

# CHARLES PATRICK KEITH

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND EDUCATION

### **Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI**

Professor of Southeast Asian History	2025-Present
Associate Professor of Southeast Asian History	2014 - 2025
Assistant Professor of Southeast Asian History	2008 - 2014

### **Yale University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New Haven, CT**

Ph.D., History. Recipient of the Henry A. Turner Dissertation Prize	2008
M. Phil. Comprehensive exams passed with distinction	2004

### **Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences, Ithaca, NY**

A.B., History, <i>magna cum laude</i>	1999
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## BOOKS

*Subjects and Sojourners: A History of Indochinese in France.* University of California Press (2024)

- Honorable Mention, 2025 Alf Andrew Heggoy Prize (French Colonial Historical Society)

*Công Giáo Việt Nam từ Đế Chế đến Quốc Gia* [Vietnamese translation of Catholic Vietnam]. Người Việt (USA, 2016), and Nhà Xuất Bản Chính Trị Quốc Gia Sự Thật (Vietnam, 2019)

*Catholic Vietnam: A Church from Empire to Nation.* University of California Press (2012)

- Winner, 2015 Harry J. Benda Prize (Association for Asian Studies)
  - Winner, 2013 Alf Andrew Heggoy Prize (French Colonial Historical Society)
  - Winner, 2013 John Gilmary Shea Prize (American Catholic Historical Association)
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## ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Vietnam,” in Alice Conklin and Owen White, eds., *The Cambridge History of the French Empire* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming)
- “Colonialism and the Birth of a National Church in Vietnam,” in Tuan Hoang and Anh Tran, eds., *A History of Christianity in Vietnam* (Brill, forthcoming)
- “The First Vietnamese in America,” *SOJOURN: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia* 34.1 (March 2019): 48-75

- “Vietnamese Collaborationism in Vichy France,” *Journal of Asian Studies* 76.4 (November 2017): 987-1008
  - “The Curious Case of Hoàng Thị Thê,” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 8.3 (Summer 2013): 71-119
  - “Protestantism and the Politics of Religion in French Colonial Vietnam,” *French Colonial History* 13 (2012): 141-174
  - “A Colonial Sacred Union? Church, State and the Great War in Colonial Vietnam,” in James P. Daughton and Owen White, eds., *In God’s Empire: French Missionaries and the Modern World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012): 195-214
  - “Annam Uplifted: The First Vietnamese Catholic Bishops and the Birth of a National Church, 1919-1945,” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*, 3. 2 (Summer 2008): 128-171. Translated into Vietnamese and published on *talawas.org*, Fall 2009
  - “Catholicisme, bouddhisme et lois laïques au Tonkin, 1899-1914,” *Vingtième siècle, revue d’histoire* 77 (September-December 2005): 113-128 (trans. Bruno Poncharal)
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#### **BOOK REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

- Marie Lê Thi Hoa. *L’Enseignement catholique dans les bouleversements de la société vietnamienne (1930-1990)*. Presses universitaires de Bordeaux, 2024. *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* (forthcoming)
- John T. McGreevy. *Catholicism: A Global History from the French Revolution to Pope Francis*. W. W. Norton, 2022. *Church History* 92 (December 2023)
- Pascal Bourdeaux. *Bouddhisme Hòa Hảo, d’un royaume l’autre: Religion et Révolution au Sud Viêt Nam (1935-1955)*. Les Indes Savantes, 2022. *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 18.4 (Fall 2023)
- Elizabeth Foster. *African Catholic: Decolonization and the Transformation of the Church*. *French Politics, Culture & Society* 41.1 (Spring 2023)
- Eric Guerassimoff, Andrew Hardy, Nguyen Phuong Ngoc et Emmanuel Poisson, eds., *Les migrations impériales au Vietnam: Travail et colonisations dans l’Asie-Pacifique français, XIXe-XXe siècles*. *Journal of Asian Studies* 80.4 (November 2021)
- “Global Vietnamese Studies” (co-authored with Christina Schwenkel), Introduction to *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 16.1 (Winter 2021)
- “The Affective Turn in Ethnographies of Buddhism” (co-authored with Christina Schwenkel), Introduction to *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 15.4 (Fall 2020)

- Michael Goebel. *Paris, capital du tiers monde: comment est née la révolution anticoloniale (1919-1939)*. *Revue d'histoire moderne et contemporaine* 66.2 (2019)
  - Gerard Sasges. *Imperial Intoxication: Alcohol and the Making of Colonial Indochina*. *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 49.1 (February 2018)
  - Christopher Goscha. *Vietnam: A New History*. H-Diplo Roundtable (November 2017)
  - “Hue-Tam Ho Tai’s Millenarianism and Peasant Politics in Vietnam: A Retrospective,” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 12.3 (Summer 2017): 5-13
  - Dierdre de la Cruz. *Mother Figured: Marian Apparitions and the Making of a Filipino Universal*. *Journal of Asian Studies* 76.2 (May 2017)
  - Peter Zinoman. *Vietnamese Colonial Republican: The Political Vision of Vũ Trọng Phụng*. *Journal of Asian Studies* 74.1 (February 2015)
  - Mark Bradley. *Vietnam at War*. *Annales: Histoire, Sciences Sociales*, October-December 2011 (in French)
  - Pierre Brocheux and Daniel Hémerly. *Indochina: An Ambiguous Colonization*. *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 5.3 (Fall 2010)
  - Hue-Tam Ho Tai. *Passion, Betrayal and Revolution in Colonial Saigon: The Memoirs of Bao Luong*. *New Mandala*, September 2010
  - Anne Hansen. *How to Behave: Buddhism and Modernity in Colonial Cambodia, 1860-1930*. *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 41.1 (February 2010)
  - Jacob Ramsay. *Mandarins and Martyrs: The Church and the Nguyen Dynasty in Early Nineteenth Century Vietnam*. *History: Reviews of New Books*, Fall 2008
  - James P. Daughton. *An Empire Divided: Religion, Republicanism and the Making of French Colonialism, 1880-1914*. *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 3.4 (October 2008)
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### **PRINCIPAL GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- HARP [Humanities and Arts Research Program] Development Grant, Michigan State University, \$25,000, for “Subjects and Sojourners: Indochinese in Colonial France,” Spring 2022
- Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society, \$5000, March 2018

- HARP [Humanities and Arts Research Program] Development Grant, Michigan State University, \$25,000, for “Indochina in France: Colonial Subjects, Metropolitan Lives,” Spring 2018
- National Endowment for the Humanities, Preservation and Access Grant, for “America in the ‘Third World’: Michigan State University Vietnam Project Archives,” \$264,998 (Co-PI with Cynthia Ghering and Dean Rehberger), Spring 2012
- HARP [Humanities and Arts Research Program] Development Grant, Michigan State University, \$24,674, for “Catholic Vietnam: A Church from Empire to Nation, 1862-1954,” Spring 2011
- CDFP [Competitive Discretionary Funding Program], Michigan State University, \$23,000, for “Enhancing the Research Value of the MSU Vietnam Project Archives by Providing Digital Access,” Spring 2010
- Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities, Yale University, 2007-2008
- Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2005-2006
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, 2005-2006
- Blakemore-Freeman Language Study Fellowship (Vietnam), 2004-2005

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### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS**

- “Sujets et Séjournants: une nouvelle histoire des Indochinois en France,” Séminaire France-Vietnam: un portail entre les cultures, Bibliothèque nationale de France, May 2025 [Invited Lecture]
- “Subjects and Sojourners: A New History of Indochinese in France,” University of California-Los Angeles, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, February 2025 [Invited Lecture]
- “Subjects and Sojourners: A New History of Indochinese in France,” Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, May 2024 [Invited Lecture]
- “Vietnamese Communism in France,” “Vietnam-Centric Approaches to Vietnam’s Twentieth Century,” University of California at Berkeley [Conference Paper]
- “Subjects and Sojourners: A New History of Indochinese in France,” Yale University Council for Southeast Asian Studies, January 2024 [Invited Lecture]

- “Sujets et Séjournants: une nouvelle histoire des Indochinois en France,” L’Institut français de recherche sur l’Asie de l’est, Paris, March 2023 [Invited Lecture]
- “Sujets et Séjournants: une nouvelle histoire des Indochinois en France,” Institut de recherches asiatiques, Université Aix-Marseille, January 2023 [Invited Lecture]
- “Peopling the Past: Biography and History in Colonial Vietnam,” Association for Asian Studies, April 2022 [Chair and Discussant]
- “Going West: Indochinese in Colonial France,” Oberlin College Department of History, March 2022 [Invited Lecture]
- “Vietnamese Communism’s French Connection,” Engaging with Vietnam Annual Conference, August 2021 [Conference Paper]
- “Moving Vietnamese Studies Sideways,” Silences and Reverberations: Studying Historical and Contemporary Vietnam, Boston University symposium, May 2021 [Co-Delivered Keynote Address]
- “Indochina in France: Metropolitan Migrations and the Making of Modern Vietnam,” Peking University, Department of History, May 2019 [Invited Lecture]
- “Vietnamese Catholicism from Imperialism to Independence,” Peking University, Department of History, May 2019 [Invited Lecture]
- “Vietnamese Engagement with Global and Transnational Catholicism: New Directions in Scholarship,” Association for Asian Studies, April 2019 [Panel Chair]
- “The Daily Lives of Indochinese Migrants in Interwar France,” East Asia Transregional Histories Workshop, University of Chicago, November 2018 [Invited Lecture]
- “Metropolitan Migrations and Interwar Vietnamese Culture,” Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of California at Berkeley, January 2018 [Invited Lecture]
- “Rethinking the Boundaries of ‘Colonial’ in Vietnamese History,” Association for Asian Studies, April 2017 [Conference Paper]
- “Culture, Community, and Colonial Disruptions,” Migration With(out) Borders, Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference on Migration, Michigan State University, October 2016 [Discussant]
- “The Development of Vietnamese Studies since 1980: A Roundtable in Honor of Professor Hue-Tam Ho Tai,” Association for Asian Studies, April 2016 [Conference Paper]

- “The MSU Vietnam Archive Project: From Grant Proposal to Digital Archive,” American Historical Association, April 2016 [Conference Paper]
- “French Indochina in Crisis and Memory, 1945-1947,” French Colonial Historical Society, June 2014 [Chair and Discussant]
- “Independence from Afar: 1945 and the Vietnamese Community in France,” Society for French Historical Studies, April 2014 [Conference Paper]
- “The *Parti Annamite de l’Indépendance* and Colonial Vietnam’s French Connection,” Association for Asian Studies, March 2014 [Conference Paper]
- “There and Back Again: Metropolitan France and Vietnamese Knowledge during the Colonial Era,” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, October 2013 [Conference Paper]
- “The Path to a Digital Archive: Putting MSU’s Vietnam Project Archive Online,” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, October 2013 [Conference Paper]
- “The Vietnam War and Socialist Vietnam: New Perspectives,” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, October 2013 [Chair and Discussant]
- “Drug Trafficking and Consumption among Vietnamese in Interwar France,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, April 2013 [Conference Paper]
- “Vietnam’s Religious Revolution,” Cornell University, Southeast Asian Studies Speaker Series, November 2011 [Invited Lecture]
- “Was there a Religious Revolution in Modern Vietnam?,” Workshop on Revolution in Vietnam, University of California at Berkeley, November 2011 [Conference Paper]
- “French Missionaries in French Indochina: A Generational Approach,” French Colonial Historical Studies, June 2011 [Conference Paper]
- “National Religion and its Others in Colonial Vietnam,” University of Michigan Southeast Asian Studies Center Speaker Series, February 2011 [Invited Lecture]
- “A Vietnamese in Paris: Nguyễn Trọng Hiệp and the Capital of the Nineteenth Century,” Association for Asian Studies, March 2010 [Conference Paper]
- “Catholicism, Orientalism and Religious Revival in Late Colonial Vietnam,” University of Toronto Asian Studies Center and Center for French and Francophone Studies, February 2010 [Invited Lecture]
- “Social Catholicism and Anti-Colonialism in Late Colonial Vietnam,” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, October 2009 [Conference Paper]

- “Political Pilgrim: Ngô Đình Thục, Rome and the Origins of Ngô Family Internationalism,” Association for Asian Studies, March 2009 [Conference Paper]
  - “Before the War: American Missionaries and Vietnamese Protestantism, 1900-1960,” Workshop on Christian Missions, Colonialism and National Identities, University of Pennsylvania, April 2008 [Conference Paper]
  - “Vietnamese Catholic Anti-Communism: the Origins of an Idea and a Movement, 1919-1954,” Cornell University Graduate Student Conference on Southeast Asian Studies, March 2008 [Conference Paper]
  - “Pilgrimage, Popular Culture and Politics in Colonial Vietnamese Catholicism,” University of California at Berkeley Graduate Conference on Vietnamese Studies, February 2007 [Conference Paper]
  - “Annam Uplifted: The First Vietnamese Catholic Bishops and the Birth of a National Church, 1920-1945,” American Historical Association, January 2007 [Conference Paper]
  - “La place du catholicisme dans les changements politiques et culturelles au Vietnam, 1920-1945,” École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, March 2006 [Invited Lecture]
  - “Separation Anxiety: The Laicization Debates in Indochina, 1890-1914,” American Historical Association, January 2006 [Conference Paper]
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## **TEACHING**

- Fintz Award for Teaching Excellence in the Arts and Humanities, 2010
  - Courses: Asia and the World, World History (1500-Present), Introduction to Asian History and Culture, Introduction to Historical Methods, Introduction to Modern East Asian History, The Vietnam War, Southeast Asian History, Senior Seminar in Asian History, Methods of Historical Research (graduate), Comparative History (graduate)
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## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- Fulbright National Screening Committee, Southeast Asia (2024-present)
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* [book review co-editor, 2015-2018; co-editor, 2018-2022]
- Faculty Advisor, Southeast Asia Microfilming Project (2022-Present)

- Book Manuscript Reviews: Cornell University Press, Cornell University Southeast Asian Program Publications, Columbia University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, University of California Press, University of Rochester Press, Weatherhead East Asian Institute Publications, Yale University Press
- Journal Manuscript Reviews: *Catholic Historical Review*, *Cold War Studies*, *French Colonial History*, *French Historical Studies*, *French Politics, Culture & Society*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*, *Monash Asia Institute Publications Series*, *Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia*, *Yearbook of Transnational History*
- Book and Dissertation Prize Committees: John K. Fairbank Book Prize (American Historical Association), 2015-2018; Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize (French Colonial Historical Association), 2016-2018; John Tracy Ellis Dissertation Prize (American Catholic Historical Association), 2015-2017
- History Department Committees and Service: Graduate Professionalization and Pedagogy Coordinator [appointed], Departmental Advisory Committee [elected], Chair Selection Committee [elected], Annual Review Committee [appointed], Undergraduate Committee [appointed], Graduate Committee [appointed]
- University Committees: Asian Studies Faculty Advisory Council [elected], Integrative Studies in the Arts and Humanities Steering Committee [appointed]
- Community Outreach: Michigan secondary school teaching training workshop in Southeast Asian History and Culture [instructor], Michigan Humanities Council, “Their Journey: Vietnamese in Michigan” [historical consultant and editor], Vietnamese Student Association [faculty advisor, Fall 2018-Spring 2022]
- Member, Program Committee, 2013 Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs