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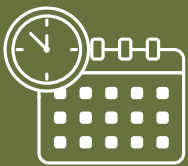
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Edward Miller is Associate Professor of History at Dartmouth College. His research and teaching focus on Modern Vietnam, the Vietnam War, oral history, and the digital humanities. His publications include *Misalliance: Ngo Dinh Diem, the United States, and the Fate of South Vietnam* (Harvard, 2013) and *The Vietnam War: A Documentary Reader* (Wiley, 2016). Prof. Miller is the founder and director of the Dartmouth Digital History Initiative, a digital humanities project that is developing data visualization tools for use with oral history archives. He is also a co-founder of the Dartmouth Vietnam Project, a program that trains Dartmouth undergraduate students to interview older members of the Dartmouth community about their experiences and memories of the Vietnam War era.



Tuesday
January 24
4-6 pm



INTS 1113
UC Riverside

THE ANIMOSITY OF HOSTILE FACTIONS: CIVIL WARFARE, VIOLENCE, AND SOVEREIGNTY IN VIETNAM'S MEKONG DELTA, 1945-1965

For decades, scholars have depicted the Vietnam War either as a war of Vietnamese national liberation or as an episode in the Global Cold War. In this presentation, historian Edward Miller examines a third interpretation: the Vietnam War as a civil war among Vietnamese. By drawing on testimony contained in letters, interviews, and archival sources, he explores Vietnamese experiences of civil warfare in one part of Vietnam: the Mekong Delta province of Bến Tre. This evidence shows that the war in Bến Tre began as a civil war. It also demonstrates that interplay among civil warfare, violence, and sovereignty deeply shaped the origins and evolution of the conflict in the delta during the late 1950s and early 1960s.

