

# Virak Chan

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Curriculum Vitae  
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## Education

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Ph.D.	<i>University of Texas at San Antonio</i> Culture, Language and Literacy	2016
M.A.	<i>San Jose State University, California</i> Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	2008
Grad. Dip.	<i>Regional Language Center, Singapore</i> Applied Linguistics	2003
B.Ed.	<i>Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia</i> Teaching English as a Foreign Language	2001

## Work Experience

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### Professional Experience

Aug 2019-Present	<b>Clinical Assistant Professor in Literacy &amp; Language</b> Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana
May-June 2019	<b>Co-leader</b> Education Maymester in Cambodia, a study abroad program administered by Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana
2017-May 2019	<b>Visiting Assistant Professor in Literacy &amp; Language</b> Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana
2016-2017	<b>Lecturer</b>

Department of Bi-cultural, Bilingual Studies, University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas  
Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education, Purdue University, Indiana

- Summer 2015      **Curriculum Developer**  
ESL services, University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas
- 2014 - 2016      **Instructor of Record**  
Department of Bicultural and Bilingual Studies, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
- Summer 2014, 2016      **Visiting Lecturer**  
English Department, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- 2013 - 2014      **University Teaching Fellow**  
Faculty Center, University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas
- 2012 - 2013      **Teaching Assistant**  
Department of Bicultural and Bilingual Studies, University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas
- 2010 - 2012      **Teacher Trainer and Lecturer**  
Institute of Foreign Languages, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- 2008 - 2010      **M.A. Program Coordinator**  
Institute of Foreign Languages, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- Spring 2008      **Adult ESL Teacher**  
San Jose City College, California
- Spring 2007      **Researcher with Mr. John Leih and Mr. Kristjan Bondeson**  
Research project "Effectiveness of online calibrated peer review" at the Language Development Center, San Jose State University, California
- 2001 - 2006      **Teacher Trainer and Lecturer**  
Institute of Foreign Languages, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- November 2004      **Translator and Interpreter (English/Khmer)**

7<sup>th</sup> Socio-cultural Research Congress, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia

1999 - 2001      **ESL teacher**  
Newton Thilay Institute, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

March 2000      **English-Khmer-English Translator and Interpreter**  
Suzuki Training Workshop for Cambodian Technicians,  
O.M.C Company, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

## Teaching

### Teaching Interests

ESL teaching methodology, teaching linguistically and culturally diverse students, assessment, technology, research methods, language policy, education policy

### Courses Taught

#### Graduate

##### Purdue University (Spring 2017 - Present)

EDCI 55700    Assessment of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students (Online mode)

EDCI 51900    Teaching English Language Learners (Online mode)

EDCI 55900    Academic Language and Content Area Learning for English Language Learners (Online mode)

EDCI 52600    Language Study for Educators (Online mode)

EDCI 53000    English Language Development (Online mode)

##### University of Texas at San Antonio (2012 - Spring 2017)

ESL 5003      Linguistics for Second Language

EIS 1193      Advanced English for Academic Purpose II

##### Royal University of Phnom Penh (2008 - 2012, Summer 2014)

EDP 601      Seminar in Action Research in Reading and Writing

EDP 643      Research Report Writing

EDP 515      Academic Writing for Graduate Students

EDP 502      Advance English Grammar

#### Undergraduate

##### Purdue University (Spring 2018-present)

EDCI 37001    Teaching English Language Learners in the Elementary School

##### University of Texas at San Antonio (2012 - 2017)

ESL 4013 Principles of First and Second Language Acquisition  
ESL 3033 Foundations for English as a Second Language  
EIS 1093 Content-Based Writing  
EIS 1083 English for Academic Purposes I  
ESL 3023 Second Language Learning and Teaching (EC-6)  
AIS 1203 Academic Inquiry and Scholarship

San Jose City College, California (Spring 2008)

ESL 323 Reading and Vocabulary Development

Royal University of Phnom Penh (2001 – 2006)

FE 401 Foundations of Education 1  
FE 402 Foundations of Education 2  
TP 402 Teaching Practicum for Secondary Education  
CE 201 Core English 1  
CE 202 Core English 2  
WS 201 Writing Skills 1  
WS 202 Writing Skills 2  
Preparation course for the TOEFL  
English for Finance and Banking

Newton Thilay Institute (1999 – 2001)

General English Elementary to Advance  
(Children to young adults)

**Directed Doctoral Student Learning**

Sung Ae, Kim  
Fang, Gao  
Taejung, Ma

**Publications**

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Wright, W. E. & Chan, V. (In Press). Khmer Language in Greater Los Angeles. In Claire, C. (Ed). *Multilingual in La La Land*. U.S.: Routledge.

Wright, W. E. & Chan, V. (In Press). Multilingualism in North America. In Montanari, S. & Quay, S. (Eds). *Multidisciplinary perspective on multilingualism*. U.S.: De Gruyter

Chan, V. (2018). The linguistic landscape of a Cambodia Town in Lowell, Massachusetts. *Journal of Southeast Asian American Education and Advancement*, 13(1). doi:10.7771/2153-8999.1137

- Chan, V. and Henderson, K. 2018. Effective Classroom Strategies Toward Decolonizing ELT Practices: Implications for Postmethod Pedagogy. The TESOL Encyclopedia of English Language Teaching. 1–6.
- Chan, V. (2018) Refugee resettlement in the United States: Language, policy, pedagogy, by Feuerherm, E.M. & Ramanathan, V. (Eds.), *Journal of Language, Identity & Education*, 17:1, 63-64, DOI:10.1080/15348458.2017.1347386
- Chan, V. (August, 2016). *Medium-of-instruction policy in Cambodia higher education*. (Ph.D. Dissertation), University of Texas at San Antonio, ProQuest.
- Chan, V. (2015). Integrating social awareness through reading and writing: A classroom action research. *Language Education in Asia*, 5(2), 216-227. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5746/LEiA/14/V5/I2/A04/Chan>
- Chan, V. (2013). Book review of J. W. Tollefson (2013) (Ed.), *Language policies in education: Critical issues* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Malden, MA: Routledge). *RELC Journal*, 44. Available: <http://rel.sagepub.com/content/44/2/254.1>
- Chan, V. (2010). Networking event with academic institutions in Phnom Penh. *FAAC NEWSLETTER*, 8(2). Available at [http://photos.state.gov/libraries/cambodia/231771/PDFs/faac\\_newsletter\\_vol2\\_issue\\_8.pdf](http://photos.state.gov/libraries/cambodia/231771/PDFs/faac_newsletter_vol2_issue_8.pdf)
- Chan, V. (2009). After Siam Reap – Lecture series in Preah Sihanouk province. *FAAC NEWSLETTER*, 1(2). Available at [http://photos.state.gov/libraries/cambodia/231771/PDFs/faac\\_newsletter\\_vol1\\_issue2.pdf](http://photos.state.gov/libraries/cambodia/231771/PDFs/faac_newsletter_vol1_issue2.pdf)
- Chan, V. (2007). Book review T. Clayton (2006), *Language choice in a nation under transition: English language spread in Cambodia* (New York, NY: Springer). *RELC Journal*, 38. Available: <http://intl-rel.sagepub.com/content/38/2.toc>

## Research in Progress

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- Chan, V. A linguistic landscape in a Cambodia Town in Long Beach, California.
- Chan, V. Cambodia's Medium-of-instruction policy in the context of regionalization and globalization.
- Wright, W. E. & Chan, V. Khmer heritage language retention and loss of Cambodian American students.

## Professional Presentations & Interviews

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### **Translanguaging in Action**

Presenter at Texas Language Education Research Conference, University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas.  
October 4-5, 2019

### **Translanguaging in Action**

Presenter at the Nevada TESOL International Conference, Nevada State College, Nevada  
September 6-7, 2019

### **Study of Linguistic landscape in a Cambodia Town in the US**

Guest speaker at the Lunch & Learn Series at Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC), Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana  
February 14, 2019

### **Promoting Social Awareness through Journal Writing**

Presenter at the Eighth CLS International Conference, National University of Singapore, Singapore  
December 6-8, 2018

### **Translanguaging practice in a Cambodian classroom**

Presenter at the 2018 INTESOL Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana  
December 1, 2018

### **Language Choice: Super-structure vs Agency**

Presenter at the First International Conference on Literacy, Culture, and Language Education, Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana  
October 5-7, 2018

### **Conditioned Language Ecology: A framework for studying language policies**

Presenter at Texas Language Education Research Conference, University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas.  
September 28-29, 2018

### **Analyzing medium-of-instruction policy: The case of Cambodia Higher Education**

Presenter at the research seminar, Purdue University, Indiana.  
March 9, 2018

### **Translanguaging in EFL/ESL Contexts and Second Language Education**

Panelist at the 2018 PLLS conference, Purdue University, Indiana.

March 2-4, 2018

**Educational equity and English as a medium of instruction: a Cambodian Case Study**

Presenter at the 2017 VietTESOL conference, Hanoi, Vietnam.  
December 7-8, 2017

**Bilingualism and multilingualism in higher education in Cambodia**

Guest speaker in a Ph.D. seminar course in Bilingualism and Multilingualism, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana  
November 15, 2017

**Language in content: A genre approach**

Presenter at the 2017 INTESOL conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
November 11, 2017

**Medium-of-Instruction policies in higher education in Cambodia**

Presenter at the 2017 conference of the International Society for Language Studies, Manoa, Hawai'i.  
June 15-17, 2017

**A textual and contextual analysis of Cambodia's language policies**

Presenter at the 2017 conference of the American Association for Applied Linguistics, Portland, Oregon.  
March 18-21, 2017

**A critical examination of the medium-of-instruction policy in Cambodian higher educations**

Presenter at the 2016 conference of the American Association for Applied Linguistics, Orlando, Florida.  
April 9-12, 2016

**Integrating reading and writing in English for International Students courses**

Presenter at the Texas Language Education Research Conference, San Antonio, Texas.  
February 19-20, 2016

**Resettlement and Challenges**

Invited speaker at the event "Remembering the past and welcoming the future: 40 years since the killing fields," North Seattle Community College, Seattle, Washington.  
August 29, 2015

**Language policy for higher education in Cambodia**

Invited guest on a 30-minute call-in live radio program broadcasted in Cambodia. Link to the article and embedded program:  
<http://www.voacambodia.com/content/language-expert-warns-against-loss-of-identity-under-globalization/2834297.html>  
Voice of America: Khmer Radio, Washington D.C.  
June 16, 2015

**The Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP): Overview and potential application for Cambodia**

Featured speaker at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual CamTESOL Conference, Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
Feb 28-March 1, 2015

**Applying a genre-based theory in a writing classroom**

Presenter at the 16<sup>th</sup> Texas Foreign Languages Education Conference, San Antonio, Texas  
February 20-21, 2015

**Tips on TOEFL training**

Presenter at a professional development workshop for instructors at ESL services, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas  
August 21, 2014

**Linguistic landscape in a Cambodia Town, Lowell, Massachusetts**

Presenter at the International Society for Language Studies 2014 Conference, Akita International University, Japan  
June 13-15, 2014

**Khmer Oral Language Proficiency of Cambodian American Students**

Co-presenter at the 2014 conference of the American Association for Applied Linguistics, Portland, Oregon  
March 22-25, 2014

**The role of Khmer language and its contact with English in a Cambodia Town, Lowell, Massachusetts**

Presenter at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Khmer Studies Forum, Ohio University, Ohio  
March 14-16, 2014

**Integrating social awareness in writing class at a university in Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

Presenter at the International Society for Language Studies 2013 Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico  
June 2013

### **Assessing students' motivation and outcomes in online peer-review**

A co-presenter at the 38<sup>th</sup> CATESOL Annual State Conference, San Diego, California  
April 2007

### **Towards more genre-based writing**

A presenter at the 2<sup>nd</sup> CamTESOL Conference, Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
February 2006

### **Peer correction of spoken language**

A presenter at the CamTESOL Workshop, Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
September 2004

## **Other Professional Development Activities**

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### **Representative of the Cambodian RELC alumni**

RELC International Seminar, Singapore  
November 2003, April 2006, April 2010

### **Cambodian Student Representative**

Fulbright Enrichment Seminar, Washington D.C.  
February 2007

### **Cambodian Student Representative**

Fulbright Preacademic Program, Mississippi State University, Mississippi  
July-August 2006

### **Cambodian Debater Representative**

2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Inter-Varsity Environmental Debate,  
ASEAN Varsity Debating Championship  
AustralAsian Inter-Varsity Debating Championship  
September 2000, July 2001

## **Awards and Grants**

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### **Exploratory SAIL Grant**

Purdue University  
June-July, 2018

### **ISLS Travel Grant**

The International Society for Language Studies Conference  
June 15-18, 2017

### **Graduate Student Award**

The American Association of Applied Linguistics Conference

April 9-12, 2016

**Doctoral Dissertation Grant**

The International Research Foundation for English Language Education (TIRF)  
2015-2016

**Teaching Assistantship**

College of Education, Department of Bicultural-Bilingual Studies  
University of Texas at San Antonio  
August 2014-August 2016

**University Teaching Fellow**, University of Texas at San Antonio, Teaching and Learning Center, San Antonio, Texas  
August 2013-July 2014

**Teaching Assistantship** in a Ph.D in Culture, Language and Literacy from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), Texas  
August 2012-July 2013

**The Doris Yankley Memorial Scholarship**, an award in recognition of exemplary Academic Achievement in the Department of Linguistics and Language Development, San Jose State University, California  
May 2007, 2008

**The Rick Sullivan Stipend Award**, an award to the CATESOL members for their outstanding contributions to the field of English language learning, CATESOL state conference, San Diego, California  
April 2007

**Fulbright scholarship** for the M.A TESOL program at San Jose State University, California  
July 2006-May 2008

**SEAMEO scholarship** for a Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics at the Regional Language Centre, Singapore  
July-November 2003

**Cambodian government scholarship** for a B.Ed TEFL at the Institute of Foreign Languages, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.  
September 1997-July 2001

## Services

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**Member, Editorial Review Board**

*Journal of Southeast Asian American Education and Advancement*

August, 2016-present

**CamTESOL Research Grant Selection Committee Member**

2017, 2018, 2019

**Reviewer, Journal article**

Language Policy

September, 2016-2017

**Organizing Committee Member**

Texas Language Education Research Conference 2016

September, 2015-August, 2016

**Reviewer, Conference Proposals**

American Association for Applied Linguistics 2015 Annual Conference

*Reviewed conference proposal abstracts for the Bilingual, Immersion, Heritage, and Minority Education Strand*

September, 2014

**Member, Editorial Review Board**

*Language Education in Asia (LEiA) Journal*

2014-2017

**Reviewer, Conference Proposals**

American Association for Applied Linguistics 2014 Annual Conference

*Reviewed conference proposal abstracts for the Bilingual, Immersion, Heritage, and Minority Education Strand*

November, 2013

**Doctoral Student Editorial Review Board**

*Journal of Southeast Asian American Education and Advancement*

October, 2012-August, 2016

**English Language Learner Tutor**

Mead Elementary School, San Antonio, Texas

*Provided weekly tutoring assistance to a ELL student through the Communities in Schools program*

October-December 2012

**Debate Club Manager**

*Coordinated the training of debaters at the university and organizing student-led community work at the Institute of Foreign Languages, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia*

June 2009-July 2010

**Member of the Fulbright Alumni Association of Cambodia (FAAC)**

*Organized public lectures at different higher institutions and assisted Cambodian students in the preparation for the exchange programs funded by the U.S government, Phnom Penh, Cambodia*

November 2008-June 2012

**Vice-president in TESOL**, the Student Association of the Linguistics and Language Development Department

*Organized social gathering events, symposiums and graduations for students of the Department, San Jose State University, California*

June 2007-May 2008

**Volunteer**, the CATESOL Conference 2007

*Registered participant in the conference, San Diego, California*  
April, 2007

**LANGUAGES**

Khmer	Native
English	Excellent
Mandarin	Fair