

# PENELOPE GIA BAO HUU NGUYEN

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## EDUCATION

- PhD University of Sheffield (Sheffield, UK), Digital Humanities** Oct 2024 – present  
*Project:* Keywords as Zeitgeist: Looking for
- MA Purdue University (Indiana, USA), Linguistics** Jan 2022 – Dec 2023  
*Thesis:* How to be impolite with emojis: A corpus analysis of Vietnamese social media posts  
*GPA:* 4.00/4.00
- BA Can Tho University (Can Tho, Vietnam), English Studies** Sep 2014 – Jul 2018  
*Thesis:* Criticism response in ESL: A case of English majors at Ly Tu Trong High School for the Gifted  
*GPA:* 3.90/4.00; Valedictorian

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Department of Linguistics, Purdue University, IN, USA** Jan 2022 – Dec 2023  
Research assistant to Dr. Atsushi Fukada and Dr. Lori Czerwionka
- Coded and analyzed quantitative data
  - Collaborated with researchers from another department (Engineering Education) with different cultural backgrounds
  - Co-authored 01 conference paper
- Center for Foreign Languages, Can Tho University, Vietnam** Jul 2018 – Dec 2020  
English Language teacher, Academic Affairs Division
- Oversaw the IELTS tutoring program: consult learners on academic affairs, make class arrangements, organize IELTS mock tests, track learners' progress
  - Administered extra-curricular activities, outreach programs and summer courses
  - Taught IELTS courses, from basic to advanced level
  - Assisted international affairs, mostly related to foreign teachers' documentation and visa applications
- Kim Dong Publishing House, Alpha Books, Zzz Review, Huy Hoang, etc.** Nov 2018 – present  
Freelance translator
- (English - Vietnamese): *Bad Blood* (Máu bắ) by John Carreyrou; *Tribes* (Bộ lạc) by Seth Godin. *Tuesdays with Morrie* (Những ngày thứ Ba với Morrie) by Mitch Albom; *West with Giraffes* (Phía Tây có đàn hươu cao cổ) by Lynda Rutledge; *The Call of the Wild* (Tiếng gọi của hoang dã) by Jack London
- Private tutor, Can Tho City, Vietnam** Jun 2015 – Dec 2021
- IELTS preparation, advanced level

## PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCES & TALKS

- Nguyen, P. G. B. H. (2025). *Connecting the dots: Creating a diachronic profile of a discursive concept using corpus linguistic measures and lexicographical references*. Emerging Digital Methodologies Conference, Oxford, UK.

- Nguyen, P. G. B. H. (2025). *Religion and rapport: Rethinking impoliteness in the Vietnamese social media through a Buddhist perspective*. 19th International Pragmatics Conference, Brisbane, Australia.
- Nguyen, P. G. B. H. & Czerwionka, L. (2024).** *The effect of emojis on attitudes towards the emoji sender: An age and gender analysis of Vietnamese Facebook Messenger users*. 6th International Conference of the American Pragmatics Association, St. Petersburg, Florida.
- Nguyen, Gia Bao Huu (2023). How to be impolite with emojis: A corpus analysis of Vietnamese social media posts. Purdue University Graduate School. Thesis.  
<https://doi.org/10.25394/PGS.24581637.v1>  
[Presentation deck](#)
- Czerwionka, L., Davis, K., Joshi, S., **Nguyen, P.**, & Ríos Rojas, G. (2023). *Development of socio-technical thinking in a humanities-informed engineering course: Treatment versus control groups*. 26th Annual Colloquium on International Engineering Education, Alexandria, VA, United States.
- Nguyen, H. G. B. & Phan, V. T. (2018).** Boosting student confidence through English club activities. In Laws, K., Harbon, L., & Wescombe, C. (Eds.). *Supporting professional learning in Southeast Asian universities through DEPIA* (pp. 168-173). Phranakhon Rajabhat University, Thailand for DEPIA. (DEPIA Monograph no. 5)

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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| <b>Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks</b>  | Oct 2024 – Dec 2027  |
| Full sponsorship for the PhD program at the Digital Humanities Institute, University of Sheffield, <a href="#">CASCADE network</a>  |                      |
| <b>Fulbright Foreign Student Scholarship</b> , US Dept. of State  | Jan 2022 – Dec 2023  |
| Full sponsorship for the MA Linguistics program at Purdue University  |                      |
| <b>PROMISE Award</b> , College of Liberal Arts, Purdue  | Jul 2022 – June 2023 |
| \$1,500 sponsorship for international research (IRB-2022-593)   |                      |
| <b>US Alumni Small Grant</b> , US Embassy in Ha Noi, Vietnam  | Jun 2022 – Mar 2023  |
| Co-founder, project <i>Youth in Science Vietnam</i>   |                      |
| <b>Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) International Educators Fellowship</b> , DKG   | Jan 2022 – May 2023  |
| Women educator grantee, worth of \$5,000  |                      |
| <b>Graduate Research Assistantship</b> , Department of Linguistics, Purdue  | Jan 2022 – Dec 2023  |
| Tuition remission & stipend, worth of \$47,520/ academic year   |                      |
| <b>TEDxCanThoUniversity 2020</b>  | Aug 2020             |
| TEDx Speaker. " <a href="#">My love-hate relationship with the comfort zone.</a> "  |                      |
| <b>National Undergraduate Research Award</b> , Second Prize   | Dec 2017             |
| Nguyen, Gia Bao Huu (2017). Boosting student confidence through Can Tho University English club activities: An action research. In <i>National Undergraduate Research Contest proceedings</i> . ISBN: 978-604-73-5726-0 |                      |
| <b>Undergraduate Research Grant</b> , Can Tho University  | Aug 2015 – Aug 2016  |
| For research expenses (~\$500) and conference presentation (~\$370)   |                      |

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND EXTRA-CURRICULARS

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| <b>Youth in Science Vietnam, Co-founder</b>  | Jun 2022 – Mar 2023 |
| Alleviated research capacities for 40 Vietnamese youngsters with a free workshop series<br><a href="#">Lecture: Plagiarism and Citation Management Softwares</a><br><a href="#">Website</a> , <a href="#">Facebook</a> , <a href="#">YouTube</a> |                     |

**Purdue Fulbright Association, Vice President/ Board Member**

Jan 2022 – Jan 2023

**Give It Back Project, Mentor**

Aug 2021 – Dec 2022

Provided students with free personal and professional development mentorship

**Can Tho University English Club, Founder/ President**

Feb 2016 – May 2018

Led the largest English learning community at Can Tho University

## SKILLS

Programming languages: Python, R

Languages: Vietnamese (native), English (IELTS Band 8.5 - C2), French (DEL F B1), Spanish (basic)

Teaching certificates: Foundations in College Teaching ([Certificate](#)), TESOL ([Certificate](#))

Research ethics training: [US] CITI training ([Certificates](#)), [UK] Research Integrity ([Certificate](#))

## REFERENCES

**Dr. Seth Mehl (PhD Primary supervisor)**

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