

BICH THI NGOC TRAN, M.A.

Ph.D. Candidate
 Department of Education Policy
 College of Education and Health Professions
 University of Arkansas
 btt009@uark.edu
 August 16, 2021

EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- Ph.D. Candidate, Education Policy, University of Arkansas 2018-2022
- M.A., Political Science, Illinois State University 2016-2018
- Graduate Assistant, Illinois State University 2016-2018
- Teaching Assistant, Illinois State University 2017
- Overseas Program Coordinator, OpenM, Vietnam 2018-2019
- B.A., Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Asian University for Women 2011-2016
- Intern, Internal Communication, Abbott Vietnam, Vietnam 2016
- Teacher, Rokit Online, Golden Path Academic, Vietnam 2014
- Office Assistant, Solidarités Jeunesses, Vietnam 2014

HONORS AND AWARDS

- First Place in the 4th Annual Graduate-Professional Student Congress Research Colloquium, University of Arkansas 2021
- Best Conference Paper, Department of Education Reform, College of Education and Health Professions, University of Arkansas 2021
- Hayek Fund for Scholars 2019
- Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award, Illinois State University 2018
- International Peace Scholarship, Philanthropic Educational Organization Sisterhood 2017, 2018
- Alice Ebel Scholarship, Illinois State University 2016, 2017, 2018
- IKEA Scholarship for Excellence in Leadership and Academic Performance, Asian University for Women 2011-2016
- Global Korean Scholarship from the National Institute for International Education 2015

GRANT WRITING EXPERIENCE AND FUNDING

- “Making the Case for Universal Screening in Gifted Identification in Arkansas”: PIs Dustin Seaton, Jonathan Wai, & Sarah McKenzie. (2019). Walton Family Foundation Grant. Assisted in developing and writing grant proposal. Funded (2 years, \$179,482).
- “Young Wonders Kitchen Remodel.”: Co-writers Vicki Hightower, Derek Ruzzkowski, and Melissa Breeden. (2018). Lowe's Gives Foundation. YWCM at McLean County, IL. Funded (\$20,511).

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATION

- Maranto, R., **Tran, B. T. N.**, Beck, D., & Clark, T. (in press). How COVID-19 changed cyber charter schools. *Phi Delta Kappan*.

- **Tran, B. T. N.** (in press). Educational leadership preparation: A comparative study between the U.S and Vietnam. *Vietnam Journal of Education*.
- **Tran, B. T. N.** (2021). Which townships support charter schools? A study of the 2016 Massachusetts Charter Referendum. *Social Science Quarterly*, 102(2), 865-880. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12938>

OTHER PUBLICATION

- **Policy brief.** **Tran, B. T. N.**, Wai, J., & McKenzie, S. & (2021). A Longitudinal Study of Gifted Status and Academic Growth. *Office for Education Policy, University of Arkansas, Arkansas Education Report*, 18(7), 1-5.
- **Policy report.** **Tran, B. T. N.**, Wai, J., McKenzie, S., Mills, J. N., & Seaton, D. (2020). What can we learn about improving gifted identification by studying how accurate the process is in Arkansas? *Office for Education Policy, University of Arkansas, Arkansas Education Report*, 18(2), 1-31.
- **Encyclopedia entry.** Laos and Vietnam. *Gender and Identity Worldwide*. California: ABC-CLIO.
- **Encyclopedia entry.** (2019) CODEPINK. *Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Organizations that Shaped America: An Encyclopedia and Document Collection*. California: ABC-CLIO.
- **Entry.** (2014). 《我越南老家的天气》 – My hometown’s weather in Vietnam. *Issue of JUHE SUPPLEMENT*. Iowa City, IA: University of Iowa. 10: 8-9. <https://asian-slavic.uiowa.edu/sites/asian-slavic.uiowa.edu/files/asll/June2014.pdf>.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- **Tran, B. T. N.**, Wai, J., Mills, J. N., McKenzie, S. C., & Seaton, D. Expanding gifted identification to capture academically advanced low income and disadvantaged students: The case of Arkansas.
- Beck, D., **Tran, B. T. N.**, Maranto, R., & Clark, T. Why they come and go: Comparing special education and general education students in cyber schools.
- Maranto, R., **Tran, B. T. N.**, Beck, D., & Clark, T. How COVID-19 changed cyber charter schools.
- Beck, D., Maranto, R., **Tran, B. T. N.**, & Clark, T. Relationships between social and academic interaction and academic achievement for special education students in virtual schools.
- Wai, J., Bardach, L., & **Tran, B. T. N.** What longitudinal research and large-scale population representative studies can tell us about gifted students and education policy 50 years after the Marland Report.

CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- **Tran, B. T. N.**, Wai, J., Mills, J. N., McKenzie, S. C. & Seaton, D. (2021, Jul-Aug). *What can we learn about improving gifted identification by studying how accurate the process is in Arkansas?* Paper presentation at 2021 WCGTC Biennial World Conference. Virtual Conference.
- **Tran, B. T. N.**, Wai, J., & McKenzie, S. C. (2021, Jul-Aug). *Gifted education in Arkansas: A look into gifted education and achievement in a rural state*. Paper presentation at 2021 WCGTC Biennial World Conference. Virtual Conference.
- **Tran, B. T. N.**, Wai, J., & McKenzie, S. C. (Apr, 2021). *Gifted education in Arkansas: Identification and effectiveness*. Paper presentation at the 2021 GPSC Colloquium. Virtual Conference.

- Beck, D., **Tran, B. T. N.**, Maranto, R., & Clark, T. (April 2021). *Coming and going: Comparing special education and general education students in cyber schools*. Paper presentation at the AERA annual meeting. Virtual Conference.
- Maranto, R., Beck, D., **Tran, B. T. N.**, & Clark, T. (April 2021). *Coming and going: Comparing special education and general education students in cyber schools*. Paper presentation at the AERA annual meeting. Virtual Conference.
- Beck, D., **Tran, B. T. N.**, Maranto, R., & Clark, T. (April, 2021). *Socio-emotional learning in cyber-schools: Results from a large quantitative Study*. Paper presentation at the AERA annual meeting. Virtual Conference.
- Beck, D., **Tran, B. T. N.**, Maranto, R., & Clark, T. (Jan, 2021). *Student interaction, teacher interaction and academic outcomes in virtual schools*. Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the ICSCR. Virtual Conference.
- Beck, D., **Tran, B. T. N.**, Maranto, R., & Clark, T. (Jan, 2021). *Coming and going: Comparing special education and general education students in cyber schools*. Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the ISCRC. Virtual Conference.
- McKenzie, S., Seaton, D., Wai, J., & **Tran, B. T. N.** (Nov, 2020 through Mar, 2021). 10+ presentations on gifted and talented research in Arkansas to various districts and coordinators. Locations across the state of Arkansas.
- Beck, D., **Tran, B. T. N.**, Maranto, R., & Clark, T. (Nov, 2020). *Student interaction, teacher interaction and academic outcomes in virtual schools*. Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the APPAM Fall Conference. Virtual Conference.
- Beck, D., **Tran, B. T. N.**, Maranto, R., & Clark, T. (Nov, 2020). *Student interaction, teacher interaction and academic outcomes in virtual schools*. Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the ACTE. Virtual Conference.
- **Tran, B. T. N.**, Wai, J., Mills, J. N., McKenzie, S. C., & Seaton, D. (Oct, 2020) *Gifted and talented education in Arkansas: Accuracy of identification and efficacy of programming*. Mid-South Educational Research Association. Virtual Conference.
- **Tran, B.T.N.** (Jul, 2020). *Which townships support charter schools? a study of the 2016 Massachusetts charter referendum*. Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the APPAM International, Virtual Conference.
- **Tran, B. T. N.** (Apr, 2020). *American educational philanthropy: where does the money go?* Paper presentation at 2020 AERA Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. <http://tinyurl.com/tqjgp5u> (Conference Canceled).
- **Tran, B.T.N.**, Wai, J., Mills, J. N., McKenzie, S. C. & Seaton, D. (Apr, 2020) *Gifted and Talented Education in Arkansas: Accuracy of Identification and Efficacy of Programming* Poster presentation at 2020 AERA Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA <http://tinyurl.com/v5tm9xm> (Conference Canceled)
- Seaton, D., Wai, J., **Tran, B.T.N.**, McKenzie, S., & Mills, J. N. (Feb, 2020). *Universal screening implementation in Northwest Arkansas*. Presentation at the Arkansasans for Gifted & Talented Education (AGATE) State Conference. Hot Springs, AR.
- **Tran, B.T.N.** (Jan, 2020). *Which townships support charter schools? a study of the 2016 Massachusetts charter referendum*. Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the International School Choice and Reform Conference. Fort Lauderdale, FL.
- **Tran, B.T.N.** (Jul, 2018). *American political settlements and the role of perception in assisting trump's victory*. Paper presentation at International Political Science Association. Brisbane, Australia.
- **Tran, B.T.N.** (Apr, 2018). *The relationship between state legitimacy and state performance: A quantitative test*. Paper presentation at Illinois State University Political Science Student Conference. Normal, IL.

- **Tran, B.T.N.** (Apr, 2018). *American political settlements and the role of perception in assisting trump's victory*. Paper presentation at the Western Political Association Conference. San Francisco, CA.
- **Tran, B.T.N.** (Jun, 2017). *Vietnam in adopting development experiences from South Korea: opportunities and challenges*. Paper presentation at the World Congress for Korean Politics and Society. Seoul, South Korea.
- **Tran, B.T.N.** (May, 2017). *American political settlements and the role of perception in assisting trump's victory*. Paper presentation at the Global Sciences and Technology Forum on Laws, Regulations, and Public Policies. Singapore.
- **Tran, B.T.N.** (Apr, 2017). *A post-colonial approach to resolve the Kashmir conflict*. Paper presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association 75th Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
- **Tran, B.T.N.** (Nov, 2016). *Natural Resources and Secularism in Muslim Majority States*. Illinois Political Science Association Annual Conference. Charleston, IL.

WORKING PROJECTS

- Academically gifted students and online learning 2021-
- Socialization and student achievement in cyber schools 2020-
- Gifted and Talented identification in Arkansas 2018-
- Educational philanthropy in America 2018-
- Gender differences in motivation to study using PISA 2015 data 2018-

SERVICE

Profession

Peer-reviewed Journal Reviewer

- *Gifted & Talented International*
- *Gifted Child Quarterly*
- *Vietnam Journal of Education*
- *Journal of School Choice*
- *Journal of Comparative and International Higher Education*

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES

- **President.** Student Government at the Asian University for Women 2015-2016
- **Co-founder.** Chinese Club at the Asian University for Women 2014
- **Camp Leader.** International Workcamp at C n Gi  Mangrove Forest, Vietnam 2015
- **Team Leader.** "A Day for Street Children", Chittagong, Bangladesh 2012

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

- Vietnamese (native), English (fluent), Chinese (fluent)
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Publisher), Stata, and SAS
- Educational statistics, and Econometrics I and II
- Qualitative research basics