Performance poet Bao Phi, a two-time Minnesota Grand Slam champion and a National Poetry Slam finalist, has appeared on HBO Presents Russell Simmons Def Poetry. His first collection of poetry *Sông I Sing* was published by Coffeehouse Press (2011) and his poems and essays are widely published in numerous publications including *2006 Best American Poetry*, *Screaming Monkeys*, and *Spoken Word Revolution Redux*. He has also released several CDs of his poetry, such as the recently sold-out *Refugeography* to his newest CD, *The Nguyens EP*. Bao Phi is a fiscal year 2012 recipient of an Artist Initiative grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board and his performance at UC Irvine is made possible in part by a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature and by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

**Thursday, November 8, 2012**  
**2:00-3:20 pm**  
**Humanities Instructional Building 100**  
**University of California, Irvine**

Performance is free and open to the public.

The Hill (formerly UCI Bookstore) will have books available for sale at the event and Bao Phi will be signing books after the talk.

This event is co-sponsored by the Department of Asian American Studies, UCI Libraries Southeast Asian Archive, Vietnamese American Oral History Project at UCI, Vietnamese American Coalition, Asian Pacific Student Association, Southeast Asian Student Association, Vietnamese American Community Ambassadors - UCI Alumni Chapter, Cross Cultural Center, and The Hill/UCI Bookstore along with community co-sponsors: Vietnamese American Arts & Letters Association, Vietnamese International Film Festival, Project MotiVATE, The Cambodian Family, Orange County Asian & Pacific Islander Community Alliance, and the Asian American Studies Program at CSU Fullerton.

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