**Thai Thao Nguyen**  
THAONGUY@UMICH.EDU

**EDUCATION Graduated**  
Joint Ph.D. in History and Women’s & Gender Studies Expected 2027

University of Michigan GPA 3.88

Bachelor of Arts in History and a Minor in Asian-Pacific Studies May 2019

Honors: Honors in the major, *magna cum laude* GPA 3.71

California State University, Dominguez Hills, Carson, CA

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Modern Viet Nam history, Women’s history, Communism, War, Digital humanities, Asian

American Studies

**TEACHING**

**Graduate Student Instructor** Aug. – Dec. 2020

American Culture, University of Michigan

* Taught Intro to APIA Studies (AMCULT/APIA214) for Professor Ian Shin
* Led three 1-hour discussion sections virtually nine times
* Implemented Zoom, Google Suites, and Canvas learning management systems

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

**Curriculum Support Assistant**  July – Aug. 2020

American Culture, University of Michigan

* Researched and developed remote instruction resource guide
* Developed and facilitated three instructional workshops
* Consulted faculty in their Fall 2020 course offering

**Graduate Student Assistant**

Michigan Humanities Emerging Research Scholars Program (MICHHERS) June 2020

* Mentored five first generation students of color
* Devised and implemented collaborative programs to foster academic community building capacity
* Tailored connections for students to University of Michigan’s scholarly community

**Grader I** Sept. – Dec. 2019

Dr. Deirdre de la Cruz, Chair and Associate Professor of Anthropology & History, University of Michigan

* Attended HIS219/Asian Studies 210 (The Philippines: Culture & History)
* Graded pop-quizzes, quizzes, and exams including multiple choice as well as short and long essay questions

**Research Intern (100 hours)** January 2019 - PRESENT

Dr. Judy Tzu-chun Wu, Chair and Professor of Asian American Studies, University of California, Irvine

* Worked on three projects: AAPI Women on the Move, Asian American Studies archival initiative, Vietnamese American Oral History Project (VAOHP)
* Transcribed 29 hours of oral interviews
* Researched delegates of the 1977 International Women’s Conference in Houston, TX
* Edited, refined, and uploaded 34 *Viet Stories* oral interviews to the Winter ’19 collection
* Researched, evaluated, and organized Asian American Studies departmental documents for UC Irvine’s Special Collections & Archive

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

* Prism Scholarship ($1,000) 2020

*Prism Foundation*

* Rackham Public Scholarship, Internship ($7,000) June 2020

*University of Michigan*

* APIA Scholars Travel Grant Dec. 2019

*APIA Scholars: Young Professional Conference*

* Graduate Merit Scholarship ($1,000) Nov. 2019

*Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc.*

* Digital Humanities Scholarship 2020 Nov. 2019

*Digital Humanities Summer Institute*

* Digital Humanities Grant 2020 ($500) Oct. 2019

*University of Michigan’s Institute for the Humanities*

* Nels Andrew Cleven Founder’s Prize ($500) Oct. 2019

*Phi Alpha Theta National Paper Prize Competition*

* Foreign Languages and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship ($2,500) June – Aug. 2019

*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

* SureFire Scholarship ($250) Apr. 2019

*Coastline College*

* Facilitator’s Choice Award March 2019

*APIA Scholars Leadership Academy: ELEVATE*

**PUBLICATIONS**

Nguyen, Thai Thao and Andy Florimón. “*TRANS*itioning Out of the Army.” *TransNarratives: Scholarly and Creative Works on Transgender Experience*. CSP Books, Inc. (In Press, August 2021).

Nguyen, Thai Thao. “[Ethnic Entrepreneurs and Refugee Mothers: Vietnamese Women of Little Saigon](https://ejasonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Thao_Ethnic_Entrepeneurs_and_Refugee_Mothers.pdf).” *Emory Journal of Asian Studies* 1, no.1 (Spring 2019).

*\*Phi Alpha Theta National Undergraduate Paper Prize Winner* 2019

**SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Demystifying the Doctoral Journey.” Panel speaker at the ’20 APIA’s Young Professionals Virtual Conference, March 26-28, 2020.

“Ethic Entrepreneurs and Refugee Mothers.” Oral Presentation at the ’19 Student Presentation, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI, June 29, 2019.

“Ethic Entrepreneurs and Refugee Mothers.” Oral Presentation at the ’19 Gender, Race, and Sexuality Conference, CSU Fresno, CA, April 26, 2019.

Leadership Academy: ELEVATE March 2019

Asian Pacific Islander Association Scholarship Foundation (APIASF)

“LGBTQ Center Long Beach During AIDS Decade.” Poster Presentation at the ’19 Annual CSUDH Student Research Day, Carson, CA February 14, 2019.

**LANGUAGE** **SKILLS**

Vietnamese: Advanced Mild verbally, intermediate reader, and intermediate writer

Course(s): Elementary Vietnamese 1 (Fall 2018), Elementary Vietnamese 2 (Spring 2019), 1 year of Advanced Vietnamese (SEASSI ’19)

French: Intermediate reader and translator

Course: Accelerated French (Winter ’20)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Research & Development Coordinator** Aug. 2020 - Present

Cia Siab, Inc.

* Co-coordinates research activites for the Anti-Hmoob Violence Report (a collaborative, digital humanities project)
* Writes grants in a collaborative fashion, garnering at least $250,000 in cumulative funding for organizational operating costs and initiatives
* Mentors LGBTQ+ Youth Advocate and supports LGBTQ+ Youth Hmoob program

**Intern** May – Aug. 2020

Cia Siab, Inc.

* Received fiscal sponsorship from the University of Michigan’s Public Scholarship Program
* Research coordinator for the Anti-Hmoob violence report
* Written over 4 grants and received $50,000 in funding
* Developed youth Hmoob LGBTQ+ program

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

* Community Librarian Sept. 2019 - PRESENT

*Freedom Inc.*

* Books and Breakfast Volunteer June – Aug. 2019

*Freedom Inc.*

* Theory to Change Intern Feb. 2019 – May 2019

*VietRise*

* Member at-large Aug. 2018 – Dec. 2019

*Viet Rainbow of Orange County (VROC)*

* Transgender Health Community Advisory Board Member April 2018 – Jan. 2019

*LGBTQ Center Long Beach*

* Mentor Jan. 2017 – Jan. 2019  
  *Walk with Sally* (Mentor program for youths affected by cancer)