

# COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE: WELCOMING REFUGEES TO THE UNITED STATES, THEN AND NOW

Between 1975 to 1992, almost two million Vietnamese risked their lives to flee oppression and hardship after the Vietnam War. Escaping by boat, while many were captured or did not survive the journey, many found freedom in other countries including Indonesia, Thailand, Hong Kong, Malaysia, the Philippines, while others were resettled in the United States, Canada, Italy, Australia, France, or the United Kingdom in refugee camps. This population of people are known as the 'Vietnamese Boat People'.

Please join us in welcoming speakers while they share their family stories, art, food, and more!



**Tuesday, February 11, 2025**



**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM EST**



**In-Person at George Mason University, Fairfax Camps, Merten Hall, Room #1201**

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