In 1796, Father Philphe Binh and three companions set sail from Tonkin via Macau for the Portuguese capital, Lisbon. Their mission? To persuade the Portuguese ruler, Prince Regent Dom João, to invoke his papally granted authority to appoint a bishop to their homeland. This presentation, based on Prof. Dutton’s recently published book, *A Vietnamese Moses* (UC Press, 2017) explores the background to their unlikely mission to Europe, and the ways in which it revealed persistent linkages between the Vietnamese Catholic world and the Portuguese realm. Products of Portuguese Jesuit missionary initiatives that began in the early 1600s, these men represented a community whose roots lay in a particular Christian tradition, one they sought to preserve even as the Portuguese presence in Vietnam faded, and the Jesuits were disbanded. Father Binh would spend the rest of his life in Lisbon, pursuing his mission but also adapting to his new home, and leaving a remarkable written legacy that reflected his deep commitment to Vietnamese Catholicism and the Jesuit Order from which it stemmed.