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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Scholar-in-Residence in Romance Languages and Literatures (Postdoctoral Fellowship)
July 2026 – Present
Pomona College (Claremont, CA)
Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, French Section

EDUCATION

2026 Ph.D., French, University of California, Berkeley
 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 Refugitude 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

Articles/Chapters in Preparation

2027 “Immolations, Metatexts, and Diasporic Corpora: Burning the Vietnamese Refugee (Story) in Linda Lê’s ‘Vinh L.’ and Nam Le’s ‘Love and Honor and Pity and Pride and Compassion and Sacrifice.’” *Australian Journal of French Studies* (forthcoming article for special issue, in preparation)

2027 “Queer Re/memberings of French Indochina,” *The Cambridge History of Queer Literature in French*, edited by Todd W. Reeser. Cambridge University Press (forthcoming chapter for edited volume, under contract)

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, 2026 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

2027 “Global Asias and Francosphères,” panel co-organized with Isabelle Chen, Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Los Angeles, CA, January 7-10

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 "Burning the Vietnamese Refugee (Story): Linda Lê's 'Vinh L.' and Nam Le's 'Love and Honor and Pity and Pride and Compassion and Sacrifice,'" in panel on "Writing Asia, Writing Asianness: French and Francophone Perspectives," Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, November 12-15
- 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, University of California, Berkeley, 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, University of California, Berkeley, October 25

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

POMONA COLLEGE

After French Indochina: Diasporas of Southeast Asia from the Postcolonial to the Present (Fall 2026)

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]

Pedagogical Grants, Honors, and Workshops

Wig Teaching Innovation Grant, Academic Dean's Office, Pomona College (September 2026)

Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, GSI Teaching and Resource Center, University of California, Berkeley (February 2026)

Designing a Writing-Based Course Workshop, Art of Writing, Townsend Center for the Humanities, University of California, Berkeley (June 2025), Declined

Course Improvement Grant, "Silence and language in diaspora: A conversation with Doan Bui and Jean-Baptiste Phou," GSI Teaching and Resource Center, University of California, Berkeley (November 2024)

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, GSI Teaching and Resource Center, University of California, Berkeley (May 2024)

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

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

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2026-pres. Postdoctoral Fellow, The Humanities Studio, Pomona College.

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

2025-2026 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
- 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)

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