Oakland, CA. 2023-pres.

Volunteer, Collectif Vietnam Dioxine, Paris, France (remote). 2022-pres.

Scholar Mentor, Oakland Promise, Oakland, CA. 2022-2024.

### **LANGUAGES**

English (native)

French (near-native)

Vietnamese (intermediate-advanced)

Korean (intermediate)

### **INTRACAMPUS AFFILIATIONS**

Asian American Research Center, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues

Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Institute of East Asian Studies

Global Vietnam Studies Working Group, Townsend Center for the Humanities

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Asie du Sud-Est Research Network

Association for Asian American Studies

Institute for Recruitment of Teachers

Modern Language Association

Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association

Society for French Studies