

## ***Curriculum Vitae***

**Name:** Shawn Frederick McHale.

**Born:** April 1, 1960, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

### ***Positions:***

August 2011-present: Associate Professor of History and International Affairs, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA

August 2008—August 2011: Director, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, and Director, Asian Studies Program, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, DC.

2007-2008: Fulbright-Hays Fellow, 2007-08, Vietnam National University – Social Sciences and Humanities (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 10.5 months) and Paris, France (1.5 months).

2005-2007: Director, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA

2004-2005: Associate Director, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA

2003-present: Associate Professor of History and International Affairs, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA

1997-2003: Assistant Professor of History and International Affairs, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA

1995-1997: Visiting Assistant Professor of Asian History, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

1994-1995: Visiting Assistant Professor of History, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, USA.

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### ***Education:***

Ph.D., Southeast Asian History, Cornell University, 1995.

(Comparative examination fields: early Southeast Asian history, modern Southeast Asian history, modern Chinese history, anthropology)

M.A., History, Cornell University, 1991.

M.A., Asian Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 1985.

B.A. (Honors), Swarthmore College, 1982 Major field: Sociology and Anthropology, minor field: Religion.

## ***Intellectual Specializations and Interests:***

**Research:** Modern Vietnamese, Southeast Asian and transnational history, Buddhism, Confucianism, communism, colonialism and decolonization, gender, memory, civil war and violence.

**Teaching:** Southeast Asian, Vietnamese, and East Asian history, comparative study of colonialism and its legacy, memory and history.

## ***Awards and Fellowships:***

Service Excellence Awards: one of four finalists for the Faculty Service Award, George Washington University, Fall 2010.

Fulbright-Hays faculty research fellowship, US Department of Education, for research in Vietnam (10.5 months) and France (1.5 months), 2007-2008.

Fulbright faculty research fellowship, US Department of State, for 10 months of research in Vietnam, 2007-2008 (declined to take the Fulbright-Hays).

Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University, summer research award, 2006.

George Washington University Facilitating Fund Fellowship, summer 2004.

George Washington University, Junior Incentive Fellowship, summer 2001.

George Washington University Facilitating Fund fellowship, summer 1998.

Mellon Foundation Completion Fellowship (dissertation write-up support), 1993-94 academic year.

Social Science Research Council Dissertation Fellowship, 1992.

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, United States Department of Education, 1991-1992.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (for the study of Vietnamese), United States Department of Education, summers of 1982, 1983, 1985, 1989; academic years 1983-1984, 1989-1990; spring 1991.

## ***Publications:***

“Quan su chi phoi doi ngoai” [Military affairs dominant over foreign affairs], *Đat Viet* newspaper (Hanoi, Vietnam), January 13, 2012.

Review of Peter Zinoman, “Nhan Van Giai Pham and Vietnamese Reform Communism.” *Journal of Cold War Studies* 13:1 (Winter 2011): 60–100, for a H-DIPLO Online Roundtable. September 2011.

Book review of Gilles de Gantès et Nguyen Phuong Ngoc, eds., *Vietnam: Le Moment Moderniste*, in *Pacific Affairs*, volume 84, No. 2 (June 2011): 385-387.

*Print and Power: Confucianism, Communism, and Buddhism in the Making of Modern Vietnam* (Honolulu: Hawaii, 2004), has been republished by a leading Indian publisher, Munshiram Manoharlal, 2010.

Co-translation from the French, with Diane Labrosse and Christopher Goscha, of François Guillemot, "Author's Response," 47-52, H-DIPLO Roundtable XI-12 (January 2010), 47-52. (<http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XI-12.pdf>).

"Author's Response" [to roundtable comments on my essay "Understanding the Fanatic Mind,"] H-DIPLO Roundtable XI-12 (January 2010), 53-55. (<http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XI-12.pdf>)

"Understanding the Fanatic Mind? The Viet Minh and Race Hatred in the First Indochina War (1945-1954)," *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* (October 2009): 98-138.

Book review of Nhung Tuyet Tran and Anthony Reid, eds., *Vietnam: Borderless Histories* (Madison, University of Wisconsin Press, 2006), for the *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 3:1 (winter 2008): 246-248.

"Vietnamese Print Culture under French Colonial Rule: The Emergence of a Public Sphere," in Wilt Idema, ed., *Books in Numbers* (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2007): 377-414.

"From Asia to America: Uncovering the Forgotten History of GWU's First Asian Students," *GW Magazine* (Fall 2007).

Author (with Catharin Dalpino) of chapter on the Southeast Asia diaspora in *Georgetown Southeast Asia Survey*, 2006. Note: while chapters are technically "not for attribution," I wrote the first draft, since refined by Catharin Dalpino.

Book review of Mark Atwood Lawrence, *Assuming the Burden: Europe and the American Commitment to War in Vietnam*, for the H-DIPLO Roundtable, May 1, 2006 (online at <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/McHale-LawrenceRoundtable.pdf>)

Book review of Thien Do, *Vietnamese Supernaturalism: Views from the Southern Region*, in the

*Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* (2005).

“The Wars for Indochina,” web resource for the Cold War International History Project, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, online at [www.coldwarfiles.org](http://www.coldwarfiles.org) (2005).

*Print and Power: Confucianism, Communism, and Buddhism in the Making of Modern Vietnam, 1920-1945*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2004. (shortlisted for the Benda Prize in Southeast Asian Studies, the highest prize in that field.)

“Violence, Freedom, and the Transformation of the Public Realm in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, 1945-1958,” in Christopher Goscha and Benoit de Treglode eds., *Naissance d'un Etat-parti. Le Viet Nam depuis 1945. Etat, contestations et constructions d'une nation*. Paris: Les Indes Savantes, 2004.

“Torture in Iraq: Lessons from Algeria,” op-ed published by the History News Service. Appeared in a variety of newspapers, including the *Columbian* (Vancouver, WA), June 7; the *Wilmington (N.C.) Star News*, June 18, 2004; the *Fredricksburg (VA) Lance-Star*, June 19, 2004; *Gazette Sunday Mail* (Charleston, WVA) June 27, 2004, *Peoria Journal Star* (central Illinois), July 25, 2004.

Book review of Eric Jennings, *Vichy in the Tropics: Petain's National Revolution in Madagascar, Guadeloupe, and Indochina, 1940-1944*, in the *Journal of Asian Studies* 63:2 (May 2004): 479-480.

Book review of Marc Gilbert, ed., *Why the North Won the Vietnam War*, in the *Journal of Asian Studies* 63 (3) (August 2003): 1009-1010.

Book review of *Vietnam Exposé*, in *Aséanie: Sciences humaines en Asie du Sud-Est* (Bangkok) 11 (June 2003): 207-208.

“Abducted to America” (op-ed), *Washington Post*, January 4, 2003, p. A17.

“Mapping a ‘Confucian’ Past: Vietnam and the Transition to Modernity,” in Benjamin Elman, Hermann Ooms, and John Duncan, eds., *Rethinking Confucianism: Past and Present in China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam* (Los Angeles: UCLA Asia Pacific Monograph Series, 2002).

Book review of Truong Buu Lam, *Colonialism Experienced*, in *The Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 33, 2 (June 2002).

“Vietnamese Marxism, Dissent, and the Politics of Postcolonial Memory: Tran Duc Thao, 1946-1993,” *Journal of Asian Studies* (February 2002): 7-37.

*Book review of David Chandler, Voices from S-21: Terror and History in Pol Pot's Secret Prison* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000), H-ASIA February 2000. (Reprinted as “Voices From the Terror” in *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 24, 2 (2001): 149-151.)

“Texts and Bodies: Refashioning the Disturbing Past of Tran Vietnam (1225-1400),” *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* (Leiden), November 1999.

Book Review of Milton Osborne, *Southeast Asia: an Introductory History* (Seventh edition, 1997). *Education About Asia* (Winter 1998)

Book review of Li Tana, *Nguyen Cochinchina: Southern Vietnam in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century* (1998). H-NET Book Reviews (online), September 1998.

“Dao Duy Anh.” in Daniel Woolf, ed., *A Global Encyclopedia of Historical Writing*. New York: Garland, 1998.

“Vietnamese Historiography.” In Daniel Woolf, ed., *A Global Encyclopedia of Historical Writing*. New York: Garland, 1998.

Book Review of David Marr, *Vietnam 1945: The Quest for Power*, in *Crossroads: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 2, 1996.

“Teaching Vietnam: Selected Resources,” in *ASIANetwork Exchange*, December 1996.

“Printing and Power: Vietnamese Debates Over Women's Place in Society, 1918-1934,” in Keith W. Taylor, editor, *Essays into Vietnamese Pasts*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell Southeast Asia Program, 1995.

“Imagining Human Liberation: Vietnamese Buddhists and the Marxist Critique of Religion, 1920-1939,” *Social Compass* 42(3), 1995.

## ***Presentations:***

“Calibrating Coercion in the Mekong Delta: Việt Minh Repertoires of Violence in Guerrilla War, 1945-54” Paper prepared for the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, March 15-18, 2012.

“What Revolution Took Place in August 1945?” Paper for the conference on Revolution in Vietnam, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of California at Berkeley, November 11-12, 2011.

“La violence corporelle dans le delta du Mékong” [Bodily violence in the Mekong delta], presentation at the Réseau Asie/ Asia Network conference, Paris (France), September 15, 2011.

“The Violated Vietnamese Body in the Mekong Delta, 1945-54,” at the Annual conference of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 24, 2011.

“Rethinking Spatiality, Sovereignty, and Ethnic Conflict on the Mekong Delta Frontier, 1757-1945,” Annual conference, Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, April 1, 2011.

“Why are (some) Cambodians so anti-Vietnamese?” Wednesday Southeast Asia Forum, Johns Hopkins – SAIS, November 10, 2010.

“Space and Place: Ethnic Violence, Cochinchina and 'Kampuchea Krom', 1945-1954,” Conference on Space and Place in Southeast Asia, University of California, Berkeley, April 2-3, 2010.

“‘Treason’ on Trial? Political Repression, the Vietnamese State, and the Blogosphere in Vietnam Today.” Sigur Center for Asian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University. January 14, 2010

(This lecture has been summarized in Vietnamese as “Thuyết trình về đối kháng chính trị” [Lecture on political opposition], BBC Vietnamese service January 17, 2010, ([http://www.bbc.co.uk/vietnamese/vietnam/2010/01/100117\\_trials\\_mchale\\_comment.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/vietnamese/vietnam/2010/01/100117_trials_mchale_comment.shtml)), which then was copied at numerous Vietnamese language websites around the world.

“Vietnam, Cambodia, and Kampuchea Krom: Ethnic Violence in an ‘Invisible’ Land.” Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison. September 11, 2009. (invited speaker).

“Cannibalism and Race Transformation in a Mekong Delta at War, 1945-52,” University of Wisconsin—Madison. July 1, 2009. (invited speaker).

“From Asia to America: Uncovering the Forgotten History of George Washington University’s First Asian Students.” Annual celebration of Asian Pacific American heritage month, Gelman

Library, George Washington University, May 22, 2009.

“The Forgotten Origins of Khmer Rouge Racism: Vietnamese-Khmer Violence After World War Two.” University Seminar in History and Memory, IERES, George Washington University, February 12, 2008.

“Quan he My –Dong Nam A: Qua khu va tuong lai” [US—Southeast Asian Relations, Past and Future]. Presented in Vietnamese. Center for Research on Vietnam and Southeast Asia, Vietnam National University – Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, May 27, 2008.

“Understanding the Fanatic Mind: The Viet Minh and Race Hatred.” Invited speaker, Southeast Asia Program, National University of Singapore, Singapore, May 9, 2008

“Religious Pluralism in Southeast Asia in Historical Perspective.” Invited speaker, conference on “Religion and the Rule of Law in Southeast Asia,” Institute of Religious Studies, Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi, Vietnam, November 3-4, 2007.

“Inciting Fear, Mobilizing Hatred: Cannibalism and Race Transformation: the Mekong Delta During the First Indochina War (1945-54).” Invited speaker, Calpoly – San Luis Obispo, May 17, 2007.

“From Asia to America: Uncovering George Washington University’s Forgotten Connections to Asia,” lecture, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University, April 18, 2007.

“The Wars for Indochina,” invited presentation to an American University class on “Historians and the Living Past,” March 29, 2007.

“African and Arab Colonial Soldiers in the First Indochina War: Probing the Limits of Third Worldist and Cold War Narratives,” paper presented for a panel on “Comparative Perspectives on the Local History of the Cold War in Asia,” annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston, March 23, 2007.

“Cannibalism and Race Transformation,” paper presented at the conference “Beyond Teleologies: Alternative Voices and Histories in Colonial Vietnam,” Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, March 1-2, 2007.

“Guerrilla Warfare and the Use of Terror: Vietnam’s Lessons for Iraq,” Elliott School Evening Faculty Lecture Series, February 22, 2007.

“The Southeast Asian Diaspora: Histories and Relevance to East Asia.” Sigur Center and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars joint conference on “Globalization, Migration, and the State: The Evolving Landscape of Labor Migration to East Asia,” January 18, 2007.

“Making Sense of Cannibalism and Race Transformation: The Mekong Delta During the First

Indochina War, 1946-50,” Cornell Southeast Asia Program, October 5, 2006.

“The Indonesian Mass Murders, the Vietnam War, and the Shaping of Asian Area Studies.” Presentation for conference on “Academic Pursuits and Government Initiatives,” Department of History, George Washington University, Friday, April 27, 2006.

“Liberation, Terror, and the Frontiers of Belief: the Mekong Delta During the First Indochina War, 1945-1954,” Conference on Southeast Asian history, University of Hawaii at Manoa, March 2006 (invited speaker)

“Vietnamese, Africans, and Arabs: The First Indochina War (1945-54) and the Limits of Third-Worldism,” paper presented to the 2005 annual meeting of the Society for the History of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), College Park, MD, June 23-25, 2005.

“Liberation, Terror, and the Frontiers of Belief: the Mekong Delta During the First Indochina War, 1945-1954,” Southeast Asian Studies, Yale University, April 21, 2005 (invited speaker)

“Terror, Separatism, and the State in Southeast Asia.” Presentation at the Sigur Center for Asian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, November 19, 2004.

“Phenomenology, Colonialism, Post-Colonialism.” Presentation given for the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of California at Berkeley, April 8, 2004 (invited speaker)

“Two Transnationalisms? The Buddhist Revival and Popular Devotionals in Southern Vietnam, 1920-1945.” Paper prepared for the Duke University Conference on Transnational Exchange and the Construction of Modern Buddhism February 21-22, 2004.

“The Transformation of Vietnamese Print Culture Under French Colonial Rule, “ Books in Numbers: A Conference in Celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Harvard-Benching Library, Harvard University, October 18, 2003 (invited speaker).

“Vietnamese Print Culture in an Age of Revolutionary Nationalism, 1920-1945. Reflections.” International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS 3), Singapore, August 20, 2003.

“Confucianism and Its Discontents in Vietnam,” Annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, March 30, 2003.

“Freedom, Violence, and the Public Sphere in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam,” conference on “Generations: Continuity and Change,” Southeast Asia Program, Yale University, March 1,



2002.

Presentation for a roundtable on “United States Relations with Islamic States in Southeast Asia in the Aftermath of September 11<sup>th</sup>.” Event hosted by the Pacific Affairs Study Society, The George Washington University, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

“U.S. Policy Towards Indochina.” Presentation in the Sigur Center series on U.S. Policy Towards Asia. Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, DC, April 6, 2001.

“Marxism, Dissent, and the State: Implications of Tran Duc Thao, 1945–1958.” Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, March 21, 2001.

“Liberté, violence, et l’espace public au République Démocratique du Vietnam, 1945-1958.” [Freedom, violence, and the public sphere in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam]. Presentation in French. Conference on Vietnam Since 1945: States, Margins and Constructions of the Past, Sciences-Po/ École Pratique des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France, January 11, 2001 (invited speaker)

“Rethinking Nationalism and Revolution: Colonialism and Its Legacy in Vietnam,” Friday Forum, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 11, 2000 (invited speaker)

Mapping a ‘Confucian’ Vietnamese Past and Its Transition to Modernity, 1930-1998.” Conference on Rethinking Confucianism at the End of the Twentieth Century, May 28-June 1, 1999, University of California at Los Angeles (invited speaker)

“The Confucianization of the Vietnamese Past.” Regional Worlds Program, University of Chicago, May 15-17<sup>th</sup> 1999 (invited speaker).

“Vietnam, Forgotten Marxisms, and the Politics of Memory: Tran Duc Thao, 1946-1993.” Southeast Asia Program, Cornell University, February 11, 1999 (invited speaker)

Presentation on Vietnamese Marxism and Tran Duc Thao, 1946-1993, October 1998, Sigur Center, George Washington University.

“Vietnam 1998: ‘Civilization’ and ‘Debauchery’ in the Transformation of the Public Realm.” Department of State/ Foreign Service Institute, Conference on “Vietnam at the Crossroads,” September 17-18, 1998 (invited speaker)

“Refashioning a Disturbing Past: the Fate of Tran Vietnam (1225-1400) in the Twentieth Century.” First International Conference on Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands, June 26-28, 1998 (paper presenter, panel organizer).

“Mapping a ‘Confucian’ Past: Vietnam and the Transition to Modernity, 1917-1940.” Center for Chinese Studies, University of California at Los Angeles, November 15, 1997 (invited speaker)

“Colonialism, the ‘New Girl,’ and Vietnamese Sexuality, 1920-1945,” Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan, April 4, 1997 (invited speaker)

“Print Capitalism and Nationalism? Vietnam and the Printed Word, 1920-1940.” Association for Asian Studies, March, 1997.

“East Asia From the Periphery: Confucianism, Infanticide, and Incest in Vietnam.” Asian Studies Program lecture, Case Western Reserve University, April 17, 1996.

“Between China and the West: Vietnamese Feminism, 1918-1940,” Women’s History Program talk for Women’s History month, University of Connecticut, March 14, 1995.

”Imagined Communities? Resituating Nationalism and Revolution in Asia,” Department of History, University of Connecticut, November 1994.

“Censorship and Memory in Colonial Vietnam, 1917-1946,” Association for Asian Studies meeting, Boston, March 1994 (panel organizer)

“Reclaiming the Sacred? Colonial Domination, Buddhist Liberation, and the Rise of a Vietnamese Print Culture, 1920-1945,” Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan, 22 October 1993 (invited speaker).

“Imagining Human Liberation: Vietnamese Marxists and Buddhists Confront Modernity, 1929-1940.” Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (Copenhagen, Denmark), Conference on Vietnam Between China and the West, August 19-21, 1993.

“Charting the Rise of Women’s Self-Awareness in Colonial Vietnam: Women’s Equality and

Women's Liberation from *Nu gioi chung* (1918) to *Phu nu tan van* (1929-34)." Cornell International Conference on Vietnamese History (Ithaca, NY), summer 1991.

### ***Service to the Profession:***

Selection to the committee to choose the winner of the Harry Benda Prize in Southeast Asian Studies, March 2012.

Outside Evaluator of University of San Francisco Asian Studies Program, March 2010.

Member, International Editorial Board, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, 2006-12.

Elected Member, Executive Committee, Vietnam Studies Group, Association for Asian Studies (1998-2001, 2007-2010).

Manuscript reviewer, Cornell Southeast Asia Program publications; University of Hawaii Press; *Journal of Asian Studies*; *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*; *French Historical Studies*; *Crossroads: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*; *War and Society* (2012), *Sojourn* (2012), *Modern Asian Studies* (2012).

### ***Administrative Service and Professional Outreach:***

Director, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, July 2005-July 2007, August 2008-August 2011. Concurrently Director of the Asian Studies Program.

Member, Dean's Council, Elliott School of International Affairs, 2009-11

Associate Director, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, January 2004-July 2005.

Member, Dean Search Committee, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, 2004-05.

Member of ten doctoral dissertation defense committees at George Washington University (in the departments of History, English, and Political Science), George Washington University, 2004-2011.

Member of the group that produces the annual *Georgetown Southeast Asia Survey*, 2003-2006.

One to six lectures per year on Vietnamese history, Foreign Service Institute, Department of State, 1997-2012.

CIEE panelist to select Humphrey Mid-Career Fellows from Southeast Asia, January 1998.

***Professional Affiliations:***

Member, Association for Asian Studies.