

Rensselaer

7th Annual Vietnam Education Foundation
Fellows and Scholars Conference
January 3 - 5, 2010

Host University: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)

Tentative Agenda
(as of November 23, 2009)

Saturday, January 2, 2010

- 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm CONFERENCE CHECK-IN (The Desmond, Room 112)
Evening DINNER ON YOUR OWN
2:00 pm – 11:00 pm FELLOWS NETWORKING/BOOK DRIVE (The Desmond, The Lodge)
2:00 pm – 9:00 pm JOB FAIR (The Desmond, TBD)

Sunday, January 3, 2010

- 7:00 am – 7:30 am BUSES DEPART THE DESMOND FOR RPI
7:30 am – 8:30 am BREAKFAST BUFFET (DCC, Great Hall)
7:30 am – 6:00 pm JOB FAIR (DCC, Great Hall)
8:30 am – 9:15 am CONFERENCE WELCOMING REMARKS (DCC, Room 308)
Dr. Lynne McNamara, VEF Executive Director
Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, President, RPI
Dr. Stanley Dunn, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, RPI
Dr. Nguyen Xuan Vang, Director General of the Vietnam International Education Department, Vietnam Ministry of Education and Training
Dr. Nguyen Quan, Vice Minister, Vietnam Ministry of Science and Technology
INTRODUCTION OF JOB FAIR DELEGATIONS
9:15 am – 10:15am IMMIGRATION MATTERS + Q&A (DCC, Great Hall, MS. SANDARSHI GUNAWARDENA, VEF Program Officer Jazzman’s Café)

10: 15 am – 10: 30 am BREAK (DCC, Great Hall)

10: 30 am – 11:00 am U.S. FACULTY SCHOLAR PRESENTATIONS (DCC, Room 308)

Dr. Lynne McNamara, VEF Executive Director

2009 U.S. Faculty Scholars:

GRANT #1 - Team Teaching - Spring 2010 - Videoconferencing

1. **Dr. Quyen D. Chu, M.D., F.A.C.S.¹**, Associate Professor, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport
Field: General Surgery and Surgical Oncology
2. **Dr. Hung S. Ho, M.D., F.A.C.S.**, Professor, Surgery Clinic at University of California, Davis, School of Medicine
Field: Surgery

GRANT #2 - Academic Year 2009-2010 - On-site in Vietnam

3. **Dr. Findlay Gordon Edwards, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, University of Arkansas
Field: Environmental Engineering

11:00 am – 12:00 pm LEADERSHIP: KEYNOTE SPEAKER (DCC, Room 308)

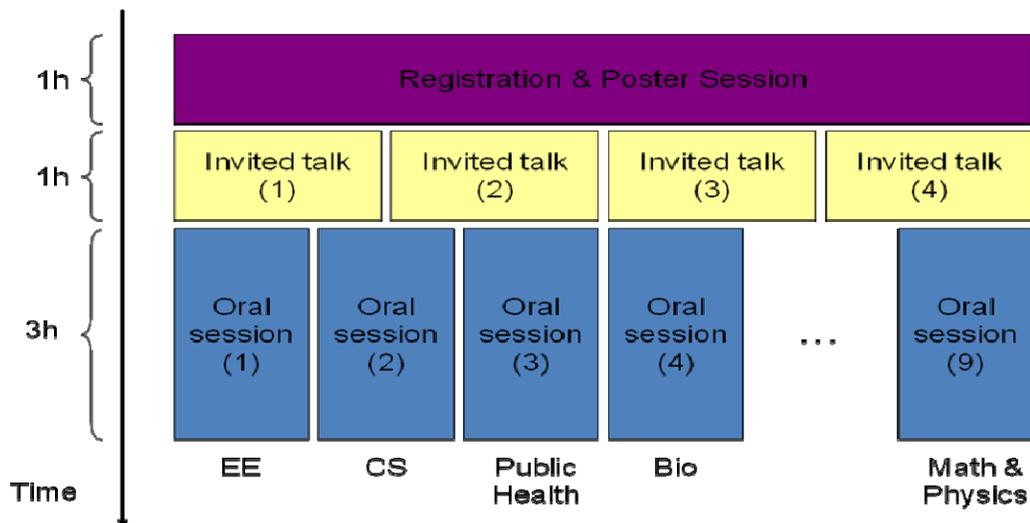
Dr. Robert Chernow, Vice Provost for Entrepreneurship, RPI

Speaking on **Leaders of the Future: Entrepreneurs**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm LUNCH (DCC, Great Hall)

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS (RPI, TBD)

- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Poster Sessions –Organizer: **Khoi T. Nguyen**
- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Four parallel invited talks by RPI professors
- 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Nine parallel oral sessions by VEF Fellows, Visiting Scholars, and non-VEF speakers



¹ Fellow of the American College of Surgeons

<i>Scientific Sessions: Oral Presentations</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Session Chairs</i>
1. Electrical Engineering	TBD	Kien C. Nguyen
2. Computer Science	TBD	Binh Nguyen
3. Public Health and Biomedical Science	TBD	Nhan T. Ho
4. Biological, Life, and Agricultural Science	TBD	Liem M. Phan
5. Environmental, Earth, Atmospheric, and Natural Resource Science	TBD	Thuy T. H.. Nguyen
6. Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, and Material Science	TBD	Trung D. C. Cao
7. Civil and Industrial Engineering	TBD	Trung Q. Le , Trang Nguyen
8. Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering	TBD	Nguyen H. P. Nguyen
9. Mathematics and Physics	TBD	Phong A. Tran

6:15 pm – 7:00 pm BUSES TO THE DESMOND

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm DINNER ON YOUR OWN

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm IMMIGRATION ADVISING (**SANDARSHI GUNAWARDENA**) (The Desmond, Room 120)

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm VEFFA Board of Representatives (BOR) Campaigning (The Desmond, Fort Orange Ballroom)

Monday, January 4, 2010

7:00 am – 8:00 am BUSES DEPART THE DESMOND FOR RPI

7:30 am – 8:30 am BREAKFAST BUFFET (DCC, Great Hall)

7:30 am – 8:30 am IMMIGRATION ADVISING (**SANDARSHI GUNAWARDENA**) (DCC, Great Hall, Jazzman's Café)

7:30 am – 6:30 pm JOB FAIR (DCC, Great Hall)

8:30 am – 11:30 am LEADERSHIP: Experiential Learning/Training Workshop (RPI, TBD)

[5 parallel sessions, conducted by the Rensselaer Archer Center for Student Development]

1. Elevator Pitches and Public Speaking (including 60 second sells)
2. General Leadership Skills/Styles
3. Goal Setting and Vision
4. Managing Conflict
5. Team Development

11:30 am – 12:30 pm LUNCH (DCC, Great Hall)

11:30 am – 12:30 pm IMMIGRATION ADVISING (**SANDARSHI GUNAWARDENA**) (DCC, Great Hall, JAZZMAN'S CAFÉ)

12:30 pm – 3:00 pm VEF Fellows and Scholars Association (VEFFA) Meeting (DCC, Great Hall)

3:00 pm – 6:30 pm RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES at RPI:
 Soccer Tournament – Le Ro To, Fellow '07 - Coordinator
 Badminton Tournament – Lam Ngoc Han, Fellow '08 - Coordinator
 Table Tennis Tournament – Nguyen Trong Hai, Fellow '08 – Coordinator
 Billiards – Nguyen Tien Dat, Fellow '06 – Coordinator
 Volley Ball – Nguyen Minh Chon, Visiting Scholar '09 - Coordinator

OR

TOUR OF RPI ON-CAMPUS CENTERS & FACILITIES

Potential places to visit include the following:

- The Center for Biotechnology and Interdisciplinary Studies
- The Curtis R. Priem Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC)
- NSF Nanoscale Science and Engineering Center
- Rensselaer Incubator Center
- Smart Lighting Engineering Research Center

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm BUSES TO THE DESMOND

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm DINNER ON YOUR OWN

7:30 pm – 10:00 pm JOB FAIR REPRESENTATIVES (The Desmond, The Lodge)

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm IMMIGRATION ADVISING (**SANDARSHI GUNAWARDENA**) (The Desmond, The Lodge)

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm NETWORKING & OPEN DISCUSSION FORUMS (The Desmond, The Lodge)

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

7:00 am – 8:00 am BUSES DEPART THE DESMOND FOR RPI

7:30 am – 8:30 am BREAKFAST BUFFET (DCC, Great Hall)

7:30 am – 8:30 am IMMIGRATION ADVISING (**SANDARSHI GUNAWARDENA**) (RPI TBD)

7:30 am – 5:30 pm JOB FAIR (DCC, Great Hall)

8:30 am – 9:15 am FORUM with VEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS (DCC, Room 308)

9:15 am – 11:15 am **ALL THE WAYS HOME - Plenary Session** (DCC, Room 308)
Tuong M. Nguyen, Session Chair

9:15 am – 9:45 am ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Mr. Minh Hong Le (Lê Hồng Minh) *Founder, Chairman & CEO of VinaGame*

9:55 am – 10:25 am ACADEMIC CAREERS

Mr. Hung Quang Ngo (Ngô Quang Hưng) *Professor, Computer Science Department, State University of New York at Buffalo*

10:35 am – 11:05 am VIETNAM DEVELOPMENTS & SUCCESSES

Mr. Hoang Bao Nguyen (Nguyễn Bảo Hoàng) *Managing Partner of IDG Ventures Vietnam*

11:15 am – 11:30 am BREAK (DCC, Great Hall)

11:30 am – 1:15 pm *ALL THE WAYS HOME - Parallel sessions* (RPI, TBD)

<i>ALL THE WAYS HOME Parallel Sessions</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Session Chairs</i>
ENTREPRENEURSHIP/VIETNAM DEVELOPMENTS & SUCCESSES – Panelists: Minh Hong Le, Hoang Bao Nguyen, Tuong Manh Nguyen, Phuong Tran, Khai Quang Vuong	DCC, Room 308	Phuong Tran
ACADEMIC CAREERS – Panelists: Dat Tien Nguyen, Hoang Nguyen, Hung Quang Ngo, Khanh Quoc Phan	DCC, Room 308	Dat Tien Nguyen

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm BOXED LUNCH (DCC, Great Hall)

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm BUSES AVAILABLE FOR THE DESMOND HOTEL

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm OPTIONAL OFF CAMPUS TOURS
(Locations to be determined)

5:30 pm – 5:30 pm BUSES TO THE DESMOND HOTEL

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm GALA DINNER RECEPTION (The Desmond, King Street Courtyard)

7:00 pm – Midnight GALA DINNER (The Desmond, King Street Ballroom)

CONFERENCE CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Lynne McNamara, *VEF Executive Director*

Dr. Stanley Dunn, *Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, RPI*

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Morning and Afternoon Departures