

## Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: BÙI VĂN CHỨC (QUYÊN DI)  
Interviewer: Thuý Võ Đăng  
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### Narrator Life Map

- 1948 Born in Hà Nội
- 1949 Moved to Ngọc Lũ village
- 1952 Moved back to Hà Nội
- 1954 Moved to the South with his parents to Saigon
- 1968 Was a college student while teaching at a school and participating in a force team
- 1973 Completed his masters in literature at Da Lat University. Later became vice director for the literature section
- 1975 Lived in Saigon while teaching at University
- Married Hong Trang
- 1977 Had one child that died
- Transferred to Hung Vurgon School in Cho Lon in September
  - Escaped overseas by boat in December to Merac of Trenganu hamlet
  - Placed in Palau Bidong Refugee camp by UN High Commissioner for Refugees
- 1978 Left refugee camp in April to be transferred to Hong Kong then America
- First came to Anchorage, Alaska then Chicago to New Orleans (for 6 months where he worked for a Vietnamese Newspaper)
  - Moved to Fullerton, California to go to community college
- 1979 Moved to Tustin, California
- 1982 Moved to Garden Grove, California where he delivered newspapers

- 1987      Opened a printing house
- 1995      Started teaching at Cal State Fullerton in Vietnamese program  
            - Started teaching at Cal State Long Beach
- 2003      Started teaching Vietnamese at UCLA

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