

## L. Bao Bui

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### Education

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

- Dissertation title: “*I Feel Impelled to Write*’: *Male Intimacy, Epistolary Privacy, and the Culture of Letter Writing during the Civil War*”
- Dissertation committee: Bruce Levine (co-advisor), John Lynn (co-advisor), Kristin Hoganson, Elizabeth Pleck

Field examinations:

- Modern US History (“Pass with distinction”)
- US Foreign Relations History
- Military History

Doctor of Philosophy in History, 2016

Master of Arts in History, 2009

University of California, Berkeley

Master of Arts in Political Science, 2004

Pomona College; Claremont, California

Bachelor of Arts (Cum Laude) in English and Politics, 1998

### Academic employment

Visiting Lecturer	University of Illinois, Chicago; 2019-present
Lecturer	Stephen F. Austin State University, 2017-2019
Visiting Assistant Professor	Ball State University, 2016-2017
Graduate Instructor	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; 2008-2016
Graduate Instructor	University of California, Berkeley; 2005-2007

### Teaching honors

Seven times on “List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent” (University of Illinois, 2009-2016)  
Hellgenstein Award for Undergraduate Teaching (University of Illinois, 2010)

### Teaching experience

American history

- US History to 1876
- US History since 1877 (Honors)
- Nineteenth Century America
- US and the World since 1917
- Civil War and Reconstruction

Gender and women’s studies

- US Gender History
- Courtship, Dating, and Weddings

Global studies

- Chicago and the World
- Film and the Global Audience

- Human Rights
- Politics of Food
- Politics of Social Media
- War, Society, & Institutions
- Western Civilization since 1660
- World History

Literature and media

- Jane Austen at the Movies
- The Novels of Jane Austen

Methodology

- The Craft of History

**Grants and fellowships**

Conference Travel Grant	Organization of American Historians, 2019
RFY High Impact Practices Teaching Grant	Stephen F. Austin State University, 2018
Marion Morse Wood Fellowship	University of Illinois, 2014-2015
William and Madeline Smith Research Award	University of Texas, 2013
Filson Research Fellowship	Filson Historical Society, 2013
Frances S. Summersell Fellowship	University of Alabama, 2013
Jacob M. Price Research Fellowship	University of Michigan, 2013
Graduate College Dissertation Fellowship	University of Illinois, 2012-2013
King V. Hostick Scholarship	Illinois State Historical Society, 2012
General Matthew B. Ridgway Grant	US Army Military History Institute, 2012
Pre-dissertation Travel Grant Award	University of Illinois, 2010
Graduate Opportunity Fellowship	University of California, 2003-2005

**Publications**

Book manuscript: *Mail Intimacy: Gender Roles and Epistolary Privacy during the Civil War*. (In progress)

“This Trouble of Writing to Each Other’: Illinois’ Civil War Regiments and the Postal Mail.” *Illinois History Journal*. (In progress)

“Epistolary Agency and Prisoners of War during the American Civil War.” *Transnational Actors and Captives in War: A Global Perspective* (working title), eds. Tamara Braun and Marcel Berni. Routledge and Palgrave Press. (In progress).

“To Break Open Other Peoples Letters’: Civil War Soldiers and the Precariousness of Epistolary Privacy.” *Journal of the Civil War Era*. (Under revision)

“An Englishman in a Kentucky Regiment: The Civil War Letters of Robert Winn.” *Ohio Valley History*. Summer 2017.

“Epistolary Culture in Jane Austen’s *Emma*: Secrets and Social Transgressions.” *Persuasions*. December 2016.

**Conference papers**

“Gossip, Social Policing, and Community Ties in Nineteenth Century American.” Australia New Zealand American Studies Association Conference. Auckland, New Zealand. July 2019.

“Outside of Civilization’: The Travelogues of Midwestern Soldiers in the Civil War South.” Organization of American Historians Annual Conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. April 2019.

“POWs, Agency, and Autonomy during the Civil War.” Filson Historical Society Conference on Prisoners of War and Their Place in History. Louisville, Kentucky. October 2017.

“The Post-Office is a Wonderful Establishment’: Epistolary Networks, Private Space, and Postal Culture in Regency England.” Annual General Meeting of the Jane Austen Society of North America. Washington DC. October 2016.

“Public Lives and Private Spaces in the Civil War Camp Communities.” Thirty-Second Annual Ohio Valley History Conference. Tennessee Technological University. October 2016.

“Secure Momentos of War, Mutual Suffering and Devotion’: Love Letters and Male Intimacy During the American Civil War.” 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Project on Letters and Letter Writing. Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom. July 2016.

“The Only Bridge that Spans the Chasm Dividing Us from Our Homes’: Communicability, Connectivity, and the Experience of Separation during the Civil War.” Midwestern History Conference. Grand Valley State University. June 2016.

“A Splendid Looking Letter’: Civil War Soldiers and Epistolary Connoisseurship.” History Graduate Student Conference. Northern Illinois University. November 2015.

“Just About Their Weight in Gold’: The Evolving Worth of Writing Materials during the Civil War.” Conference on Material Cultures of the Civil War Era. West Virginia University. October 2015.

“I Can Write to You When I Can Write to No One Else’: Epistolary Confessions, Female Confidants, and the Hidden Stories of the Civil War.” Conference on Gender, War, and Memory in the Anglo-American World. University of Mississippi. October 2015.

“Let This Be Read Generally to All White & Black’: Confederate Soldiers and the Fragility of Epistolary Authority.” Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives in History Graduate Conference. Virginia Tech. March 2015.

“Keep It Secret’: Privacy, the Sanctity of Mail, and Networks of Information in the Letters of Civil War Soldiers.” Illinois History Symposium: “The Civil War, Part III: Copperheads, Contraband, and the Rebirth of Freedom.” Eastern Illinois University. March 2014.

### **Invited talks**

“Love in the Civil War: Ties of Affection in Nineteenth Century America.” Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis. February 10, 2018.

“I Will Try and Write Better Next Time’: Education and Self-improvement in Victorian America.” Keynote address at 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Indiana Studies Teacher Conference, Indianapolis. September 28, 2017.

“Public Honor and Private Thoughts: Civil War Soldiers in Their Own Words.” U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center; Carlisle, Pennsylvania. September 20, 2017.

“Tales of War from Indiana’s Civil War Regiments.” Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis. November 12, 2016.

“Love, Loneliness, Fear, and Valor: The Letters of Civil War Soldiers.” Missouri History Museum, St. Louis. October 16, 2016.

“Combat Motivation and the Letters of Civil War Soldiers.” Urbana Exchange Club, Illinois. February 12, 2016.

## **Book reviews**

“In the Heart of the Confederacy.” Review of *The Long Civil War in the North Georgia Mountains: Confederate Nationalism, Sectionalism, and White Supremacy in Bartow County, Georgia*, by Keith S. Hébert (Knoxville, University of Tennessee Press, 2017). *Journal of Southern History*, 2019.

“Midwesterners at War.” Review of *This Wicked Rebellion: Wisconsin Civil War Soldiers Write Home*, edited by John Zimm (Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2012); *Standing Firmly by the Flag: Nebraska Territory and the Civil War, 1861-1867*, by James Potter (University of Nebraska Press, 2012); *The Prairie Boys Go to War: The Fifth Illinois Cavalry, 1861-1865*, by Rhonda M. Kohl (Southern Illinois University Press, 2013). *Middle West Review*, 2018.

“Four Women’s Stories.” Review of *Women, Work, and Worship in Lincoln’s Country: The Dumville Family Letters*, edited by Anne M. Heinz and John P. Heinz (University of Illinois Press, 2016). *Civil War Book Review*, 2016.

“Saving the Union.” Review of *The Union Forever: Lincoln, Grant, and the Civil War* by John Y. Simon, edited and with introduction by Glenn W. LaFantasie (University Press of Kentucky, 2012). H-Net, 2014.

“Writing and Fighting: Soldiers’ Letters from the Civil War.” Review of *The Boys of Diamond Hill: The Lives and Civil War Letters of the Boyd Family of Abbeville County, South Carolina*, edited by J. Keith Jones (Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland and Company, Inc., 2011), *“Bully for the Band!” The Civil War Letters and Diary of Four Brothers in the 10<sup>th</sup> Vermont Infantry Band: Charles George, Herbert George, Jere George, and Osman George*, edited by James G. Davis (Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland and Company, Inc., 2012); and *Tejanos in Gray: Civil War Letters of Captains Joseph Rafael de la Garza and Manuel Yturri*, edited by Jerry Thompson (College Station: Texas A & M University Press, 2011). H-Net, 2013.

## **Community service**

Faculty Mentor, Office of Multicultural Affairs AXcel Mentor Program, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2018

Community Advisory Committee, “You Are There 1863: Letter Home from Gettysburg” Exhibit, Indiana Historical Society, 2017

Military Education Council, University of Illinois, 2008-2011

## **Professional memberships**

Organization of American Historians  
Society of Civil War Historians  
Society for Military History  
Southern Historical Association

## **Work experience**

### **Librarian / Office assistant, 2006-2009**

International House; Berkeley, California;  
Organized and maintained collection of 2500 books and 50 periodical subscriptions.

### **Program coordinator, 2004-2006**

International House; Berkeley, California  
Organized activities and managed events, including orientation retreats, dance lessons, parties, and special dinners.

### **Kibbutz program volunteer, 2002-2003**

Kibbutz Baram, Israel  
Engaged in various agricultural and communal duties including orchard and livestock maintenance, fruit harvesting and packing, dining room and kitchen work. Served as social events coordinator for volunteer personnel.

### **AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, 2000-2001**

Denver, Colorado (Fire Team) and San Diego, California  
Contained and suppressed wilderness fires up to 2500 acres. Worked on national service projects in the areas of education, unmet human needs, public safety, environment, and disaster relief.

### **English language teacher, 1999-2000**

Tolnai Lajos Gimnazium; Gyonk, Hungary  
Taught English conversation, grammar, and vocabulary to 120 students. Created and 10-month curriculum and administered state proficiency examinations.

## **Professional references**

Professor Emeritus Bruce Levine  
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University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
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Department of History  
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