



In addition to traditional activities such as camping, games, and knot-tying, these Cub Scouts keep in touch with their heritage through language classes. Photo by Katherine Frey | The Washington Post

Cornell Vietnamese Association (CVA) Meetings & Events

The Cornell Vietnamese Association, established in 1992, is an independent, undergraduate student organization dedicated to promoting an understanding and appreciation of Vietnamese culture, heritage, and traditions. Our members encompass the world ranging from Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Singaporean, American, and Mongolian ethnic backgrounds.

Contact the following address to be added to the CVA listserve, and to learn more about CVA meetings & events: tpn23@cornell.edu & mb747@cornell.edu

**Saturday, Aug. 28:** CVA Booth at Street Fair, Cornell University, Ho Plaza, Ithaca, NY. We will be serving a traditional Vietnamese dessert.

**Sunday, Aug. 29, 1-4pm:** CVA Information Table at Club Fest, Cornell University, Barton Hall, Ithaca, NY  
Featuring photos from past CVA events, videos about CVA, and sign ups for the CVA listserv.

**Saturday, Sept. 18:** CVA Fall Picnic (weather permitting), Stewart Park, Stewart Park Rd, Ithaca, NY  
An annual event, CVA will make hot dogs and hamburgers. Frisbee, volleyball and water balloons.

**Saturday, Sept. 25, 6-9:30pm:** CVA Children’s Activity Table at Downtown Ithaca Mid-Autumn Festival & “Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon” Exhibit Opening Reception. Ithaca Commons, 215 E. State St., Ithaca, NY

**September:** Kayaking Outing with Cornell Filipino Association, Go Karting, CVA Table in Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration at Cornell University  
**October:** Road Trip during Fall Break, Pho Night (serving Vietnam’s national dish, traditional beef noodle soup), Halloween Social Gathering  
**November:** Karaoke Nite, Ice Skating with Cornell Filipino Association  
**December:** End-of-Semester Potluck & Yankee Gift Swap

CVA General Body Meetings occur every other week throughout the Fall 2010 semester on Cornell University’s campus. First couple of meetings, in the new semester, we will focus on getting to know the freshman and make them feel comfortable, and at home. Later on, CVA General Body Meetings will help leadership decide what events to host for the rest of the year.

Some CVA events will have a fee for attendance, be sure to sign-up to the CVA listserve to receive the most up-to-date event information.

Co-Hosts:

Community Center Programs at Cornell University  
Downtown Ithaca Alliance

Co-Sponsors:

Cornell Vietnamese Association; Theo Vi Sao Sáng (Follow Your Star) Catholic Youth Group from Binghamton, Syracuse, Utica; Cornell Asian Pacific Islander Student Union; Asian Pacific Americans for Action of Cornell University; Asian & Asian American Forum of Cornell University; Asian American Alliance of IC; Chinese Student Association of Cornell University; Japan US Association at Cornell University; Ithaca Asian American Association; South East Asia Program Graduate Committee of Cornell University; South East Asia Program of Cornell University; Alice Cook House of Cornell University; American Civic Association at Binghamton, Asian & Asian American Center of Cornell University; Asian/Asian American Studies Department of Binghamton University; Asian American Studies of Cornell University; Asian Students in America of Syracuse University; Asian Student Union of Binghamton University; Center for the Study of Culture, Race, & Ethnicity of Ithaca College; Cinemapolis at Ithaca, Cornell Cinema; Cornell University Communications & Public Affairs Office; Cornell University Libraries/Kroch Library Asia Collections/Mann Library; Department of Asian Studies of Cornell University; Diversity Alumni Programs of Cornell University; Flora Rose House of Cornell University, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art; Hang Phat Vietnamese Market at Binghamton, The History Center in Tompkins County; Multicultural Resource Center at Ithaca; Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs of Cornell University; Tompkins County Public Library; Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) of Binghamton University

On the cover: Fourth of July parade in Washington, D.C.  
Photo by Gerald Martineau/The Washington Post

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Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon is a series of events highlighting the Vietnamese American experience since 1975, including in our community today. Events will take place in Ithaca, New York, from September 25th to December 4th, 2010, and include a Smithsonian traveling exhibit, a festival, a film series, lectures, storytelling, workshops, and performances. We hope that you will join us as we recognize the achievements and acknowledge the struggles of immigrants from Vietnam in the United States, and in our own community.

For more information visit [www.ithacalittlesaigon.com](http://www.ithacalittlesaigon.com)

The Exhibit

Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon –  
Vietnamese America since 1975

A Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit

215 E. State St., Ithaca Commons, Ithaca, NY

**September 18th to December 4th, 2010**

**Exhibit Hours:** Monday – Saturday 11am to 6pm

**Opening Reception:** Saturday, September 25, 6pm

**Closing Reception:** Saturday, December 4, 2pm to 5pm

Exhibition Website: <http://vietam.si.edu/exhibition.asp>

The first Smithsonian exhibition to document the Vietnamese American experience, Exit Saigon tells an epic story from the perspectives of people who were forced to flee their homes and leave their possessions behind. But this is not an exhibition about tragedy. Instead, it reveals the strength and stamina of Vietnamese Americans who have found new homes in a new land. This is a story about people who have adapted to life in the United States while maintaining their traditional folkways. A celebration of cultural diversity, Exit Saigon explores history and religion as well as the civic and political issues that have influenced Vietnamese communities across the country.

The exhibit consists of 93 panels that focus on several core topics such as the refugee exodus from Vietnam and entry into the United States, including the “boat people”, and temporary refugee camps. The adaptation of Vietnamese to American life is highlighted with the formation of ethnic communities and identities. Other highlights include Vietnamese contributions to America such as the hybrid creations that combine Vietnamese and American cultural elements, from fashion to food to film.

*The exhibit is developed by the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program (APAP), with Vietnamese American scholar Vu Pham as the curator, and organized for travel by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. The national tour is made possible by Farmers Insurance.*



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# Major Events

**Saturday, September 25, 6-9:30 p.m.**  
**Downtown Ithaca Mid-Autumn Festival & “Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon” Exhibit Opening Reception**  
Ithaca Commons, Bernie Milton Pavilion, 215 East State St., Ithaca, NY.  
Community Center Programs (CCP), Downtown Ithaca Alliance (DIA), Ithaca Asian American Association (IAAA)

**Saturday, December 4, 2 p.m.-5 p.m.**  
**“Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon” Exhibit Closing Reception & Community Pho Noodle Soup Cook-Off**  
Women’s Community Building, 100 West Seneca St., Ithaca, NY.  
Community Center Programs (CCP), Downtown Ithaca Alliance (DIA) & Ithaca Asian American Association (IAAA)

# Lectures & Workshops

**Thursday, September 23, 12:20 p.m.**  
**“The Fifty-Year War in Vietnamese History, 1623-1673”**  
Lecture by Cornell Professor Dr. Keith Taylor (Vietnamese Cultural Studies, Department of Asian Studies, Cornell University)  
Location: Cornell University Kahin Center, 640 Stewart Ave, Ithaca NY.  
Sponsor: South East Asia Program (SEAP) Graduate Committee of Cornell University

**Thursday, September 23, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Dinner Discussion with Cornell Alumnus Dr. Vu Pham**  
(Curator of Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon Exhibit; Founder and Head of Spectrum Knowledge, Inc., University of California Office of the President). RSVPs should be sent to mjb16@cornell.edu by Tuesday, Sept. 21st. Cost of dinner buffet is free if RSVP is submitted in time.  
Location: Alice Cook House Dining Room, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.  
Sponsors: Cornell Asian Pacific Islander Student Union (CAPSU), Asian Pacific Americans for Action (APAA), Community Center Programs (CCP) & Alice Cook House

**Thursday, September 23, 8:30 p.m.**  
**“Brain Science, Business Success: How to Leverage Current Research for Leadership and Career Effectiveness”**  
Student Leadership Workshop with Dr. Vu Pham  
Location: Cornell University, Alice Cook House Meeting Room, Ithaca, NY.  
Sponsors: Asian Pacific Americans for Action (APAA), Cornell Asian Pacific Islander Student Union (CAPSU), Community Center Programs (CCP) & Alice Cook House

**Friday, September 24, 11:00 a.m.**  
**“Persuasion and Getting Your Point Across”**  
Professional Development Workshop with Dr. Vu Pham  
Locaton: Cornell University, Willard Straight Hall, Cornell Cinema Auditorium (1st floor), Ithaca, NY.  
Sponsors: Community Center Programs (CCP), Dean of Students (DOS) & Diversity Alumni Programs



Tet Festival (Lunar New Year) is the most important holiday in Vietnamese culture. This group celebrates in Orange County, California. Photo by Office of U.S. Representative Loretta Sanchez



People climb the walls of the U.S. embassy in Saigon, seeking sanctuary from Communist troops. Photo by AP Photo/H. Hung

**Friday, September 24, 7:30 p.m.**  
**“Impressive First Impressions: The Most Important 30 Seconds of Your Career”**  
General Community Workshop on First Impressions and the Smithsonian Vietnamese American Exhibit by Dr. Vu Pham  
Location: Cornell University, Robert Purcell Community Center (RPCC) Auditorium, Ithaca, NY.  
Sponsors: Cornell Vietnamese Association (CVA) & Community Center Programs (CCP)

**Sunday, September 26, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
**Brunch Discussion with Dr. Franklin Odo**  
(co-Curator of Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon Exhibit; former Director of the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program). RSVPs should be sent to cu.jusa@gmail.com to be sure to secure a spot. Cost for brunch buffet is \$11.30 for those without a Cornell University dining plan.  
Location: Cornell University, Appel Commons, Ithaca, NY. Meet in 1st floor fireside lounge at 10:50am before brunch.  
Sponsors: Japan US Association (JUSA) & Community Center Programs (CCP)

**Friday, October 29, 12:20 p.m.**  
**“The Impact of Transparency on Delegate Responsiveness: Results from a Field Experiment in Vietnam”**  
Lecture by Dr. Edmund Malesky (Department of Political Science, University of California at San Diego)  
Location: Cornell University, Kahin Center, 640 Stewart Ave., Ithaca, NY  
Sponsors: South East Asia Program (SEAP) Graduate Committee & Dept. of Government

**Wednesday, November 10, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**“Vietnamese Things from the Past: What is Worth Remembering From Earlier Times?”**  
Lecture by Cornell Professor Dr. Keith Taylor (Vietnamese Cultural Studies, Department of Asian Studies, Cornell University)  
Location: Cornell University, 132 Rockefeller Hall, Ithaca, NY  
Sponsor: Department of Asian Studies & South East Asian Program (SEAP)

**Thursday, November 18, 5:30-7 p.m.**  
**“Panel Regarding Vietnamese Immigration, Settlement, and Raising a Family in Ithaca” History Café Series**  
The History Center in Tompkins County, 401 East State St., Ithaca, NY  
www.thehistorycenter.net.  
The History Center & Ithaca Asian American Association (IAAA)

# Storytellings

**Tuesday, October 19, 10:30-11 a.m.**  
**Toddler Storytime featuring Vietnamese Stories, Folktales, and Arts & Crafts**  
Location: Tompkins County Public Library, 101 East Green St., Ithaca, NY, www.tcpl.org.  
Sponsors: Tompkins County Public Library & Multicultural Resource Center (MRC)

**Saturday, October 23, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
**Family Storytime featuring Vietnamese Stories, Folktales, and Arts & Crafts**  
Location: Tompkins County Public Library, 101 East Green St., Ithaca, NY, www.tcpl.org.  
Sponsors: Tompkins County Public Library & Multicultural Resource Center (MRC)

# Displays

**Fall 2010 (ongoing)**  
**Vietnamese/Vietnamese American Collection Display & Tours**  
Cornell University, Kroch Library Asia Collections (main lobby), www.asia.library.cornell.edu. For a guided tour of the Vietnam Collection (one of the largest collections outside of Vietnam), please contact this address: ghg4@cornell.edu.

**Fall 2010 (ongoing)**  
**Vietnamese/Vietnamese American Collection Display**  
Cornell University, Herbert F. Johnson Art Museum  
www.museum.cornell.edu.

**Fall 2010 (October 17-23)**  
**“Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon” Book Display**  
Tompkins County Public Library (main entrance),101 East Green St., Ithaca, NY, www.tcpl.org.

**Fall 2010 (November & 1st Week of December)**  
**Vietnamese American Display**  
The History Center in Tompkins County, 401 East State St., Ithaca, NY, www.thehistorycenter.net.

# Films

**Tuesday, September 21, 7:15 p.m.**  
**Operation Babylift: The Lost Children of Vietnam (2009)**  
About President Gerald Ford's \$2 million initiative to airlift Vietnam-ese orphans out of their war-torn country in 1975. Admission: \$4  
Location: Cornell University, Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts, Film Forum Room, College Avenue & Oak Avenue, Ithaca, NY.  
Sponsor: Cornell Cinema

**Tuesday, September 28, 7:15 p.m.**  
**Bolinao 52 (2007)**  
About a survivor among a group of Vietnamese boat people who fled the country in 1988 and found themselves stranded in the South China Sea. Admission: \$4  
Location: Cornell University, Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts, Film Forum Room, College Ave. & Oak Ave., Ithaca, NY.  
Sponsor: Cornell Cinema



Vietnamese refugees were given temporary residence in four U.S. resettlement camps: Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, Fort Chaffee in Arkansas, Fort Indiantown Gap in Pennsylvania, and Camp Pendleton in California, shown here. Photo by Toni Aloï



Fleeing the advance of Communist forces, refugees pour into Saigon in April 1975. Photo by AP Photo/H. Hung

**Tuesday, October 19, 7:15 p.m.**  
**Agent Orange: A Personal Requiem (2007)**  
About the ongoing impact of Agent Orange on Vietnamese families as well as American veterans. Admission: Free (subject to change)  
Location: Cornell University, Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts, Film Forum Room, College Avenue & Oak Avenue, Ithaca, NY.  
Sponsors: South East Asia Program -SEAP Graduate Committee & Cornell Cinema

**Tuesday, October 26 7:15 p.m.**  
**Lucky (2010)**  
Looks at the lottery system and its winners and losers, including a Vietnamese immigrant who used his winnings to build a mansion back in Vietnam for his 50 remaining relatives. Admission: \$4  
Location: Cornell University, Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts, Film Forum Room, College Ave. & Oak Ave., Ithaca, NY.  
Sponsor: Cornell Cinema

**Tuesday, November 2, 7 p.m.**  
**The Beautiful Country (2004)**  
Landing in New York, Binh begins a road trip to Texas, where his American father is said to live. Admission: \$7  
Location: Cinemapolis, 108 E. Green St., Ithaca, NY  
Sponsors: Downtown Ithaca Alliance & Cinemapolis

**Tuesday, November 9, 7 p.m.**  
**Journey from the Fall (2006)**  
Financed entirely by the Vietnamese American community, Journey from the Fall is about the Vietnamese reeducation camp and boat people experience following the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975.  
Location: Cinemapolis, 108 E. Green St., Ithaca, NY  
Sponsors: Downtown Ithaca Alliance & Cinemapolis

# Other

**Monday, October 25 - Friday, October 29, 5-8 p.m.**  
**Vietnamese Cuisine Week at Cornell University**  
Vietnamese Cuisine Week is sponsored by the Cornell Dining chef and staff in Flora Rose House. To celebrate the Smithsonian Vietnamese American exhibit in downtown Ithaca and Vietnamese culture, Flora Rose House will add various Vietnamese dishes to its award winning menu. Cost of dinner buffet is \$12.30 for those without a Cornell University dining plan.  
Location: Cornell University, Flora Rose House Dining Room, Ithaca, NY.

**Throughout October**  
**Vietnamese Cuisine Month at Ithaca Bakery**  
Featuring selections on the fresh foods bar at the Meadow Street location and select entrees and sides at all other locations.  
Location: Ithaca Bakery: Meadow Street and Triphammer Mall. Collegetown Bagels: Downtown on Aurora Street, Collegetown and East Hill Plaza.