

Seadrift film

Discussion and Q&A with Directors

In 1979, a Vietnamese refugee shoots and kills a white crab fisherman at the public town docks in Seadrift, TX. What began as a dispute over fishing territory erupts into violence and ignites a maelstrom of boat burnings, KKK intimidation, and other hostilities against Vietnamese refugees along the Gulf Coast.

Set during the early days of Vietnamese arrival in the U.S., SEADRIFT is a feature documentary that examines the circumstances that led up to the shooting and its dramatic aftermath, and reveals the unexpected consequences that continue to reverberate today.

Please RSVP for a free link to view the film, which will be available one week before the Q&A event on October 22nd.

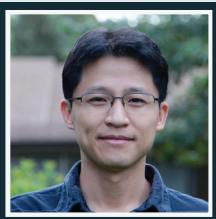
— Thursday, October 22, 5:00-6:30pm —

Chair: **Emily Brady** (Glasscock Center/Philosophy, Texas A&M)
Tim Tsai, *Seadrift* Director
Thao Ha, *Seadrift* Associate Director and Professor of Sociology, MiraCosta College

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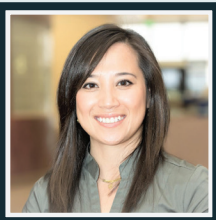


Featured Speakers



Tim Tsai, Director

Tim is a Taiwanese American filmmaker whose past work includes directing a short doc series on early Chinese Texans for Austin PBS and editing the "pure cinema" film YAKONA (SXSW '14) about the San Marcos River. He holds an MFA in film production from UT Austin and is a Firelight Media Doc Labs alum and the former Executive Director of the Austin Asian American Film Festival. "Seadrift" is his feature directorial debut.



Dr. Thao Ha, Associate Director

Dr. Thao Ha is a Vietnamese refugee and professor of Sociology at MiraCosta College. She earned her doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin. She's published in the areas of race, immigration, and Vietnamese Americans in the South. Her current project is focused on Vietnamese American incarceration. She serves on the Board of the Vietnamese American Arts and Letters Association, the Oceanside Promise, and the Asian Culture and Media Alliance.

