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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of California – San Diego, La Jolla, CA

Associate Professor, Department of History. July 2020 –
Assistant Professor, Department of History. July 2015 - June 2020.

University of Massachusetts-Boston, Boston, MA

Assistant Professor, Department of History. September 2014 – August 2015.

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Associate, Asia Center, September 2014-August 2015
Postdoctoral Fellow, Mahindra Humanities Center, August 2013 - July 2014.

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY

PhD, in the History and Ethics of Public Health, Department of Sociomedical Sciences.
Completed May 2013.

Advisors: Ronald Bayer (Sociomedical Sciences) and Susan Pedersen (History)

M.Phil., in Sociomedical Sciences. Completed May 2010.

M.A., in Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University. Completed May 2010.

Sciences-Po, Paris, France.

Visiting Researcher, *Chaire Santé* and *Centre de Sociologie des Organisations*. Fall 2009.

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.

B.A., in Public Health Studies and French. December 2005.

BOOKS

Claire Edington. *Beyond the Asylum: Mental Illness in French Colonial Vietnam*. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 2019.

Claire Edington. *Epidemics: A Global History*. (In progress). Under contract with University of California press [Representation: Elise Capron with the Sandra Djikstra Literary Agency.]

RESEARCH ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS.

Claire Edington. "The most social of maladies: re-thinking the history of psychiatry from the edges of empire" for a special issue on "Psychiatry as Social Medicine" (Anne Helene Kviem Lie and Jeremy Greene, eds). Under review at *Culture, Psychiatry and Medicine*.

Harry Minas, Claire Edington, Nhan La, and Ritsuko Kakuma. "Chapter 10: Mental Health in Vietnam" in *Mental Health in Asia and the Pacific: Historical and Comparative Perspectives*, Harry Minas and Milton Lewis, eds. New York: Springer, 2017.

Claire Edington. "Drug detention and human rights in post-Đổi Mới Vietnam" in *The Postcolonial World*, David Kim and Jyotsna Singh, eds. London: Routledge, 2016, pp. 325-342.

Claire Edington and Hans Pols. "Building Psychiatric Expertise Across Southeast Asia: Study Trips, Site Visits and Therapeutic Labor in French Indochina and the Dutch East Indies, 1898- 1937." *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, July 2016 58(3): 636-663.

Claire Edington. "Going in and getting out of the colonial asylum: families and psychiatric care in French Indochina." *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. 2013 55(3): 725-755.

Claire Edington and Ronald Bayer. "When grammars collide: harm reduction, drug detention and the dilemmas of international policy reform efforts in Vietnam." *Journal of Global Public Health*. 2013 (8, 1): 75-91.

Claire Edington. "Beyond the asylum: *colonies agricoles* and the history of psychiatry in French Indochina, 1918-1945." *Proceedings of the Western Society of French History*. 2011 39:267-277.

Ronald Bayer and Claire Edington. "HIV Testing, Human Rights and Global AIDS Policy: Exceptionalism and Its Discontents" *Journal of Health Policy, Politics and Law* 2009 34(3):301-323.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Claire Edington. "Review: Imperial Intoxication: Alcohol and the Making of French Indochina by Gerard Sasges." *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 2019 (14,3): 149-152.

Claire Edington. "Review: Nurturing Indonesia: Medicine and Decolonisation in the Dutch East Indies" by Hans Pols." *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* Spring 2020 (556, 2): 146-148.

- Claire Edington. "Review: Childbirth, Maternity and Medical Pluralism in French colonial Vietnam by Thuy Linh Nguyen." *Social History of Medicine* February 2018 (31,1): 191–192.
- Claire Edington. "Review: Contesting Indochina: French Remembrance between Decolonization and Cold War by M. Kathryn Edwards." *H-France* (Volume 17, August 2017). Available at: <http://h-france.net/vol17reviews/vol17no130Edington.pdf>
- Guest co-editor with Haydon Cherry. Special issue entitled "The State in Vietnam and the State of Vietnamese Studies." *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* Summer-Fall 2016 (11,3-4).
- Claire Edington. "Review: The Emergence of Tropical Medicine in France by Michael Osbourne." *Canadian Journal of History*. Autumn 2016 (51,2): 360-362.
- Claire Edington. "Review: Vietnamese Traditional Medicine: A Social History by C. Michele Thompson." *Social History of Medicine*. November 2016 (29,4): 870-872.
- Claire Edington. "Review: Rice Wars in Colonial Vietnam: The Great Famine and the Viet Minh Road to Power by Geoffrey Gunn." *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*. Spring 2015 (10,2): 103-105.
- Claire Edington. "Review: Mixed Medicines: Health and Culture in French Colonial Cambodia by Sokhieng Au." *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*. 2013 (68,4): 694-697.
- Claire Edington. "Review: The Floracrats: State-sponsored Science in Indonesia by Andrew Goss." *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*. 2012 1(2): 346-349.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Honorable Mention for *Beyond the Asylum: Mental Illness in French Colonial Vietnam*, Alfred E. Heggoy Prize, awarded annually by the French Colonial Historical Society for the best book published in the previous year dealing with the French colonial experience from 1815 to the present, July 2020.
- Distinguished Teaching Award, UCSD Panhellenic Students Association, May 2018.
- Association of Asian Studies, First Book Subvention Prize, September 2017.
- First Book Prize, Weatherhead East Asia Institute, Columbia University, May 2017.
- Jack D. Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Development Award for outstanding work in twentieth-century history of medicine or medical biomedical sciences, as demonstrated by the completion of the Ph.D. and a proposal to turn the dissertation into a publishable monograph. American Association for the History of Medicine, Spring 2014.
- Graduate Student Paper Prize for "Psychiatric expertise and Indochina's crime problem." Vietnamese Studies Group, Sub-Committee of the Southeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies, Spring 2013.
- Ronald S. Love Paper Prize for "Beyond the asylum: *colonies agricoles* and the history of psychiatry in French Indochina, 1918-1945." Western Society of French History, winner of the best graduate student paper on the history of France and the world, Spring 2012.

William Shorrock Travel Award, French Colonial Historical Society, Spring 2012.

VSG Travel Award, Vietnamese Studies Group, Sub-Committee of the Southeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies, Spring 2012.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Grant Committee Award (4/1/18-3/31/19). Academic Faculty Senate, UCSD. Supported travel to archives and libraries in Paris, France for the project, “Drug addiction in 20th Century Vietnam: a transnational history.”

Research Grant Committee Award (4/1/17-3/31/18). Academic Faculty Senate, UCSD. Supported travel to National Archives Centers 1 and 3 in Hanoi, Vietnam for the project, “Drug addiction in 20th Century Vietnam: a transnational history.”

D. Kim Foundation for the History of Science and Technology in East Asia Research Grant, Spring 2014.

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities and Related Social Sciences, McGill University, 2013-2015 (declined).

Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellow of the Paul F. Lazarsfeld Center for the Social Sciences, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, Fall 2012-Spring 2013.

Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) Academic Year Write Up Fellowship, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University, Fall 2012-Spring 2013.

SYLFF Research Abroad Grant, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University, Spring 2011.
SYLFF Dissertation Research Year Long Fellowship, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University, Fall 2010-Spring 2011.

Alliance Program Doctoral Mobility Grant, Columbia University and Sciences Po, Fall 2009. Visiting Researcher at Sciences Po, affiliated with the *Chaire Santé* and *Centre de Sociologie des Organisations*.

Mailman School of Public Health Summer Travel Grant, Columbia University, Spring 2008.
SYLFF Summer Travel Grant, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University, Spring 2008.

Social Science Training and Research (STAR) Project, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University and Hanoi Medical University. Spring 2007-Fall 2011.

Co-PI, National Institutes of Health-funded grant “Will ‘The King’s Law Stops at the Village Gate’? Harm Reduction as a Case Study in Health Policy change in Post-Doi Moi Vietnam.” (PI: Ronald Bayer)

Member of original planning committee and co-author of successful \$200,000 grant to Ford Foundation to develop an exhibition on HIV/AIDS in Vietnam at the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology in Hanoi; assisted in the development of an evaluation framework for the exhibition; advised students and faculty at Hanoi Medical University on the use of social science and historical methodologies in their research.

Fellow, National Institutes of Health pre-doctoral training program in Gender, Sexuality and Health, Fall 2006 to Spring 2011. Provided five years of full tuition and fees, stipend, research and travel expenses.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- “Drugs, willpower and the biopolitics of addiction in colonial Vietnam.” Invited presentation, History of Science in Asia speaker series, Harvard University, May 11, 2021.
- “Drugs, detox and the colonial biopolitics of addiction in French Indochina.” Association of Asian Studies. Virtual Meeting, March 21-26, 2021. Panel organizer.
- “The most social of maladies: re-thinking the history of psychiatry from the edges of empire.” Invited presentation for workshop on “Psychiatry as Social Medicine,” Department of the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, November 22, 2019.
- “How to write a social history of psychiatry: lessons from the colonial archives of Vietnam.” History of Science Colloquium, University of California – Los Angeles. Los Angeles, CA, October 29, 2018.
- Roundtable discussant, “Reading Psychiatric Case Files in East and Southeast Asia: New Methodological Approaches.” American Association for the History of Medicine. Los Angeles, CA, May 10-13, 2018.
- “Creating the Legal Category of the ‘Insane’ Person in French Colonial Vietnam, 1883–1930.” American Society for Legal History. Las Vegas, NV, October 26-28, 2017.
- Keynote presentation, “Getting out of the asylum: writing the social history of psychiatry in French Indochina.” Conference on Mental Health Institutions as Reflections of Socio-Economic and Moral Orders in Colonial, Post-Colonial and Contemporary Western Settings. Washington University, St. Louis, April 28-29, 2017.
- “Working bodies, mending minds: mental illness and the history of labor in French colonial Vietnam.” Association for Asian Studies. Toronto, Canada, March 16-19, 2017.
- “Designing asylums in Southeast Asia: how the French looked outside their empire (and why we should too).” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, January 5-8, 2017.
- “Patient case files and the ethics of doing historical research in (post)colonial Vietnam.” Biomedical Ethics Seminar Series, School of Medicine, University of California – San Diego, May 18, 2016.
- “Addicts, experts and the medicalization of opium in French colonial Vietnam.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. Seattle, WA, March 31-April 3, 2016. Panel organizer.
- “Lessons from abroad: experts, study trips and the history of psychiatry in colonial Southeast Asia.” Annual Meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine. New Haven, CT, April 30-May 3, 2015. Panel organizer.
- “Families, experts and the ‘micropolitics’ of psychiatric care in French colonial Vietnam.” The State in Vietnam and the State of Vietnamese Studies Workshop. Asia Center, Harvard University, April 25-26, 2015.

- “Looking inside out: patient case files and the social history of psychiatry in French Vietnam.” New Histories of Paperwork Workshop. Center for History and Economics, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 24, 2015.
- “At Home With Mental Illness: Policing Domestic Spaces of Caregiving in Colonial Vietnam.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. Chicago, IL, March 26-29, 2015.
- “Beyond the asylum: writing the social history of psychiatry in French Indochina.” Invited presentation, History of Psychiatry Working Group, Yale University, New Haven, CT, February 25, 2015.
- "Expertise across empires: study trips and the making of colonial psychiatry between Indochina and Indonesia." Annual Meeting the French Colonial Historical Society. Siem Reap, Cambodia. June 2014.
- “A background to confinement: the legal category of the ‘insane’ person in French Indochina.” Annual Meeting of the Society for French History Studies. Montreal, Quebec, April 22-25, 2014. Panel organizer.
- “Victims of fate or circumstances?: Juvenile Delinquents and the Making of Colonial Expertise in French Indochina.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. Philadelphia, PA, March 27-30, 2014.
- “Out of the asylum: French psychiatrists, Vietnamese families and the politics of caregiving in interwar French Indochina.” Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies. Boston, MA, April 4- 7, 2013. Panel organizer.
- “Creating a 'clientele of service': open door care and the demand for psychiatric expertise in French colonial Vietnam.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. San Diego, California, March 21-24, 2013. Panel organizer.
- "Labor as therapy: agricultural colonies and the re-education of the 'insane' in French Indochina." Invited presentation, Université de Montréal and McGill University, Montreal, Canada. October 2012.
- "Psychiatric expertise and the problem of juvenile delinquency in French Indochina," Annual Meeting of the Western Society of French History. Banff, Alberta. October 2012. Panel organizer.
- "Mettray Overseas: juvenile justice reform between France and Indochina, 1905-1945," Annual Meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society. New Orleans, LA. June 2012. Panel organizer.
- "Labor as therapy: the history of the *colonies agricoles* in French Indochina," Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. Toronto, Canada. March 2012.
- "Examining the Historical Origins of Drug Detention in Vietnam: Lessons from the Colonial Archives." Gender, Sexuality and Health Seminar Series. Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. March 2012.
- "Going in and getting out of the colonial asylum: families and psychiatric care in French colonial Vietnam." Invited presentation, Vietnamese Studies Group, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Yale University. February 2012.

"Beyond the asylum: *colonies agricoles* and the history of psychiatry in French Indochina, 1918-1945," Annual Meeting of the Western Society for French History. Portland, Oregon. November 2011.

"Abnormal children: a history of juvenile delinquency and psychiatric care in French Indochina, 1906-1945," Annual Meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society. Toronto, Canada. June 2011. Panel organizer.

"HIV Testing, Human Rights and Global AIDS Policy: Exceptionalism and Its Discontents," Gender, Sexuality and Health Seminar Series. Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. April 2008.

COURSES TAUGHT

Department of History, University of California, San Diego

History of Modern Vietnam: Spring 2018, Winter 2021
Madness and Society (graduate seminar with Professor Andrew Scull): Spring 2018
History of Medicine in East and Southeast Asia: Winter 2018
History of the Body (graduate seminar): Winter 2017, Spring 2020
Science, Colonialism and the Postcolonial (graduate seminar): Spring 2017
The Invention of Tropical Disease: Spring 2017, Spring 2020, Summer 2020
Nationalism, Colonialism and Race (graduate seminar): Spring 2016, Fall 2020
History of European Imperialism: Spring 2016, Winter 2021
History of Public Health: Winter 2016, Winter 2017, Winter 2018, Winter 2020, Fall 2021
Global History of Drugs: Spring 2017, Spring 2018

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Core faculty member, Science Studies program (2015-present).

Founding member and co-convenor (with Jody Blanco, Literature Department) of the Southeast Asia and Transpacific Studies Working Group (2019-present).

Affiliate member, Global Health Program (2015-present).

Academic Senate Representative, 2020-2021.

Member of the Chair's Advisory Committee (elected), History Department (2019-2020).

Member of the Undergraduate Committee, History Department (2016-2017, 2020-2021).

Member of the Colloquium Committee, History Department (2017-2018).

Committee member for doctoral students in the History department: Carrie Streeter (US); Jordan Myelet (US); Maria Carreras (Europe); Patricia Marcos (History of Science); Matthew Soleiman (History of Science); Trisha Tschopp (History of Science/Middle East); Nazar Bagci (Middle East); Weiyue Kan (Asia); Thomas Chan (Asia).

Committee member for the following doctoral students outside the History department: Miranda Wu (Anthropology); Seth Merritt (Sociology), Jonathan Ruiz (Sociology); Mohammad Bin Khizer (Sociology); Sophie Staschus (Communication).

Committee member for Masters students at Sciences-Po in Paris: Elodie Charié and Louise Guttin-Vindot.

Workshop co-organizer with Haydon Cherry (NC State) and Hue Tam Ho Tai (Harvard) on “The State in Vietnam and the State of Vietnamese Studies.” Sponsored by the Asia Center, Harvard University, April 25-26, 2015.

Reviewer for *Comparative Studies of Society and History*, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*, *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, *Social History of Medicine*, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine, H-France*, *Journal of French Historical Studies*, *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, *Canadian Journal of History*, *Bloomsbury Press*.

