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Niem-Trung L. Tra, daughter of Thong and Helen V. Tra, was born on April 14, 1975 in Saigon, Vietnam. Her family immigrated to the United States of America in June 1980, later obtained citizenship. She grew up in Arlington, VA and attended college at Virginia Tech, where she received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering. This work represents the completion of her M.S. in the Operations Research option.

As an undergraduate student she was an active member of the student chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineering and attended many of the Regional Conferences and participated in the club sponsored co-ed sports. Ms. Tra was also the Vice President of Alpha Pi Mu, the Industrial Engineering honor society, and the Treasurer of the student chapter of Circle K International, a service club. Aside from being active in extracurricular activities, she participated in the Co-operative Education Program, a rotational program between work and school to gain work experience confirm her interest in Industrial and Systems Engineering. Ms. Tra completed three co-op rotations with USAir's Operations Research Department. Prior to starting graduate school, she interned with Vector Research Incorporated.

Ms. Tra is currently working for CALEB Technologies, located in Austin, TX, as an Operations Research Analyst.