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LCC TO HOST *GREAT MICHIGAN READ* AUTHOR

Bich Minh Nguyen to read, sign copies of memoir

LANSING – Lansing Community College will host a reading and book signing by Bich Minh Nguyen, author of *Stealing Buddha's Dinner*, a memoir of the Vietnamese immigrant experience of growing up in Michigan, at **2:00 PM, Friday, October 16, 2009, at Dart Auditorium, 500 North Capitol Avenue**. The book has been selected by the Michigan Humanities Council as the 2009-2010 *Great Michigan Read*. The program is free and open to the public.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for people across the state to learn more about Michigan, its history, its cultural tradition and our society,” said Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt, LCC Provost. “We are always supportive of activities that encourage Michiganders to read, and especially to read books with such a rich first-hand account of cultural diversity in our state.”

Stealing Buddha's Dinner chronicles author Nguyen's experience as a young Vietnamese immigrant coming of age in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the 1980s and her attempts to fit in with American children. It is a poignant and sometimes painful, first-hand account of dealing with issues of identity, immigration and assimilation and the role that food and popular culture played in Nguyen's life.

The Lansing Community College event is part of a five-city statewide tour, including Grand Rapids, Lansing, Metro Detroit, Midland and Traverse City. Leading sponsors of the 2009-2010 *Great Michigan Read* include Meijer, Public Policy Associates, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The book and accompanying reader's guide is available at Meijers, your local library, or bookstores across the state. *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* discussion groups are accessible on Facebook and twitter pages.

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/mihumanities>
You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/michiganhumanities>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Michigan-Humanities-Council/89358056346?ref=ts>

For more information about *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* and the *Great Michigan Read*, visit www.michiganhumanitiescouncil.org.

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Lansing Community College is Michigan's third largest community college with more than 32,000 students attending each year. The College has more than 240 degree and certificate programs. LCC offers courses in ***general education*** for those interested in transferring to a four-year institution, ***career and workforce development***, ***developmental education*** and ***personal enrichment***. To meet the professional development and training needs of regional employees, the college offers customized programs for credit, non-credit and continuing education. The University Center at LCC offers students the opportunity to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from six partner universities on the downtown LCC campus. For more information, visit www.lcc.edu.