

# Waging Peace in Vietnam

U.S. Soldiers and Veterans who Opposed the War

## Poetry of War and its Consequences

November 8, 5:00-7:00 PM Mountain Time

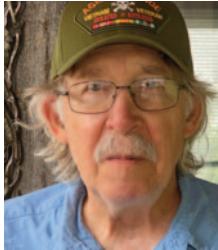
UC Boulder, Norlin Library, British and Irish Studies Room

Poetry helps us speak the unspeakable and feel deeply. Join these award-winning poets whose poems of war, memory, and reconciliation will arouse our empathy and understanding of the war in Vietnam and its profound consequences.

### Featured Special Guests:

#### Jan Barry

Jan Barry is a poet and author. A U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, Barry coordinates Warrior Writers workshops and programs for veterans and family members in New Jersey.



#### Hoa Nguyen

Hoa Nguyen was born in the Mekong Delta region of Vietnam and raised in the Washington, D.C., area. Nguyen is a member of *She Who Has No Master(s)*, a program of the Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network (DVAN) and a founding mentor in SWHNM's writing mentorship program designed for and led by Vietnamese and Southeast Asian diasporic women and nonbinary writers.



#### Teresa Mei Chuc

Teresa Mei Chuc was born in Saigon, Vietnam. Shortly after the Vietnam War, Chuc, her mother and brother were granted political asylum by the U.S. and settled in Pasadena, California. Her father remained in a Vietnamese "reeducation camp" for nine years.



Chuc is a fellow of the Los Angeles Writing Project. She is founder and editor-in-chief of Shabda Press and a member of the Coast to Coast Poetry Press Collective.

#### Kimberly Nguyen

Kimberly Nguyen is a Vietnamese American poet and the author of *ghosts in the stalks* and *Here I Am Burn Me*. She is originally from Omaha, Nebraska but currently living in New York City. She was a 2021 Emerging Voices Fellow at PEN



America and was a 2022- 2023 Poetry Coalition Fellow.

#### Wayne Karlin

Wayne Karlin served in the Marine Corps in the Vietnam War and afterwards was one of the editors of First Casualty Press, an antiwar veterans' publishing cooperative. He has published eight novels and three nonfiction books. Karlin served as the American editor of Curbstone Press's *Voices from Vietnam* series, featuring translated books by Vietnamese writers.



#### Doug Rawlings

Doug Rawlings was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968 and was in Vietnam from July 1969 to August 1970. He is a cofounder of Veterans For Peace. Rawlings' latest collection of poems, *CAU TRE/BAMBOO BRIDGE*, was written in collaboration with Teresa Mae Chuc.



#### Yusef Komunyakaa

Yusef Komunyakaa served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 as a correspondent and managing editor of *Southern Cross*, the biweekly newspaper of the 23rd Infantry (Americal) Division. He has won many awards for his poetry, including a Pulitzer Prize in 1994 for *Neon Vernacular: New and Selected Poems*.



#### Bruce Weigl

Bruce Weigl was awarded the Army Bronze Star for service in Vietnam. He states in his bestselling prose memoir, *The Circle of Hanh* (2000), "The paradox of my life as a writer is that the war ruined my life and in return gave me my voice."



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This evening of poetry is offered in conjunction with the **Waging Peace in Vietnam exhibit** on display at UC Boulder's Norlin Library from October 30 to December 15. Related events include symposia, films, and a book talk along with a student essay contest.

**This event will be live streamed.** Find out more about these poets; the exhibit, and associated events at [www.WagingPeaceInVietnam.com](http://www.WagingPeaceInVietnam.com)