

**Stephen F. Maxner, Ph.D.**  
Vietnam Center, Texas Tech University

**Current Position**     Director, Vietnam Center, since July 2007

**Education:**

2006	<b>Texas Tech University</b>	Ph.D., United States Military History
1995	<b>University of North Carolina</b>	M.A., American History
1990	<b>University of North Carolina</b>	B.A., History, <i>magna cum laude</i>

**Professional Experiences:**

*August 2003 to July 2007*     **The Vietnam Center and Archive, Texas Tech University** Lubbock, Texas  
*Associate and Deputy Director, The Vietnam Center and Archive*  
As associate director, responsible for the daily operation of the Vietnam Archive to include the traditional archive, oral history project, library, and virtual Vietnam archive. Also responsible to establishing and maintaining relationships with external organizations to include the US National Archives, US Department of Defense organizations, US military branch archives, US Library of Congress, and foreign organizations and institutions to include the State Records and Archives Department of Vietnam. As deputy director, responsible for planning and executing Vietnam Center functions to include annual conferences and symposia.

*September 1999 to August 2003*     **The Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University** Lubbock, Texas  
*Head, Oral History Project*  
Established and directed oral history project to collect, preserve, and disseminate interviews with people who participated in the events surrounding the Vietnam War. Conduct interviews and Oral History Workshops with students and teachers who conduct interviews with veterans.

*August 1995 to December 1999*     **Department of History, Texas Tech University** Lubbock, Texas  
*Part Time Instructor*  
Taught United States history from the colonial period through the Nixon Administration.

*1992 to 1995*     **University of North Carolina** Wilmington, North Carolina  
*Teaching Assistant*  
Assisted with teaching of American History Survey classes and World History Survey.

**Travel and Research:**

*1998 to 2008* Extensive travel to Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and Thailand conducting Vietnam Center and Texas Tech University business, student recruiting seminars, workshops on archival preservation, and cultural and historical tours and research.

*Research* John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library, Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, National Archives, Washington, D.C., National Archives II, College Park, Maryland, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., US Army Center of Military History, US Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, The Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University.

### **Grants, Awards, Presentations, and Workshops**

**Presentations:** January 2000 through April 2008: Travel to approximately 100 Vietnam Veteran and other Association reunions to provide presentations about the Vietnam Center and Archive and to discuss preserving historical records and materials related to the US Vietnam War and associated experiences.

**Conference:** “American Support for Education in Vietnam: A Brainstorming Session for American Stakeholders” Conference held by the US Embassy, Hanoi, Vietnam, January 24-25, 2008

**Grant:** \$2.8 million. Served as primary investigator for Virtual Vietnam Archive Grant, a 7 year project (2001-2008) through the Institute for Museum and Library Services to digitize the archival holdings of the Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech University

**Workshop:** “Using Digital Technologies in Archives.” October 2007. Workshops presented to archivists in Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, sponsored by the State Records and Archives Department of Viet Nam (National Archives of Viet Nam).

**Conference:** Vietnam War Symposium, Texas A&M Kingsville, March 2007 “Looking at the Iraq War through the prism of the Vietnam War.”

**Conference:** Vietnam War Symposium, Texas A&M Kingsville, March 2006 “An historical examination of the Vietnam War.”

**Workshop:** “Using Digital Database Systems in Library and Archive Management,” October 2005. Workshop presented to librarians and archivists in Ha Noi and Da Lat, Viet Nam.

**Conference:** International Conference on Heritage Preservation, Manila, Philippine Islands, October, 2005.

**Conference:** Teachers Conference sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund – using the resources of the Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech, July 2003.

**Conference:** Oral History Association Annual Meeting, October 2001, St. Louis, MO "Silence Is Not Always Golden: The Challenges of Interviewing Veterans of War."

**Grant Awarded** \$9,000.00 Oral History Project Grant, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002.

**Oral History Workshops** 2000 Oral History Association, Durham, North Carolina.

**Grants Awarded** \$9,000.00 Oral History Project Grant, Fall 2000 and Spring 2001.

**Grant Awarded** *Texas Tech University Graduate School Research Grant*, Summer 1999.

**Conference:** *Society For Military History Annual Meeting*, State College, PA, April 1999. "Disease, War, and Mass Death: How American Attitudes Toward Death and War Have Changed and Affected National Security Policy."

**Conference:** *Phi Alpha Theta Conference*, McMurry University, Abilene, TX, April 1998 "A War Against Death: The American Crusade Against Cancer, 1900 to the Present."

**Conference:** *Vietnam in Asia: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Vietnamese Culture, History, and Language*. Texas Tech University, April 1998 "Policies Toward Ethnic Chinese in Vietnam: North, South, and American."

**Awarded** Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship, April 1998.

**Conference:** *Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention*, Albuquerque, NM, December 1997. "The American Body Count in the Vietnam War: Continuities, Contrasts, and Failures."

**Conference:** *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations*, Waltham, MA, June, 1994 "The Role of Historical Analogy in the Development and Implementation of Counterinsurgency Doctrine during the Kennedy Administration."

### **Memberships**

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Beta Delta

## **Recent Accomplishments for the Vietnam Center, Texas Tech University:**

The Vietnam Center has recently established and continues to work on a number of cooperative projects with Vietnamese universities and organizations. This includes the following:

- US Embassy, Hanoi: Participant in Conference on Higher Education Initiatives and American Stakeholder in Vietnam, January 2008
- Ministry of Education and Training, Hanoi, Vietnam: Memorandum of Understanding to receive 322 Scholarship Students
- Institute for International Relations: Joint Academic Master's Degree Program in American Studies
- Vietnam Education Foundation: Memorandum of Understanding to receive VEF scholarship recipients
- Vietnam National University: Memorandum of Understanding to create joint academic programs and exchanges as well as a two week workshop at Texas Tech University on the US Credit Hour System in Higher Education
- University of Transport and Communication: Memorandum of Understanding to create joint academic programs and exchanges
- University of Technical Education: Memorandum of Understanding to create joint academic programs and exchanges
- Hue University: Memorandum of Understanding to create joint academic programs and exchanges
- Open University of Ho Chi Minh City: Memorandum of Understanding to create joint academic programs and exchanges
- University of Social Sciences and Humanities: Memorandum of Understanding to create joint academic programs and exchanges
- Can Tho University: Memorandum of Understanding to create joint academic programs and exchanges
- Can Tho University School of Medicine and Pharmacy Memorandum of Understanding to create joint academic programs and exchanges
- State Records and Archives Department: Memorandum of Understanding to create joint exhibits and material and information exchanges
- Vietnam News Agency: Conducted two week seminar and workshops on US journalism and best practices in media management and freedom of the press
- Conducted student recruiting seminars in June 2007, January 2008, and April 2008 to help bring Vietnamese students to Texas Tech University.
- Vietnam Education Foundation and the Ministry of Education and Training: Ongoing discussions on how to help Vietnamese students who apply for VEF but do not receive VEF scholarships, to maximize the work of the VEF and to help bring more of Vietnam's best students to US universities.