

Workshop

Vietnamese Community Celebrating 30 Years in Canada:

Achievements, Opportunities, and Challenges

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Speakers' Biographical Notes

1. Mr. Andrew Cardozo

Andrew Cardozo is Executive Director of The Alliance of Sector Councils (TASC), a coalition of councils from 30 sectors of the economy which address present and future labour market issues.

His areas of expertise include labour market issues, broadcasting and media, cultural policy, democratic reform, government relations, public administration, employment equity and diversity training, the voluntary sector, immigration, human rights and cultural diversity. He is also principal of Cardozo Policy Consulting where his clients have included government, private sector corporations and non-governmental organizations. He teaches a course on media policy at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Carleton University.

Past career: From 1997 to 2003 he was a Commissioner at the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) where he played a leading role in their new major focus on cultural diversity in broadcasting. He has been the founding president of the Pearson-Shoyama Institute (1993-1997), and was executive director of the Canadian Ethnocultural Council (1986-1991). He has worked as a special assistant to a federal minister in the last Trudeau government and has been a research consultant to a standing Committee of the House of Commons.

Media: His media work includes writing regularly for newspapers and magazines. He currently is a columnist for *The Hill Times* and *Broadcast Dialogue* magazine and has written for the Toronto Star, Globe and Mail and the Ottawa Citizen. He has also hosted a regular phone-in show on community cable TV, appeared on various radio and TV talk shows, and been an editorial board member of Canadian Forum magazine.

Voluntary: His current voluntary involvement includes being a member of the Ottawa-based think-tank, the Canadian Opportunities Partnership (CANOPP), a board member of the Media Awareness Network (MNet) and of the Institute on Media, Policy and Civil Society (IMPACS), and an Advisor to the Canadian International Peace Project.

Education: He has a B.A. in Political Science from York University and an M.A. in Public Administration from Carleton University.

2. Ms. Christine Nguyen

Born in Pulau Bidong, Malaysia, Christine has lived in Toronto, Ontario since the age of 2 months. With an undergraduate degree in Physical Education and Health, her interests focus primarily on medicine, health education and health promotion. Christine enjoys participation in grassroots community-based projects and has held numerous leadership positions both voluntary and professional, at the University of Toronto, The Canadian College Of Naturopathic Medicine, in community organizations and internationally. In her capacity as Project Coordinator, Christine

has successfully designed health education programs for University of Toronto students as well as for Burundian refugees in Tanzania, where she volunteered for seven months.

Christine has also been actively involved in the Vietnamese community in Toronto for many years and currently serves as Co-founder and Director of Chien Con Catholic Youth, Board of Directors member of the Vietnamese Association, Toronto (VAT), Co-Chair of VAT's Gala Xuan 2006, Advisor for the United Vietnamese Student Association, and Vice President Internal of the Vietnamese Culture and Science Association (VCSA), Toronto Chapter.

Finally, Christine hopes to unite the brightest and most actively involved Vietnamese youth from across Canada at Len Duong Canada 2006, Youth Leadership Development Camp: a national project for which Christine and the VCSA Toronto team are working busily to realize. Christine is currently a student in her 2nd year of study towards designation as a Naturopathic Doctor.

3. BS Đào Bá Ngọc

Dr. Dao Ba Ngoc, born in Cho Lon (Vietnam), graduated in doctor of medicine in 1968. He was subsequently requisitioned to serve in the Medical Corps of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces from 1969 to 1975. He practiced family medicine from 1977 to 1985 and migrated to Canada in 1985 under the family reunification program.

He is currently president of the Vietnamese Canadian Medical Association (VCMA). Prior to this position, he served as Vice President, Internal Affairs (1988 – 1990) and Chair of the Social Committee (1999 – 2005) of VCMA. He also served as Assistant General Secretary for the Executive Committee of the Quan Am Pagoda in Montreal (1985 – 1987).

In 2001, he was awarded Le Prix Des Médecins de Coeur et D'Action 2001 of L'Association Des Médecins De Langue française du Canada et Le Groupe L'Actualité médicale.

BS Đào Bá Ngọc, bác sĩ điều trị toàn khoa, sanh tại Chợ Lớn. Ông tốt nghiệp Y khoa bác sĩ năm 1968; trung tập võ Quân đội từ 1969 đến 1975. Ông hành nghề Bác sĩ gia đình từ 1977 tới 1985 và đến Canada theo diện đoàn tụ gia đình vào tháng 3 năm 1985.

Ông là Chủ tịch Hội Y-sĩ Việt Nam tại Canada từ 30/10/2005. Trước đó ông từng là Phó hội Trưởng Nội Vụ Hội Y-sĩ Việt Nam tại Canada (1988 – 1990); Trưởng Ban Xã Hội của Y-sĩ Việt Nam tại Canada (1999 – 2005) và là Phụ Tá Tổng thư ký Ban Trị Sự chùa Quan Âm Montréal: 1985 - 1987.

Ông đã được giải thưởng Le Prix Des Médecins de Coeur et D'Action 2001 do L'Association Des Médecins De Langue française du Canada et Le Groupe L'Actualité médicale trao tặng

4. Mr. Đào Trọng Cần

Dao Trong Can graduated in Pharmacy from the University of Saigon in 1967 and subsequently worked as pharmacist in the Armed Forces and with the Ministry of Health of the government of the Republic of Vietnam.

After his settlement in Montreal (1975), he was granted pharmacy licence in 1977. Since worked for Pierre Janet Hospital in Hull and then set up his own drug store in Arthabaska and currently in Anjou.

He is now Vice President of the Vietnamese Community Association in Montreal. Prior to this position, he served as Secretary and then Vice president of the Vietnamese Pharmacists' Association of Quebec.

Tốt nghiệp Dược sĩ Quốc gia, Dược khoa Đại học Saigon năm 1967.
Dược sĩ Trung úy phục vụ tại Bệnh viện Tiểu khu Ninh Thuận từ 1968 đến 1972
Phục vụ tại Phòng thí nghiệm Kiểm soát Dược phẩm, Bộ Y-Tế, 1972 đến 1975
Định cư tại Montreal từ 1975, được phép hành nghề tại Quebec từ 1977
Trưởng Dược Phòng, bệnh viện Pierre Janet, Hull 1979-1980
Từ 1978 đến 1980 Tổng Thư ký và từ 1997 đến 1999 Phó Chủ tịch hội Dược sĩ VN tại Quebec
Chủ dược phòng tại Arthabaska từ 1982 đến 1992 và tại Anjou từ 1993 đến nay.
Đắc cử Phó chủ tịch Cộng đồng người Việt tại Montreal 10-2005

5. Mr. Dat Nguyen, P.Eng.

Dat Nguyen graduated in Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical) at Technical University of Nova Scotia in 1980.

He is the founder and publisher of Thoi Bao newspaper since 1986.

He is a member of the Professional Engineers of Ontario (PEO) since 1982. He served as Board Member of the Canadian Ethnic Journalist and Writers Club (CEJWC).

6. Mr. Duc-Chi Tran

Duc-Chi Tran has been an employee of the Public Service of Canada since 1982. He is currently a Director General of the Innovation, Information and Technology Branch of Service Canada. His prior working experiences include the position of the Director General of ISP Systems of Social Development Canada, the position of the Director of Information Management & Technology of the Quebec Region of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and various positions in the information technology field at Statistics Canada, National Library of Canada and Revenue Canada Taxation.

Duc-Chi also currently works professionally as a scuba diving instructor and a martial art instructor.

Duc-Chi was born and grew up in Sài Gòn where he went to Bàn Cờ Elementary School, then Pétrus Ký High School. Soon after his arrival to Canada in 1978, Duc-Chi held various labour jobs to support himself through his studies in Information Technology at the Cégep de l'Outaouais. Once graduated and employed by the Public Service, Duc-Chi continued his studies on a part-time basis to obtain an under graduate degree in Management, then a Master in Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of Ottawa.

7. Ms. Dung-Chi Tran

Dung-Chi Tran was born in Nha Trang, Vietnam, but she grew up and spent her formative years in Saigon. Her schooling was marked by important events of history: Tết Mậu Thân marked her last year in elementary school Bàn Cờ, and, the fall of Saigon took place when she was finishing Grade 12 at the Gia Long High School. After her graduation from the Faculty of Education, she went to teach French to grades 10 and 11 at the Duc-Hoa High School in the province of Long-An. In 1982 she arrived in Canada to be reunited with her family.

Dung-Chi retrained herself in Information Technology (IT) at the Cégep de l'Outaouais in Hull from 1982 to 1985. After her graduation she worked for the government of Quebec in Hull for six months. She then joined the federal Public Service in December 1985.

During the last twenty years with the Federal Government, Dung-Chi has progressively gained experience, first as an IT professional and, later, in management positions. She has worked in many departments: Revenue Canada (now Canadian Revenue Agency), Environment Canada, Public Works and Government Services Canada, Human Resources Development Canada (now Services Canada) and Statistics Canada. Dung-Chi is currently a Director General of the

Information Management and Technology Branch at Canadian International Development Agency(CIDA).

8. Mr. Frank Ling

Frank Ling, born and raised in Hong Kong, is a retired architect and urban planner trained in London, England and Harvard University. Currently as a Canada-Asia Pacific Development Consultant, he offers advice, management expertise and leadership on all aspects of urban land development, public relations and business investments for his own companies and his clients.

Having been a resident of Ottawa since 1967, Mr. Ling has played an active role in community and business organizations. Some of his past involvements include being a member of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship, national chairman of the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association, national vice-president of the Chinese Canadian National Council, founding chairman of the National Capital Dragon Boat Race Festival, and chairman of the Ottawa Police Services Board.

He is currently the Ottawa Section president and an honorary life member of the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association, and Chair Emeritus of the Canadian Museum of Nature.

In early 2005, the Governor General of Canada appointed him as a Member of the Order of Canada. As well, he is a recipient of the Ottawa Board of Commissioners of Police Civilian Commendation, the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture Volunteer Service Award, the 1994 Ottawa-Carleton Business Person of the Year Bronze Distinction, the Canada 125th Anniversary Medal (1993) and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee Medal (2002).

He has numerous commendations, among which are: the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture Volunteer Service Award, the 1994 Ottawa-Carleton Business Person of the Year Bronze Distinction, the Canada 125th Anniversary Medal (1993) and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee Medal (2002).

9. Mr. Hai Nguyen

Hai Nguyen, a Law graduate from Vietnam, obtained his Master degree in Economics from Michigan State University, USA.

Having worked as Director of Agricultural Economics, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Vietnam in the early 70's, Mr. Nguyen came to Canada as refugee in 1980.

He joined the Department of the Secretary of State, Government of Canada in 1985. Currently, he is the regional manager responsible for Multiculturalism & Human Rights programs in Alberta.

As a committed volunteer, Mr. Nguyen has worked and contributed to the development of a number of community organizations such as the United Way, the Edmonton Youth Orchestra Society, the Boyle Street Coop, the Edmonton Joint Planning on Housing, and the Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disability, the Edmonton Heritage Festival Association. With regard to the Vietnamese community, he has served as the Secretary General of the Calgary Vietnamese Canadian Association (1983-85), Planning Director and Advisor to the Vietnamese Canadian Federation in the 90's.

Mr. Nguyen has received several special recognitions for his professional and volunteer work from the Northern Alberta Heritage Language Association, the Vietnamese Canadian Federation, the Edmonton Viets Association, and the Dante Alighiere School of Italian Language & Culture.

Recently, to recognize Mr. Nguyen's excellent community work, the government of Alberta has awarded him with the Alberta Centennial Medal that honors Albertans who have made outstanding contribution to the community and to the province in the past 100 years.

10. Dr. Suong Van Hoa

Dr. Suong Van Hoa's hometown is in Duc-Hoa, Long An province in Viet Nam. He came to Canada in 1971 to pursue a Master of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Toronto. In 1973 he finished his Master degree and continued on for his Ph.D study at the same university, also in Mechanical Engineering. After finishing his Ph.D in 1976, he took a job as a design engineer at Canadian Fram Ltd. close to Windsor, Ontario. In 1977, he joined Concordia University as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and he has been there up to now. In 1994, Dr. Hoa was appointed Chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Concordia University. He served as Chair of the Department for 6 years until 2000. In 2003, he was appointed Chair of the Department again and he has served in this position until now.

Dr. Hoa teaches courses in Mechanical Engineering. He also does research in the area of Composite Materials and Structures. In 1993, he was appointed Director of the Concordia Center for Composites, a position he holds until now. He has carried out an extensive research activity on Composites. He carries out research projects for many aerospace companies in Montreal such as Bell Helicopter, Bombardier Aerospace, Pratt and Whitney Canada Ltd., EMS Technology, and the Canadian Space Agency.

In 2001, Dr. Hoa was awarded the title of Concordia Research Fellow and he was also appointed Concordia Research Chair in Materials and Composites. Dr. Hoa also serves as Editor, North America for the international Journal of Science and Engineering of Composite Materials. Dr. Hoa is a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Fellow of the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering, Winner of the G. H. Medal of the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering for excellent work in Materials. He is also President of the Canadian Society for Composite Structures and Materials.

Dr. Hoa has published more than 350 technical articles in international journals and conferences, 4 patents, and 3 books. He has graduate close to 50 M.A.Sc. and Ph.D students.

In 2005, Dr. Hoa serves on the examining board for the scholarship of excellent students for the Thoi Bao magazine.

11. Mr. Hung Vu

Hung Vu is a co-founder and Chairman of Third Brigade. He is also the founder & CEO of Armored Networks. Before that he was the founder and CEO of Milkyway Networks, a company he founded in 1994 and grew to become one of the leading firewall vendors worldwide. While at Milkyway Networks, Mr. Vu was nominated for the Entrepreneur of the Year award in 1996. SLM Software acquired Milkyway Networks in 1998.

Mr. Vu was also a co-founder and Vice-President, Engineering for fONOROLA i*Internet Inc. (which became iSTAR Internet and was eventually bought by PSINet). He was also a founding member of Hummingbird Communications. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree from McGill University. Mr. Vu is the inventor of the transparent proxy firewall.

12. Professor Raymond Le Van Mao

Professor Raymond Le Van Mao received his Ph.D. (Chemistry) degree in Lyon, France. Since 1982 he's been teaching at the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada. He also holds the position of Director, Industrial Catalysis Research Laboratory. Prior to his current positions he worked as Senior Research Scientist for Montedison Corp., Basic Petrochemicals Research Centre, in Milan (Italy) and Ingénieur de développement, Institut de Chimie Appliquée, in Paris (France)

He has published more than 200 scientific papers and technical reports on Petroleum Chemistry and Advanced nano-materials and has obtained 35 international patents.

His patented TCC process to produce monomers of plastics and synthetic fibers, and transportation fuels from heavy gas oils, is now in commercial development phase.

He has also published a novel and a philosophical essay.

He has served as President of the Boat People Committee of Canada and Services aux Aînés de Montreal (S.A.I.M).

13. Dr. Le Xuan Loc

Loc Le received a B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Calgary in 1981 and 1983, respectively. He also obtained his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Waterloo in 1987.

After his doctorate, Loc Le came to the University of Toronto as an NSERC Fellow (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council) to pursue his research & teaching in electric power system.

Dr. Le has a wide range of experience in the oil and gas industry as well as electric power industry. He worked for Duckworth, Price and Anderson (an oil and gas) consulting firm in Calgary. He also worked for Ontario Hydro, and its successor companies, Hydro One and OPG specializing in power system operations, electricity transmission and generation as well as real time pricing.

Dr. Le is an expert in power system transmission, congestion, locational marginal pricing (LMP), and financial transmission right. He is currently with LBMP Global Power & Financial Consulting Inc. in Toronto, Canada.

Lê Xuân Lộc hiện đang sống và làm việc trong ngành điện lực tại Toronto, Ontario Canada. Anh theo gia đình đến định cư tại Canada vào năm 1975 khi còn đang học ở bậc trung học.

Anh lấy xong bằng Cử Nhân (1981) và Cao Học điện (1983) tại Đại Học Calgary. Sau một thời gian ngắn làm việc, anh được học bổng để hoàn tất luận án Tiến Sĩ điện tại Đại Học Waterloo vào năm 1987.

Anh xin về Đại Học Toronto để tiếp tục nghiên cứu và giảng dạy trong chương trình NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Post-doctoral Fellowship) bảo trợ cho những chuyên gia khoa học & kỹ thuật xuất sắc của chính phủ Liên Bang Canada. Nhưng để thay đổi không khí và làm giàu thêm về kinh nghiệm, khoảng một năm sau, 1988, anh xin đi làm việc cho công ty điện lực Ontario Hydro cho đến 2002.

Từ năm 2002 đến nay anh làm việc cho công ty Global Power & Financial Consulting Inc. tại Toronto, Canada. Anh là chuyên gia về nhiều lĩnh vực của điện cao thế và tiên đoán sự biến động hằng ngày của giá điện trên thị trường.

14. Prof. Louis-Jacques Dorais

Born in Montréal, Louis-Jacques Dorais started teaching in the department of Anthropology at Université Laval (Québec) in 1972, after having completed a doctoral degree in Paris, France. Since 1978, he has conducted research on the Vietnamese in Canada, France and Denmark. His publications include *Exile in a Cold Land. A Vietnamese Community in Canada* (with Lise Pilon-Lê and Nguyễn Huy), New Haven CT, 1987 and the entries on Vietnamese in the *Encyclopedia of Canada's Peoples* (Toronto, 1999) and the *Encyclopedia of Diasporas* (New York, 2004). With Éric Richard, he is presently finalizing a book in French on the Vietnamese in Montréal.

15. Dr. Nguyen An Lac

Nguyen An-Lac studied in Canada and the United States, taught at Polytechnic University (Saigon) before 1975, operated a variety of businesses in Vietnam before returning to Canada in 1984. After 20 years as a scientific researcher for National Research Council Canada, in the field of biotechnology, Mr. Nguyen currently practices in Montreal as a Corporate and Patent Lawyer. A significant portion of his time is also given to free consultation on Family Law and Immigration Law.

Nguyễn An-Lạc học tại Canada và Hoa Kỳ, giảng dạy tại Đại Học Bách Khoa Saigon trước năm 1975, điều khiển nhiều dịch vụ khác nhau trước khi trở lại Canada vào năm 1984. Sau 20 năm làm việc trong lĩnh vực nghiên cứu kỹ thuật sinh hóa cho National Research Council Canada, Nguyễn An-Lạc hiện hành nghề Luật Sư trong lĩnh vực Luật Công Ty và Luật Bản Quyền. Một phần lớn thời giờ được dùng để cố vấn miễn phí về Luật Gia Đình và Luật Di Trú.

16. Dr. Nguyen Phu Hoa

Dr. Nguyen Phu Hoa came to Canada when he was about to finish grade 12. He continues his university study and graduated in Doctor of Dentistry at McGill University in 1989. He then practiced dentistry and did his residency at Montreal General Hospital. He has continued his private practice in Ottawa since 1993

17. Dr. Nguyen Dinh Thang

Dr. Nguyen Dinh Thang, Boat People SOS Executive Director, has 25 years of community service experience. Since joining BPSOS in 1988, his advocacy has had major impact on US policies towards Vietnamese refugees. In 1995 he successfully advocated for the establishment of the Resettlement Opportunity for Vietnamese Returnees (ROVR), which has resettled to the U.S. over 18,000 boat people after their repatriation to Vietnam from first-asylum camps in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia. His initiative in 1999 to help 250 Vietnamese and Chinese in American Samoa led to the largest human trafficking case ever prosecuted by the U.S. federal government. Most recently his effort resulted in the establishment of the Priority One In-Country Refugee Program in Vietnam and the re-opening of the Humanitarian Operation (HO) program. In 1998 he initiated Neighborhood Empowerment and Support through Teamwork (NEST), a model for community organizing and capacity building. Through NEST he has mentored 45 grassroots organizations and secured over one million dollars in funding to support their activities. A boat person arriving in the U.S. in 1979, Dr. Thang holds an MS in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Johns Hopkins University and a PhD in Mechanical Engineering

from Virginia Tech. He worked for 15 years as a systems engineer and quality manager at a navy research lab. He holds several patents for his inventions.

18. Ms. Nhung Thuy Hoang

Nhung Thuy Hoang is a practicing lawyer. Since 2003 she has been on sabbatical leave to devote more time to her family, writing and community work.

She graduated from the University of Ottawa with a Bachelor Degree in Sociology (Cum Laude) in 1985 and a LL.B degree in 1988.

Nhung came to Canada as a refugee in 1980. Before coming to Canada she worked as a teacher of English in Vietnam. While in Kai Tak Refugee Camp in Hongkong she worked as volunteer English teacher in the camp and also as interpreter for Hong kong Red Cross.

Nhung is currently a Member of the Board of Directors of Somerset West Community Health Centre. Among her numerous community activities, she served as:

Co-founder and legal advisor for the Vietnam Disability Fund, Ottawa (1994-1999)

Legal Advisor, Vietnamese-Canadian Centre Ottawa, Ontario (1994)

Vice-President, Vietnamese-Canadian Refugee Sponsorship Committee of the National Capital Region (1993)

A member of the fact finding delegation to South-East Asian Refugee Camps, organized by S.O.S. Boat People, Washington, U.S.A. (1991).

She has published many articles in newspapers and magazines and is the author of "Refugee Love" (1994), a collection of poems reflecting her experience as a refugee.

19. Dr. Pham Ngoc Tung

Dr. Pham ngoc Tung is a School Social Worker/ Counsellor with the Toronto District School Board and also a consultant with Ruth Berman Consultants. Before coming to Toronto he worked as a Clinical Social Worker for Alberta Mental Health Services (1982- 1987).

He graduated from the University of Calgary with a master degree in Social Work (1984) and from the University of Toronto with a degree of Doctor of Education in Multicultural Counselling (1994).

He is a Board Member of Hong Fook Mental Health, Member of Speaker's Bureau of the Dominion Institute and Cultural Commissioner of the Vietnamese Canadian Federation.

20. Mr. Phuong Thuy Van Ngo

Ms. Phuong Thuy Van Ngo is a member of the Advocacy Group at Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP in Ottawa, Ontario. Gowlings is one of the largest and most diversified law firms in Canada. With offices in seven Canadian centres and in Moscow, it provides a full complement of legal services to national and international clients.

Ms. Ngo articulated at Gowlings in 1998 and became an Associate with the firm in 2000 after she was called to the bar of Ontario. She practises in both official languages, with an emphasis in civil and administrative litigation, health law, government procurement, bid protests and judicial review. Ms. Ngo is an advocate in the Ontario Court and the Federal Court of Canada. She has also acted as counsel or co-counsel before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board and the

Canada Pension Appeals Board. Ms. Ngo has represented clients in dispute resolution proceedings such as arbitrations and mediations.

Ms. Ngo received her law degree, common law en français program, from the University of Ottawa after completing her Bachelor of Education with distinction. She received her undergraduate degree in French and Political Science from Carleton University. Ms. Ngo is a member of the County of Carleton Law Association, the Canadian Bar Association and l'Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario (AJEFO). She is a mentor to a University of Ottawa Law Student, through the Legal Links & Bridges Program and is a past member of the Ontario College of Teachers.

For Summit Magazine's October 2004 issue, Ms. Ngo authored "Treading Carefully: Wining and Dining Under Scrutiny". This article is a commentary on the Treasury Board Secretariat's Values and Ethics Code for the Public Service.

In January 2006, Ms. Ngo will be a co-instructor at the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law teaching the course "L'Art de la Plaidoirie" to students in the French common law program.

21. Mrs. Sherin Emmanuel

Sherin Emmanuel is a Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) with over 15 years experience in Project Management in the public as well as the private sectors. During her career, Sherin has been involved in the fields of Information Management, Information Technology, Engineering, Finance, Marketing and Education where her leadership combined with her people centered and goal oriented approach has led to many accolades and successes.

Sherin has lived and worked in many countries around the world and has a keen interest in international and cultural issues especially those pertaining to her birth country; Sri Lanka. She is an active member of Residents for a safe and livable community in Ottawa and was a member of the Roundtable on Women, Peace and Security in Sri Lanka hosted by Senator Mobina Jaffer in Oct 2004.

In her spare time Sherin indulges her creative abilities with great success in the areas of Oil painting, Interior decoration, Dress design, Arts and Crafts and Poetry with a few published poems to her credit.

Sherin lives with her husband Christie and children Amanda and Alexander in Barrhaven, Ottawa which has been her home for over 12 years

22. Ms. Ngo Thuy Van Thy

Van Thy earned a Bachelor of Arts, B.A., (1997), Bachelor of Education, B.Ed., (1998), and a Bachelor of Law, LL.B., (2000) from the University of Ottawa. She was called to the Bar of Ontario in 2003. She is currently doing her Masters in Education on a part-time basis.

Van Thy first started her career at the Department of Justice as an Employment Equity (EE) Advisor responsible for the Visible Minority Portfolio from 2001 to 2003. She worked very closely with Mario Dion, then Associate Deputy Minister of the Department of Justice and now Deputy Minister of Indian Residential School Resolution Canada, to improve the situation of Visible Minorities in the Department. While working as an EE Advisor, Van Thy also articulated at the Department of Justice. Her rotations included work with the Public Law Policy Section, Treasury Board Legal Services, and Citizenship and Immigration Legal Services. Van Thy joined the Professional Development Directorate in 2003 and is responsible for implementing

legal programs, such as Aboriginal Law Series, the Constitutional and Administrative Law Series, Commercial Law Series with a goal of meeting the present and future educational needs of Lawyers in the Department.

She is currently the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee for Visible Minorities at the Department of Justice.

Van Thy continues to teach the course Current Trends in Federal Law at University of Ottawa with Mark Berlin, Director General of the International Law Program, Department of Justice. This law course is available to students in the Common Law Program, National Program, as well as Droit Civil.

23. Mr. Tuan Q. Tram

Mr. Tram is currently employed by the largest contractor for the US Department of Defense (DoD), specializing in Command and Control (C2) systems and in Information Assurance (IA) for these systems. His current projects involve retrofitting, refurbishing, and building new air, land, and sea assets for the US Coast Guard, in support of new US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) initiatives.

Mr. Tram was born in Saigon, Vietnam and emigrated to Maryland, USA in 1975 with his family. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering; and has been employed mostly by Defense Contractors for the past 20 years. Between 1994 and 2004, in parallel with his full time employment, he owned and operated a small Information Technology (IT) consulting business catering to the Small Office / Home Office (SOHO) market.

From 1991 to 1996, Mr. Tram co-founded and managed operations for the Association of Vietnamese-American Students & Young Professionals (AVASYP), to facilitate relationship building and employment referral among college students and young professionals. From 1985 to 2003, he was actively involved with the Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association (MVMA), where he served in various capacities from tutor and counselor, to Member of the Board of Directors and Board Advisor. Since the mid 1970's, he has also volunteered his services to various community organizations from Catholic Church and Buddhist Temple, to Social Services and "Political Awareness".

24. Mr. Trà Lũ

Tra Lu was born in Ninh binh (North Vietnam). Before 1975 he was a professor at the School of Pedagogy and at Saigon University. He also worked as public relations officer for the South East Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO).

After his arrival in Canada in 1975, he worked for Ontario Ministry of Culture and Immigration. He also served as president of the Vietnam Pen Club, Ontario from 1991 to 1995.

He has published many books in Vietnamese. The majority of these books, which are very popular among the Vietnamese diaspora, are about different aspects of life in Canada.

Trà Lũ sinh quán tại Ninh Bình, Bắc Việt nam. Trước năm 1975 là Giáo sư, Đại Học Sư Phạm, Viện Đại Học Saigon, và Ủy Viên Giao tế của Trung Tâm SEAMEO INNOTECH /Singapore thuộc Hội Đồng Các Tổng Trưởng Giáo Dục Đông Nam Á (South East Asian Ministers of Education Organisation, SEAMEO).

Sau năm 1975 là Công chức Bộ Văn Hóa và Di Dân Ontario.

Ông cũng là Chủ tịch Trung Tâm Văn Bút VN Ontario (1991-1995)

Ông là tác giả của nhiều tác phẩm đã xuất bản như:

- Miền Đất Hạnh Phúc, 1989
- Đất Mới, 1991
- Miền Đất Hứa, 1993
- Đất Thiên Đàng, 1995
- Đất Yêu Thương, 1997
- Đất Lạnh Tình Nồng, 1999
- Đất Quê Ngoại, 2001
- 300 Chuyện Cười, 2001
- Đất Anh Em, 2003

25. **Mr. Trinh Quốc Tuấn**

Constable **Trinh Quoc Tuan** is an alcohol test specialist of the Montreal Police Service. He graduated in Veterinary Sciences in Vietnam and arrived in Canada in 1979. He is the first police officer of South East Asian background of the police service in Québec. He is a member of the Association of Biologists in Québec.

Trịnh Quốc Tuấn tốt nghiệp khóa 15 khoa Cử Nhân Thú y tại miền nam Việt nam. Ông đến Canada năm 1979. Ông là người cảnh sát gốc Đông Nam Á đầu tiên tại tỉnh bang Quebec. Ông là hội viên của hội các chuyên gia sinh học tại Québec (Association des Biologistes du Québec). Ông chuyên về ngành thử nghiệm lượng rượu của Cơ quan Cảnh sát thành phố Montréal.

26. **Ms. Vo Bich Quyen**

Vo Bich Quyen is a budget analyst for the US Dept of Defense; Ms. Vo also has her own private practice in financial planning. Previously, Ms. Vo was Program Manager for the UNCF, Inc., a non-profit organization providing scholarships for students to afford to attend university. Before that, she was a Program Support Specialist for SHARE, a community economic development non-profit institution serving 5 counties in South Carolina. While earning a dual Bachelors degree in Economics, and Government & International Studies at the University of South Carolina, and a Masters degree in Applied Economics at Clemson University, she founded the Vietnamese Students Association. She has served as a volunteer in assorted capacities for various Vietnamese American charitable organizations.

Currently, Ms. Vo resides in Pentagon City, just across the bridge from the US Capitol. As a Vietnamese American, she appreciates the importance of celebrating the wisdom of the elders, and finding fun and creative ways to extend their cultural legacy to the younger generation, while exploring new growth opportunities from the youth. Although American born, she enjoys popular Vietnamese past-times including ballroom dancing, Vietnamese folk dancing, table tennis, chess, and karaoke. (*Disclaimer: Level of enthusiasm does not necessarily equate to level of talent*) Most importantly, Ms. Vo is committed to supporting initiatives that will advance the Vietnamese community progressively and harmoniously through celebration and sharing of the Vietnamese culture and heritage.

27. **Dr. Vo Van Truong**

Truong Vo-Van is presently Vice-Provost, Research at Concordia University. Prior to this position, he worked from 1976 to 2003 at Université de Moncton as a Physics Professor and a university administrator in various capacities in different periods (Associate Dean, Dean, Associate Vice-President, and Vice-President, Academic and Research).

As a researcher, Dr. Vo-Van has principally contributed in the following areas: optical properties of thin films and inhomogeneous materials, advanced materials, variable optical transmission devices (smart windows), and optical metrology (spectrophotometry and ellipsometry). He founded in 1984 the “Thin Film and Photonic Research Group” at Université de Moncton, a group which is well-recognized internationally. He is presently working on the fabrication and characterization of photonic and nano-structured materials and their diverse applications (sensing, optical waveguides...). He is author and co-author of more than 120 scientific publications, and has presented papers in a large number of scientific and technological congresses. During his career, Dr. Vo-Van has had collaboration across different disciplines and with researchers from Canada as well as from various countries. He participated during 10 years as a Canadian expert in various Tasks of the International Energy Agency. He also has served, at various times, as a Councillor and a Division Chair (Division of Optics and Photonics, Division of Industrial and Applied Physics) for the Canadian Association of Physicists. Regarding his contribution to training, Dr. Vo-Van has so far supervised about 30 graduate students. In terms of transfer of knowledge to society, his research results have led to the creation of two spin-off companies.

Beside teaching, research and university administration, Dr. Vo-Van is also interested in community development and in fine arts.

Truong Vo-Van graduated from the University of Toronto in 1976 with a Ph.D. in Physics.