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Bio

BIO

Bac Tran is a lecturer, textbook writer, and professional translator. He has authored and co-authored a number of books including Conversational Vietnamese, Easy Vietnamese, Colloquial Vietnamese, Vietnamese Practical Dictionary, and Vietnamese Dictionary & Phrasebook, and is a co-translator of Ship of Fate -- a memoir which was named one of the best nonfiction reads in 2021 in Global Development by the Guardian (<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/dec/15/books-explain-world-guardian-writers-share-best-nonfiction-reads-2021?>).

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, Stanford Language Center

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- M.A., San Francisco State University , English/Linguistics

Research & Scholarship

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Assessment, Testing and Measurement
- Collaborative Learning
- Lifelong Learning
- Literacy and Language
- Teachers and Teaching

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Vietnamese linguistics, poetry, and folk sayings/verses/tales.

PROJECTS

- Intermediate Vietnamese
- Advanced Vietnamese
- Vietnamese Grammar in a Nutshell
- Getting There: A Supplementary Reader for Vietnamese Learners
- Retranslating Ho Xuan Huong's Poetry

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- First-Year Vietnamese, First Quarter: VIETLANG 1 (Aut)
- First-Year Vietnamese, Second Quarter: VIETLANG 2 (Win)
- First-Year Vietnamese, Third Quarter: VIETLANG 3 (Spr)
- Second-Year Vietnamese, First Quarter: VIETLANG 21 (Aut)
- Second-Year Vietnamese, Second quarter: VIETLANG 22 (Win)
- Second-Year Vietnamese, Third Quarter: VIETLANG 23 (Spr)
- Third-Year Vietnamese, First Quarter: VIETLANG 101 (Aut)
- Third-Year Vietnamese, Second Quarter: VIETLANG 102 (Win)
- Third-Year Vietnamese, Third Quarter: VIETLANG 103 (Spr)

2024-25

- First-Year Vietnamese, First Quarter: VIETLANG 1 (Aut)
- First-Year Vietnamese, Second Quarter: VIETLANG 2 (Win)
- First-Year Vietnamese, Third Quarter: VIETLANG 3 (Spr)
- Second-Year Vietnamese, First Quarter: VIETLANG 21 (Aut)
- Second-Year Vietnamese, Second quarter: VIETLANG 22 (Win)
- Second-Year Vietnamese, Third Quarter: VIETLANG 23 (Spr)

2023-24

- First-Year Vietnamese, First Quarter: SPECLANG 150A (Aut)
- First-Year Vietnamese, Second Quarter: SPECLANG 150B (Win)
- First-Year Vietnamese, Third Quarter: SPECLANG 150C (Spr)
- Second-Year Vietnamese, First Quarter: SPECLANG 151A (Aut)
- Second-Year Vietnamese, Second quarter: SPECLANG 151B (Win)
- Second-Year Vietnamese, Third Quarter: SPECLANG 151C (Spr)

2022-23

- First-Year Vietnamese, First Quarter: SPECLANG 150A (Aut)
- First-Year Vietnamese, Second Quarter: SPECLANG 150B (Win)
- First-Year Vietnamese, Third Quarter: SPECLANG 150C (Spr)
- Second-Year Vietnamese, First Quarter: SPECLANG 151A (Aut)
- Second-Year Vietnamese, Second quarter: SPECLANG 151B (Win)
- Second-Year Vietnamese, Third Quarter: SPECLANG 151C (Spr)
- Third-Year Vietnamese, First Quarter: SPECLANG 224A (Aut)
- Third-Year Vietnamese, Second Quarter: SPECLANG 224B (Win)
- Third-Year Vietnamese, Third Quarter: SPECLANG 224C (Spr)

Publications

PRESENTATIONS

- Teaching Advanced Vietnamese at SEASSI (Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute -- UW-Madison)
- Teaching and Analyzing Vietnamese Poetry
- Current Trends in Vietnamese Literature and Translation
- How to Enjoy Contemporary Vietnamese Poetry: An Experimental Approach
- Translating Vietnamese Proverbs: A Lost Art or a Tall Order?