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## My Viet Nam Story : Oral History Project at UC Irvine

### LIFE MAP

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Narrator: Steven C Topik

Interviewer: Susana Gonzalez Ochoa

Date: February 23, 2024

Location: Irvine, California

Sub-collection: My Viet Nam Story Oral History Project at UC Irvine

Length of interview: 01:04:28

### Life Map

- 1949      Born in Montebello, California
- 1953      Spent six months in Vienna, Austria with parents visiting grandmother
- 1967      Graduated from Sunny Hills High School in Fullerton, California
- Began undergraduate studies at the University of California, San Diego
- 1969      Attended summer classes at the University of California, Irvine
- 1971      Completed undergraduate studies at the University of California, San Diego earning a Bachelors of Arts degree in History.
- Drafted into the armed forces but did not pass the physical exam.
  - Began graduate studies at the University of Texas at Austin.
- 1974      Earned a Masters of Arts in History from the University of Texas at Austin.

- 1975 Less involvement in the anti-Viet Nam War movement.
- 1978 Earned a PhD in History from the University of Texas at Austin.
- Taught as a professor at the Universidade Federal Fluminense: Niterói, Rio de Janeiro Brazil.
- 1981 Professor at Colgate University in New York.
- 1984 Professor at the University of California, Irvine.
- 1987 Published *The Political Economy of the Brazilian State, 1889-1930*.
- 1996 Published *Trade and Gunboats*.
- 2014 Published *Global Markets Transformed: 1870-1945* alongside Allen Wells.
- 2018 Trip to Viet Nam alongside his wife Martha Topik.
- 2019 Retired from teaching at the University of California, Irvine as a Distinguished Emeritus Professor.