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GUAVA Newsletter

President's Message

Season's Greetings!

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well, safe, in good health and spirit.

I'm very proud to introduce you to our first GUAVA Newsletter! When we revealed our new and beautiful website in July 2021, our aim for the website was – and is to serve as one of major resource centers for language instructors and teaching professionals, educators and students alike who are interested in Vietnamese language teaching and learning. We also have a new Board, besides myself, our GUAVA team consists of Chung Nguyen of Columbia University, as our Executive Secretary and Huy Phung of the University of Hawaii, as our webmaster and newsletter editor.

While our website is still evolving, the new GUAVA Board decided to take a bold step to create the GUAVA Newsletter as a way to interact and engage with our members. We hope that you will see that the newsletter is both an intellectual and social space to celebrate our professional and personal achievements. As you browse through this first issue, you will see news and updates, announcements and highlights from our colleagues. We especially would like to invite you to visit the two featured articles from Lê Thị Vinh Hoa and our very own Huy Phung. Both Hoa and Huy are doctoral candidates in Second Language Studies at the University of Hawaii.

Hoa has many wonderful ideas on how to design vocabulary lessons for online instruction, a modality that we got to know quite well from last year. Huy's article looks at extensive reading, especially by using StoryWeaver, as a way to help learners develop reading fluency and literacy in the target language. Hoa's article is in Vietnamese while Huy's in English to illustrate our intention to create a section featuring articles in both languages as a personal dialogue to connect with you all.

Our hope is to publish several issues per year, at the end of each fall and spring academic semesters. We hope you join us to share and contribute, to comment and suggest ideas on ways to improve and help keep our conversations going and stay connected!

On behalf of the GUAVA Board, we send you our warmest wishes for the season and a wonderful and prosperous, healthy New Year!

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GUAVA President
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