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EDUCATION:

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy, Harvard University, MA, 2009
Dissertation: “Essays on Corruption, Ranking and Competition”

Master of Advanced Economics, University of New South Wales, Sydney, 1999
Thesis: “Vietnam in Transition: Regional Influences and Foreign Exchange Regimes”

Bachelor in International Economic Relations, Russian Economic Academy, Moscow, 1994
Thesis: “Foreign Investment in the Third World: A Case Study of Vietnam”, Completed with honors

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT:

Visiting Assistant Professor
Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, 2014-2015

Assistant Professor
School of Public & Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, Bloomington, 2009-present

HONORS:

Outstanding Junior Faculty Award
For most promising untenured tenure-track faculty at Indiana University Bloomington, 2013-2014

Best Paper Award in Comparative Policy at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, 2014

McGillivray Award for Best Paper in Political Economy at the American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, 2013

Honorable Mention
At the 14th International Anti-Corruption Conference, Bangkok, 2010

Dean’s Award for Excellence in Student Teaching
J.F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2007-2008

Asia Pacific Academic Fellow
United Nations Development Programmes, 2006-2007

Fellow
Harvard Yen-ching Institute, 2003-2007

Fellow
Center for International Development, Harvard University, 2005-2007

Fellow
Emerging Leaders Program, Asia Foundation, 2002

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

DeBacker, Jason, Bradley T. Heim, Anh Tran and Alexander Yuskavage, "The Impact of Legal Enforcement: An Analysis of Corporate Tax Aggressiveness after an Audit," forthcoming, *Journal of Law and Economics*

DeBacker J., B. Heim and A. Tran, "Importing Corruption Culture from Overseas: Evidence from Corporate Tax Evasion in the United States," forthcoming, *Journal of Financial Economics*

Nguyen C., A. Tran, "The Role of Crop Land during Economic Development: Evidence from Rural Vietnam," forthcoming, *European Review of Agricultural Economics*

Nguyen C., A. Tran, "Do International Remittances Matter to Tobacco Spending? Evidence from a Developing Country", forthcoming, *European Journal of Development Research*

Nguyen C., A. Tran, "Poverty Identification: Practice and Policy Implications in Vietnam," forthcoming, *Asian-Pacific Economic Literature*

Malesky E., C. Nguyen and A. Tran, 2014, "The Impact of Recentralization on Public Services: A Diff-in-Diff Analysis of the Abolition of Elected Councils in Vietnam," 2014, *American Political Science Review*, vol. 108(1), Pages 1-25

Tran A. and R. Zeckhauser "Rank as an Inherent Incentive: Evidence from a Field Experiment," 2012, *Journal of Public Economics*, vol. 96(9-10), Pages 645-650

Malesky E., P. Schuler and A. Tran "The Adverse Effects of Sunshine: A Field Experiment on Legislative Transparency in an Authoritarian Assembly," 2012, *American Political Science Review*, vol. 106(4), Pages 762-786

Malesky E., P. Schuler and A. Tran "Familiar Patterns and New Development Ahead of the 11th Vietnamese Communist Party's Congress", 2011, *South East Asian Affairs 2011*, Pages 339-363

BOOK CHAPTERS:

Cole S. and A. Tran, "Evidence from the Firm: A New Approach to Understanding Corruption," 2011, in S. Rose-Ackerman and T. Soreide eds. *International Handbook on the Economics of Corruption* (Volume II): Edward Elgar, Pages 408-418

Tran A. "Corruption, Political Systems and Human Development," 2010, in A. K. Rajivan, R. Gampat Eds. *Perspectives on Corruption and Human Development*, Pages. 268 – 320: McMillan

Tran A. and R. Maclean-Abaroa “Four Stages to Analyze and Prevent Corruption”, 2007, *Kennedy School Review*, Pages 43 – 60

Tran A. and A. Vu, “Fiscal Options in the Future,” 2002, in Binh Tran-Nam and Chi Do-Pham (Eds.) *Vietnam Economy: the Dormant Dragon*, Pages 74 – 88: Routledge

ARTICLES UNDER JOURNAL REVIEW:

“One Mandarin Benefits the Whole Clan: Hometown Infrastructure and Nepotism in an Autocracy” (with Quoc-Anh Do and Trang Nguyen)

R&R: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*

“Which Regulations Reduce Corruption? Evidence from the Internal Records of a Bribe-paying Firm”

R&R: *Journal of Development Economics*

“The Effect of Having Children on Women’s Marital Status” (with Cuong Nguyen)

R&R: *Economic Development and Cultural Change*

“Economic Growth, Inequality and Poverty in Vietnam: Evidence from the 1993-2008 Period” (with Cuong Nguyen)

R&R: *Economics of Transition*

“Are Children an Incentive or Disincentive for Migration? Evidence from Vietnam” (with Cuong Nguyen)

R&R: *Agricultural Economics*

“Gender Equality in Education, Health Care, and Employment: Evidence from Vietnam” (with Cuong Nguyen)

R&R: *Feminist Economics*

“Poverty, Inequality and Trade Facilitation in Low and Middle Income Countries” (with Cuong Nguyen)

R&R: *Journal of International Trade & Economic Development*

“Do People Pay Higher Bribes for Urgent Services? Evidence from Informal Payments to Doctors in Vietnam” (with Quoc-Anh Do and Trang V. Nguyen)

Under review: *World Bank Economic Review*

WORKING PAPERS:

“Once Bitten, Twice Shy? The Lasting Impact of IRS Audits on Individual Tax Reporting” (with DeBacker, Jason, Bradley T. Heim and Alexander Yuskavage)

“The Darker Side of Private Ownership: Tax Avoidance by 3,650 Privatized Vietnamese Enterprises” (with Ngoc Dao)

“The Urban-Rural Gap in Governance: Evidence from Vietnam” (with Jairo Acuña-Alfaro, Cuong V Nguyen, Tung D Phung)

“Does Public Monitoring Improve Local Governance? Evidence from Randomized Field Experiment in Vietnam” (With Edmund Malesky and Cuong Nguyen)

“Bribes for Sales: Evidence from the Second Set of Books” (with Shawn Cole)

“Insider Trading and Stock Splits” (with Vinh Nguyen and Richard Zeckhauser)

“Politically Vulnerable Industries: Evidence from the Stock Market during U.S. Election Cycles” (with Luke Shimek)

“Quantity and Disability of Children: Evidence from Vietnam” (with Cuong Nguyen)

“Are Children Incentive or Disincentive for Migration? Evidence from an Urbanizing Economy” (with Cuong Nguyen)

“Can Past Achievement Help You Perform Better: Evidence from A Quasi-Natural Experiment Of Tennis Tournaments” (with Cong Gian)

“Economies and Diseconomies to Industry Scale: Evidence from Vietnam’s Economic Growth” (with David Audretsch and Cuong Nguyen)

“Does Trade Cause Economic Growth: A New Instrumental Variable Approach” (with Thuy Nguyen)

RESEARCH PROJECTS:

The long-term effect of tax enforcement: Evidence from IRS random audits

Monitoring technology and traffic police’s corruption

Firms-politicians networks

Internet censorship in authoritarian regimes

OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTSHIPS:

Co-founder and Advisor

Mekong Development Research Institute (<http://mdri.org.vn/>)

Co-founder

International Society of Vietnamese Economists (<http://www.isve.info>)

Faculty Research Associate
Harvard University, 2009-2011

Short-term Consultant
The World Bank Institute, Washington D.C. and Hanoi, multiple times, 2006-present

Short-term Consultant
United Nations Development Programme, Hanoi and Colombo, multiple times, 2002-present

Researcher
Prime Minister's Research Council, Vietnam, 2000-2003

REFeree REPORTS:

American Economic Review	Journal of Accounting and Taxation
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization	Economics Bulletin
European Journal of Political Economy	Journal of Law and Economics
Journal of Public Economics	Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management	Quarterly Journal of Economics
Small Business Economics	Strategic Management Journal.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS:

University of California San Diego, School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, 2009

Massachusetts Institute of Technologies, Sloan School of Management, 2009

University of London, Holloway College, 2009

Queensland University, Economics Department, Brisbane, Australia, 2009

National University of Singapore, Lee Kwan Yew School of Public Policy, 2009

National University of Singapore, Economics Department, 2009

Nanyang Technological University, Economics Department, 2009

University of the Pacific, School of International Studies and Economics Department, 2009

Yale University, Law School, 2010

Baylor University, Economics Department, 2010

Center for Economic Policy Research (CERP), Workshop on Political Economy, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, 2011

World Bank Research Department, New Ideas in Business Growth Conference, 2011

Pacific Conference for Development Economics, UC Berkeley, 2011

Meetings of the Association of Public Economic Theory, Indiana University Bloomington, 2011

Meetings of the Western Economic Association International, San Diego, 2011

First Global Conference on Transparency Research, Rutgers University, 2011

NBER Conference on Causes and Consequences of Corporate Culture, 2011

World Bank Office's Research Seminar, Hanoi, 2011

Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Yale University, 2011

Meetings of the American Law and Economics Association, Stanford University, 2012

American Economic Association Meetings Chicago, 2012

University of Wisconsin Madison, Department of Political Science

United Nations Development Programme's Research Seminar, Hanoi, 2012

Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Dartmouth College, 2012

NBER Public Economics Meeting 2012

American Economic Association Meetings, San Diego, 2013

Pacific Conference for Development Economics, San Francisco State University, 2013

University of California San Diego, Political Science Department, 2013

University of North Carolina's Tax Symposium, 2013

Internal Revenue Service's Research Seminar, 2013

Midwest International Economic Development Conference, University of Wisconsin Madison, 2013

Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2013

Inaugural Meeting of the Southeast Asia Research Group, Duke University 2013

Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2013

Conference on Strategy and the Business Environment (as invited discussant), University of Texas Austin, 2013

Georgetown University, Department of Government, School of Foreign Service, 2014

Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, 2014

Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asia Research Group, Cornell University, 2014

Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association, University of Chicago, 2014

CONSULTANCY:

German Technical Cooperation, Inter-Ministerial Coordination for Accession to World Trade Organization, 2003

UNDP Economic Impact of Integration, 2003

UNDP Targeted Poverty Reduction Program, Impact Evaluation Component, 2007

UNDP's Human Development Report: Tackling Corruption, Transforming Lives, 2008

World Bank's Local Anti-Corruption Program, 2009

World Bank's Governance in Transport Sector, 2011

UNDP's Public Administration Reform Index, 2013

UK Department for International Development's Politician-Firm Network Project, 2013-2014

TEACHING:

Approaches to Development (V-576: 2010, 2011. Graduate level)

International Economic Strategy and Trade Policy (V-577: 2010-Present. Graduate level)

Development Economics (V-573: 2012-Present. Graduate level)

Public Management Economics (V-517: 2012-Present. Graduate level)

Gatekeeping Faculty and Advisor for International Development Concentration, Master in Public Affairs Program

Dissertation supervision: Chantalle LaFontant; Luke Shimek; Duc Anh Dang; Thuy Dieu Nguyen.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Member, Master of Public Affairs Committee, SPEA, 2010-present

Member, Student Awards Committee, SPEA, 2011-present

Member, International Engagement Awards Committee, SPEA, 2013-present

Member, SPEA Ambassadors Selection Committee, SPEA, 2010-present

Member, Core Faculty Group for the International Development Concentration for SPEA MPA Program, 2011-present

Member, Program Committee for the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting

Member, Drafting Committee for the International Development Concentration, 2010

Support Faculty Member, Conference of the International Public Affairs Association, 2010 and 2013

Support Faculty Member, SPEA PhD Students' Conference 2010

Faculty Mentor, Vietnamese Student Association, Indiana University, 2009-present

SERVICES FOR VIETNAM

Director, Vietnam Initiatives (www.sangkienvietnam.org) – a global and independent hub of policy research that promotes the economy and development of Vietnam, based at School of Public & Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, Bloomington, 2009-present

Co-founder, Vietnam Young Leader Awards – A prestigious scholarship program sponsored by the Vietnamese Government to bring 20 outstanding government officials from Vietnam to the U.S. for master and PhD degrees (www.vyla.info), 2009- present

Fundraising Coordinator, SYMPAMEAL (<https://www.facebook.com/SympaMeal>) – A small charity organization providing about 200 free meals daily to destitute patients of cancer in Vietnam, 2006-present.