

Education

Yale University Sep 2023 – present.
Ph.D. in History and Early Modern Studies

Chulalongkorn University, Graduate School, Bangkok, Thailand, Aug 2021 – Dec 2022.
Masters of Arts (Research) in Southeast Asian Studies

Thesis: “*Pasts Without History: Ambiguous Politics in Patani Historical Thought*” (อดีตปราศจากประวัติศาสตร์: การเมืองคลุมเครือทางความคิดประวัติศาสตร์ปัตตานี)

Brown University, The College, Providence, RI, Sep 2017 – Aug 2021
Bachelor of Arts with Honours in History (with a focus in the History of the Book)
Honours Thesis: “*Unreading the Literary: The Hikayat Anggun Cik Tunggal and Malay Historical Tradition in an Age of Print*”
Awarded the John L. Thomas Memorial Award for best thesis in the History Department

Refereed Publications

Yow, Nicole. “Unreading the Literary: The *Hikayat Anggun Cik Tunggal* and Malay Oral Historical Tradition in an Age of Print” [forthcoming in the *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*]
De Langis, Theresa, Nicole Yow Wei, Tara Tran, and Cindy Anh Nguyen. “Feminist Trouble in Southeast Asia: An Invitation.” *Verge: Studies in Global Asias* 11, no. 1 (2025): 105–30.

Essays in Conference Proceedings

Yow, Nicole. “*Pasts Without History: Ambiguous Politics in Patani Historical Thought* (อดีตปราศจากประวัติศาสตร์: การเมืองคลุมเครือทางความคิดประวัติศาสตร์ปัตตานี).” In *Weaving Diversities in Southeast Asia: Political, Social, and Cultural Perspectives* (Proceedings from the Fifteenth Southeast Asian Studies Symposium). Bangkok: Chulalongkorn University, 2022.

Grants and Honours

Summer Language Training Grant (Council on Southeast Asia Studies, Yale University), 2025
Pre-Dissertation Research Travel Grant (Program on Early Modern Studies, Yale University), 2025
Summer Language Training Grant (Council on Southeast Asia Studies, Yale University), 2024
Singapore Teaching and Academic Research Talent (START) Award (Nanyang Technological University; Singapore Ministry of Education), 2023
Best Southeast Asia Paper at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa School of Asian and Pacific Studies Graduate Conference 2022 (University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Center for Southeast Asian Studies), 2022
John L. Thomas Memorial Award for Best Thesis (Brown University History Department), 2021
Cogut Institute for the Humanities Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Brown University, 2020-21
Royce Fellowship, Swearer Center for Engaged Scholarship, Brown University, 2020-21
Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Research and Teaching Awards (UTRA), Brown University, 2019

Presentations (selected)

“Sea Speak: The Perpetual Exile of the Self in Malay Dagang Poetry.” Presented at Negotiation in the Early Modern World. New Haven, CT, October 11, 2025.
“A Fable of Debt: The Hikayat Nakhoda Muda and Self-Sufficiency in Eighteenth-Century Sumatra.” Presented at Flows and Currents in South East Asia: SOAS South East Asia Studies Graduate Conference 2025. London, United Kingdom, July 4, 2025.
“Troubling Narratives through Feminist Practice: Working through the Methods and Ethics of Memory Research in Southeast Asian Studies.” Presented at the Association for Asian Studies in Asia (AAS-in Asia) Conference 2024. Daegu, South Korea, June 26, 2023.

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- “Pasts Without History: Ambiguous Politics in Patani Historical Thought.” Presented at the Chulalongkorn University Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference 2022. Bangkok, Thailand, November 18, 2022. Online.
- “Melaka is Minangkabau: The Oral Historical Poetics of Early Modern and Modern Malay Regional Political Thought.” Presented at the American Comparative Literature Association Conference 2022. Taipei, Taiwan, June 15-18, 2022. Online.
- “The Invention of the ‘Literary’: Colonial Malay World Print Culture as a Cradle for Novel Indian Ocean Textual Socialities.” Presented at the Harvard Graduate Conference on International History. Cambridge, MA, April 16, 2022. Online.
- “To Unread A Hikayat: Re-centering Malay Oral Historical Tradition in an Age of Print Technology.” Presented at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa School of Asian and Pacific Studies Graduate Conference. Mānoa, HI, April 6, 2022. Online.
- “Melaka is Minangkabau: Malay Oral Historical Poetics in the *Hikayat Anggun Cik Tunggal* and the Making of an Early Malay Regionalism.” Presented at the 24th Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference. Ithaca, NY, March 11-13, 2022. Online.

Conference and Panel Organisation (selected)

- Co-Organiser, Harvard-Yale Southeast Asia Studies Graduate Conference, 29-30 March, 2024. Sponsored by the Harvard University Asia Center and the Council for Southeast Asia Studies at Yale University.
- Co-Organiser and Facilitator, “Crossing Boundaries, An Unconference: Building Southeast Asian Studies at Brown,” Brown University, 20 November, 2019. Sponsored by the Southeast Asian Studies Initiative.
- Co-Organiser, Southeast Asian Student Undergraduate Research Symposium, Brown University, 3 May, 2019. Sponsored by the Southeast Asian Studies Initiative and the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs.
- Co-Organiser, “Southeast Asian Studies Symposium: Building and Engaging Southeast Asian (American) Studies,” Brown University, 10 November, 2018. Sponsored by the Southeast Asian Studies Initiative, the Brown-RISD Vietnamese Students Association, the Brown University Department of History, the Brown University Program in International Relations, the Cogut Institute for the Humanities, the Brown University Undergraduate Council of Students, and the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs.