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DURHAM, N.H. – The University of New Hampshire will host two lectures this spring about the Vietnam War. The lectures are sponsored by the UNH Department of History and the Center for the Humanities, and made possible with support from the Dunfey Endowment at UNH. Both lectures are free and open to the public.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and the 60th anniversary of the Geneva Accords, which divided Vietnam.

On Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014, Hang Nguyen of the University of Kentucky will present "Spies, Allies, Murder! The New International History of the Vietnam War." The lecture starts at 4 p.m. in MUB Theater II.

An associate professor of history, Nguyen specializes in the study of the United States in the world as it relates to Southeast Asia and the Cold War. She is working on her second book project, which explores the role of gender, people's diplomacy, and transnational networks of anti-war activism during the Vietnam War era that draws on multi-archival research in Vietnam, the United States, and Europe.

She is the author of "*Hanoi's War: An International History of the War for Peace in Vietnam*," which won the Society for Military History Edward M. Coffman Prize, the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Stuart L. Bernath Prize, and the University of Kentucky Department of History Alice S. Hallam Prize.

On Thursday, April 24, 2014, Mark Lawrence of the University of Texas will present "Foreign Policy by Analogy: U.S. Decision-Making and the Uses of the Vietnam War." The lecture starts at 4 p.m. in MUB Theater II.

An associate professor of history and senior fellow at the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law at the University of Texas at Austin, Lawrence researches the Vietnam War, U.S. policy toward third-world nationalism during the 1960s, and nuclear history. His current research focuses on U.S. policymaking toward the developing world in the 1960s and early 1970s.

He is the author of "Assuming the Burden: Europe and the American Commitment to War in Vietnam" and "The Vietnam War: A Concise International History." He is also co-editor of "The First Indochina War: Colonial Conflict and Cold War Crisis."

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