

FRIDAY,  
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HAVERFORD COLLEGE

2019-20 MELLON SYMPOSIUM  
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# Voices from the Everyday South

## CIVILIAN LIVES DURING THE VIET NAM WAR

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

“VOICES FROM THE EVERYDAY SOUTH: CIVILIAN LIVES DURING THE VIET NAM WAR” BRINGS TOGETHER VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS FROM SOUTHERN VIET NAM WHO LIVED THROUGH THE WAR (1954-1975) FOR A CONVERSATION ON VARIED ASPECTS OF DAILY LIFE IN THE WARTIME SOUTH.

THE PERSONAL NARRATIVES OF SOUTHERN VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS ARE FREQUENTLY OBSCURED BY THE POLITICAL TRANSFORMATIONS AND MILITARY CONFLICTS OF THEIR TIME. BY EMPHASIZING THE VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS OF ORDINARY CIVILIANS, THE SYMPOSIUM SEEKS TO RECONSTRUCT THE HISTORICAL ATMOSPHERE OF THIS CRITICAL PERIOD IN MODERN VIET NAM SO AS TO ADVANCE BOTH VIETNAMESE AND AMERICAN UNDERSTANDINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS OF THE WAR.

### Schedule

All events in Lutnick Library 200  
unless otherwise noted

9:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

PANEL I: FOUNDATIONS: READING, WRITING, AND HEALING IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

- Trần Kiêm Đoàn: Student of Education and Teacher – Huế
- Đỗ Quý Toàn: Writer, Columnist – Sài Gòn
- Đặng Phương Thảo: Medical student and Doctor – Sài Gòn

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

PANEL II: FAR FROM THE CITY: COASTAL AND MOUNTAIN LIVES

- Nguyễn Thị Tình: Owner of a family-own small business – Quảng Ngãi Province
- Hip Ksor: Jrai Teacher and Political Specialist of the Ethnic Minority Development Services – Pleiku, Central Highland

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PANEL III: HEART AND SOUL: LIVES OF THE SPIRIT

- Trịnh Cung: Student of Fine Arts, Painter, Artist – Sài Gòn
- Đỗ Văn Tâm: Practitioner of Cao Đài Religion – Kiến Phong Province.

4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION