

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Breaking new ground: NIU English Department chair Amy Levin, right, is just back from a month in Myanmar as the first U.S. Fulbright Scholar in a public university in that country in almost thirty years. While there, she presented to a Muslim women's empowerment group, gave a Black History Month lecture, and heard Desmond Tutu speak. She'll discuss her entire experience in a lecture this week "Teaching Hamlet in Myanmar," from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Thursday, **April 4**, in Reavis 211.

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Help CSEAS grow for the next 50

The next half-century for Southeast Asian Studies at NIU will offer exciting opportunities for teaching and learning about this rising region of the world. To keep NIU's program strong, consider making a donation to CSEAS through the NIU Foundation. To contribute by phone or by mail, go to the [How to Make a Gift](#) section of the NIU Foundation website. To make a gift online, go to the [Make a Gift Now](#) section. Click on "Make a Gift Now." Within the pop-up box, designate your gift by selecting "a specific area," then "university wide programs," then "Center for Southeast Asian Studies." **All gifts, large and small, are greatly appreciated.**

1. This week's lecture: Deconstructing the sarimanok by Richard Cooler



Art historian and professor emeritus Richard Cooler in his element at the 'Rarely Seen Southeast Asia' exhibit on display through May 15 at the Anthropology Museum. (CSEAS photo)

Art historian and professor emeritus Richard Cooler will present [The Emblem of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies: The Sarimanok – Hen's Teeth and a Snake Bridge to the Sun](#) at noon Friday, **April 5**, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. The sarimanok motif was chosen as the emblem for the Center for Southeast Asian Studies by the late anthropologist Donn V. Hart, a Philippine specialist, during his tenure as CSEAS director from 1971 to 1981. The varied forms of the emblem have held a profound meaning for the people of Southeast Asia for more than a millennium. The Center's adoption of the ancient motif symbolizes prosperity and fertility as used by animists, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, and Christians in both mainland and island Southeast Asia. Cooler will trace the forms and meaning of the motif from early animist beginnings. **A "sarimanok" cake has been ordered for the occasion; please join us to celebrate this symbolic aspect of the Center's 50-year heritage.** To order an

Indonesian lunch, please submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at [CSEAS Brown Bag Lunch Order](#). Orders must be cancelled online by 10 a.m. Friday. Cost is \$5 for students and \$6 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. For details, e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. See [spring lecture schedule](#) on CSEAS website.

2. CSEAS seeking 2013–14 teaching assistant for Southeast Asia survey course

Pending funding, CSEAS is seeking a full-time (20 hours per week) teaching assistant for its Southeast Asia survey course, ILAS 225, for the 2013-14 academic year. The class meets from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Candidates must be a graduate student with knowledge and/or experience in Southeast Asia. Previous TA experience desirable. Preference will be given to those completing a graduate concentration in Southeast Asian Studies. Send completed application, cover letter, resume, two references with contact information to CSEAS, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115; email to Office Manager Nancy Schuneman at nschunem@niu.edu; or FAX to 815-753-1776. **Deadline to apply: April 15.**

3. Summer Study Abroad in Cambodia: Apply by April 1



Ledgerwood

CSEAS Director **Judy Ledgerwood** (anthropology) will lead a four-week ethnographic field school this summer in Cambodia from **June 15 to July 13**. Focusing on the rebirth of Cambodian Buddhism, participants will study Cambodian culture, religion, and various field-study methods, including surveys, interviews and observation. A collaborative project



with the Royal University of Fine Arts (RUFA) in Phnom Penh, the field school is open to both RUFA and American students from NIU and other U.S. institutions. Advanced undergraduate students or graduate students from all majors and colleges are welcome to apply. More details and online link to apply are available through [NIU Study Abroad](#). **Deadline to apply: April 1.** Three to six hours of undergraduate or graduate credit will be awarded for satisfactory participation in the program. For details, email Ledgerwood at jledgerw@niu.edu. For information and applications, contact the Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu.

4. Summer Study Abroad in Indonesia: Apply April 1



Shibata

CSEAS affiliate Tomoyuki Shibata, assistant professor in NIU's Public Health Program and the Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability & Energy, is leading [Global Health, Environments, and Cultures in Indonesia](#), a three-week program to South Sulawesi, Indonesia **June 2–22**. Participants



will have to opportunity to establish their own academic goals while investigating the effects of different Indonesian environments (natural, living, and working) on human health. The program is being offered in collaboration with Hasanuddin University in Makassar. **Deadline to apply: April 1.** Undergraduate and graduate students from all majors and colleges are welcome to apply. Three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit will be awarded for satisfactory participation in the program. For details, see the program's Facebook page at NIU Study Abroad in Indonesia, check out its [YouTube video](#), or email Shibata at tshibata@niu.edu. For information and applications, contact the Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu.

5. Finding money to study abroad: Deadlines April 1

Interested in studying abroad but don't have the funding to do so?

There are several avenues available through NIU's [Study Abroad](#) Office, such as the Provost's Travel Grant for Study Abroad. Provost travel grants range from \$500 to \$1,000. **Deadline to apply: April 1.**



For details, email niuabroad@niu.edu or call Study Abroad at 753-0700. The Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society also offers \$1,000 grants to study abroad. To apply, go to the [society website](#) for an online application. **Deadline to apply: April 1.** Winners will be announced **June 1**. For more funding ideas, see the Study Abroad [website](#).

6. Deadline April 5 for 2013–14 Thai Studies language scholarships

Undergraduates pursuing studies in Thai language, culture, history or politics are invited to apply to the NIU Thai Studies Committee for two advanced language study scholarships for the 2013–14 academic year totaling \$500 per semester, funded by the Royal Thai government's Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund at NIU. Advanced Thai language study is required. Applicants should submit one-page statement of interest, recommendations from their Thai

language instructor and another faculty member, and a transcript. **Deadline to apply: April 5.** Email applications to Chalermsee Olson (Founders Library) at eteolson@niu.edu.

7. Summer/Fall course listing up on CSEAS website

The Summer 2013/Fall 2013 SEA Studies Course Listing for courses that can be applied toward SEA studies minors/contract majors or SEA studies graduate concentrations has been posted on the [Center website](#). More on new courses being offered will be detailed in next week's bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact the center or the appropriate department.

8. UM political scientist to keynote April 13 spring student conference



Hicken

Abstracts are in and the game is on for the Southeast Asia Club's spring 2013 student conference Saturday, **April 13**. The conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 315 Altgeld Hall. The theme of this year's conference is "Growth and Development." The conference keynote speaker will be University of Michigan political scientist and Michigan Center for Southeast Asian Studies Director Allen Hicken (PhD, University of California-San Diego, 2002). Hicken's research interests are political party systems in developing democracies, particularly in Thailand and the Philippines. Best paper monetary awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers. The Thai Studies Committee will also present a monetary award for best Thai Studies paper. For conference details, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.

9. Campus notes: Student exhibit at Stevens, Fulbright Day, volunteers for SEA culture fest

Anthropology M.A. student Anthonie Tumpag is again sharing his collection of objects and artifacts in "Mending Our Unraveled Tapestry," an exhibit of material culture from the Austronesian region including Southeast Asia on display until **May 1** in the lobby of the Stevens Building. Part of Tumpag's collection was displayed previously this year in a one-day show at the Asian-American Center. Tumpag thanks Anthropology Museum Director Jennifer Kirker-Priest for her assistance. . . . If it's Tuesday, it must be Fulbright Day at NIU. Two programs for students are scheduled for **April 2**, both in the Sky Room at the Holmes Student Center. A program on national security is set for 10 a.m. A student Fulbright workshop follows at 11:30 a.m. and includes a light lunch. A Faculty Scholar Program will be held at 4 p.m., also in the Sky Room. . . . The Southeast Asia Club is looking for volunteers to participate in its **April 20** Southeast Asia Culture Festival, planned for 4 to 6 p.m. in the Anderson Hall gymnasium. The event will feature a roomful of family-friendly cultural activities, including music, dance, games, language lessons, and food tastings. To volunteer, email event chair Glynnis White through the club at niuseaclub@gmail.com.



10. **Save the dates:** Lectures, film, Asian American month and SEA culture fest

- **April 3:** Phi Beta Delta/University Honors Lecture Series: Nisan Chavkin, executive director of the Constitutional Rights Foundation, will present “Human Rights, ‘Open’ Questions and Democracies: Accepting the Challenges of Pluralism,” at 6:30 p.m., University Suite, Holmes Student Center.
- **April 4:** “Taste of Asia” kicks off Asian American Heritage Month sponsored by the Asian American Center at 6 p.m., Campus Recreation Building. Tereza Lee, high school music student and undocumented immigrant whose story inspired the DREAM act, will speak at 7 p.m. See Asian American Center website for complete [list](#) of activities.
- **April 12:** Political scientist Allen Hicken, University of Michigan, presents “Late to the Party: The Development of ‘Partisanship’ in Thailand,” at the CSEAS brownbag, noon, Room 110, Campus Life.
- **April 13:** Southeast Asia Student Conference, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Altgeld Room 315. Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club. Keynote speaker: Allen Hicken.
- **April 17:** 50th Anniversary Film Series, [Yes or No](#) (Thailand, 2011), 6 p.m. Room 100, Campus Life. Hosted by the Southeast Asia Club; co-sponsored by PRISM.
- **April 19:** Indonesian language specialist Ellen Rafferty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, presents “The Post-Suharto Linguistic Landscape,” at the CSEAS brownbag, noon, Room 110, Campus Life.
- **April 20:** Southeast Asia Culture Festival, 4 to 6 p.m. Anderson Hall 100 (gymnasium). Family-friendly afternoon of cultural performances, demonstrations, language lessons and light refreshments. Hosted by the Southeast Asia Club.
- **April 26:** Update on NIU’s Myanmar/Burma initiative at CSEAS brownbag, noon, Room 110, Campus Life.
- **May 1:** Last day to see “Our Unraveled Tapestry: A Celebration of Commonalities in Material Culture Amongst Insular Southeast Asia, Madagascar and Oceania” by anthropology graduate student Anthonie Tumpag, Stevens Building lobby.
- **May 15:** Last day to see 50th Anniversary exhibit, “Rarely Seen Southeast Asia: Art, Artifact, Ephemera,” curated by Richard Cooler, NIU Anthropology Museum.

11. Philippine Youth Leadership Program needs two host families

NIU’s International Training Office (ITO) is looking for two local families to act as hosts **April 21–May 3** for one pair of girls and one pair of boys participating in the 10th [Philippine Youth Leadership Program](#) (PYLP). PYLP is a U.S. State Department-funded program that brings Muslim and non-Muslim high school-age students and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and surrounding provinces in the Philippines under the auspices of the ITO. It is directed by CSEAS associates Susan Russell (Anthropology) and Lina Ong (ITO). Host families provide a bed for each participant, breakfast each day and most dinners, all meals during any weekend days at home,

Top 10 reasons to be a host family

10. You can experience a different country without going through customs
9. It beats watching “NCIS” reruns
8. You’ll be able to pick out Southeast Asia on a map
7. Your kids may start answering you in Tagalog
6. You could become an expert at making sticky rice
5. It’s something different to write about on Facebook
4. You’ll be the envy of family and friends
3. It’s a good excuse for spring cleaning
2. Your family portrait could replace the flying cornucopia as the international symbol of DeKalb County
1. **Your family will make friendships of a lifetime**

and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. An orientation for host families is set for 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, **April 16**. The weekend of **April 27–28** is a free weekend for host families to enjoy with their guests. There will be a farewell reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, **May 6**. A host family application is available [online](#). For details, see the [program website](#) or contact NIU host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or email lshive@niu.edu.



12. Burnish your resumé: Sign up for SEA Studies minor or grad concentration

Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate concentration to an advanced degree can pull a resumé up to the top of the pile. In a global marketplace, an internationally focused area of study can open more doors. To learn about NIU's Southeast Asian Studies programs, visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb at jlamb@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen at tjacobsen1@niu.edu.

13. Study at the International Criminal Court this summer

NIU Honors Program is offering an engaged-learning opportunity **June 2–14** to study international justice, conflict resolution, genocide studies, and history at The Hague in Amsterdam with CSEAS affiliate and history professor J.D. Bowers and professors from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. Provost Summer Travel Grants (up to \$2,000 for Honors students; \$1,000 for others) available; deadline to apply is **April 1**. See the [program website](#).

14. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs

Note: *Students interested in taking language or area studies abroad through non-NIU programs are advised to work through NIU's Study Abroad office, 417 Williston Hall. By doing so, students can receive NIU credit and possibly have NIU financial aid apply, in addition to receiving liability and insurance protection.*

- **Payap University 'Thailand and Her Neighbors' program, June 10–July 19**
New six-week program offered by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies combines four weeks of classes with field trips in Thailand and two final weeks at the University of Monywe in Myanmar. Classes cover Thai and ASEAN history, culture, politics, economics, art and dance, health, and religion. For details, contact Dr. Prathana Langkarpint at prathana_l@payap.ac.th.
- **Khmer Summer Abroad Program, June 24–Aug. 2**
Deadline to apply for the [Khmer Language and Culture](#) Summer Abroad Program offered by the University of Hawaii-Manoa is **April 6**. See program website or email Chhany Sak-humphry at sak@hawaii.edu. No direct funding available, but students may apply for [Gilman](#) and [Blakemore](#) scholarships.
- **Summer Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), June 21–July 31**
The San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies administers this five-week study abroad program based at the Lao-American College with private instruction from the national University of Laos. **Deadline to apply: April 1**. For details, see [program website](#).

15. Job/internships opportunities

Walailak University

- **Lecturer:** Position in PhD program in Asian Studies. Candidates should be able to speak Thai and English. **Deadline to apply: April 18.** For details about the position, contact Walailak lecturer Edwin Zehner at zehner1234@aol.com. **NEW**

National University of Singapore

- **Assistant/Associate professor:** PhD in sociology, anthropology or Malay Studies required for position specializing in Malaysian/Indonesian society, culture, socio-economic development or history. Appointment begins January 2014. **Deadline to apply: April 5.** For details, see [NUS website](#).

KITLV (Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies)

- **Junior postdoctoral researcher:** One-year position starting in August or September (with option to extend six months). Affinity with new digital tools and research methods preferred. **Deadline to apply: May 1.** For details, email KITLV Professor Henk Schulte Nordholt at schultenordholt@kitlv.nl.

Idealist.org

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. For details, see the [Idealist website](#).

16. Money for study

Institute for Indonesian Studies

- **Research grants:** \$5,750 grants available for graduate and postdoctoral students pursuing research in Indonesia. Program funded by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Forms are available at [AIFIS website](#).

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Undergraduate fellowships:** Six-week summer junior resident fellowships in Siem Reap, Cambodia, June 24–Aug. 2. Partial stipend (\$800) offered. **Deadline to apply: April 1.** See [CKS](#) website for details.

East-West Center, Hawaii

- **Graduate degree fellowships:** Funding for graduate students to participate in residential, educational and research programs for 2013 at [East-West Center](#) while pursuing degree at University of Hawaii.

University of Leeds

- **Post-graduate Thai Studies research scholarships:** Funded by Royal Thai Embassy, London, for three 2013–14 scholarships at Leeds School of Modern Languages and Cultures with six months of field work in Thailand. Begins October 2013. **Deadline to apply: July 1.** For details, see [Leeds website](#).

University of Michigan

- **Four-week library fellowship for Southeast Asian scholars:** Provides reimbursement for international airfare, research funds, stipends and housing for students affiliated with an education institution in Southeast Asia and pursuing research relevant to Southeast Asian Studies. Offered by University of Michigan CSEAS and Library. **Deadline to apply: May 31.** For details, see [UM-CSEAS website](#).

17. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **10th Northeast Conference on Indonesian Studies**, March 29–30, Yale University. Yale Indonesia Forum (YIF) and Cornell Indonesian Association invite submissions from graduate and undergraduate students. YIF will provide one night's accommodation in New Haven for presenters. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **UCLA Indonesian Studies Conference**, April 13–14, Los Angeles. Participants with accepted papers will receive funding for transport and hotel accommodations. For details, email cseas@international.ucla.edu.
- **4th International Conference on Lao Studies**, April 19–21, University of Wisconsin-Madison. See [conference website](#) or call 608-263-1755.
- **(Re)Constructions: Researching and Rethinking Asia**, April 26–27, Toronto, Canada. York Centre for Asian Research Graduate Student Conference. See [conference website](#).
- **5th South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion Conference**, May 16–19, Manila. Theme: Healing, Belief Systems, Cultures and Religions of South and Southeast Asia. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **8th International Convention for Asia Scholars (ICAS)**, June 24–27, Macao. See [conference website](#).
- **Dynamics of Religion in Southeast Asia**, June 26–29, University of Goettingen, Germany. For information, see [conference website](#).
- **7th European Association of European Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) Conference**, July 2–5, School of Social and Political Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal. For details, see [EuroSEAS website](#).
- **Indonesia Council Open Conference 2013**, July 11–12, Hobart, Tasmania. Call for papers for multi-disciplinary conference at University of Tasmania. **Deadline to submit: April 12**. See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **The Study of Southeast Asia Today: Dialogue at NUS**, Aug. 14–16, Singapore. Call for papers for this inaugural conference organized by the National University of Singapore's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Completed research as well as work in progress welcomed on topics of cultures, societies, politics and economies of SEA, past and present. **Abstracts due: April 15**. For details, email Marcel Bandur at marcel@nus.edu.sg.
- **International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD)**, Aug. 22–23, Bangkok. See [conference website](#) or email info@icird.org.
- **6th International Indonesia Forum**, Sept. 21–22, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Call for papers for this conference at Sunan Kalijaga University. **Abstracts due: March 31**. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **International Conference on Indonesian Development**, Sept 12–14, The Hague. Conference at International Institute of Social Studies, sponsored by the Indonesian Student Associations in Netherlands. Conference theme is economics and business. **Abstracts due: April 15**. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **Framing the Global**, Sept. 26–28, Bloomington, Ind. Sponsored by the Indiana University Center for the Study of Global Change and Indiana University Press. **Deadline for submissions: April 15**. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **Canadian Council on Southeast Asian Studies 2013**: Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: April 1**. For details, see [conference website](#).

- **Inter-Asian Connections IV**, Oct. 2–5, Istanbul. For details, see [conference website](#) or email interasia@ssr.org.
- **Council on Thai Studies**, Oct. 18–19, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Call for papers posted at www.thaistudies.org. Send brief abstracts including contact information and institutional affiliation to golson@niu.edu. **Deadline for abstracts: July 1; deadline to register: Sept. 20.**
- **Framing ‘Asian Studies’: Geopolitics, Institutions and Networks**, Nov. 18-19, Leiden, the Netherlands. Junior scholars encouraged to submit to this conference at the International Institute for Asian Studies. **Deadline for submission: April 30.** For details, see [conference website](#) or email Dr. Albert Tzeng at a.tzeng.ias@gmail.com.
- **Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies**, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. **Deadline for abstracts: Sept. 1.** For details, see [conference website](#) or email brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au.

18. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- The Rice Table Indonesian catering company will serve a 13-dish Indonesian meal from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, **April 7**, at Vincent, 1475 Balmoral Ave., Chicago. Tickets are \$45. See [Rice Table](#) website for details. **NEW**
- Chicago Friends of the Gamelan spring concert, featuring traditional and contemporary Javanese gamelan pieces directed by guest artistic director Midiyanto, will be held at 4 p.m. **May 4**, Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. For the second year, an original composition by Alex Yoffe will debut. Suggested donation is \$15 for adults, \$5 for students. For details, see Friends [website](#) or find the group on Facebook. **NEW**
- “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit is on display at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The [Cambodian Association of Illinois](#) also holds free Cambodian music and dance lessons.
- The Indonesian Consulate in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see consulate [website](#).

Persons with a disability who may need assistance at any CSEAS event may contact office manager Nancy Schuneman at 815-753-1771 or nschunem@niu.edu. To no longer receive this bulletin, please reply to this e-mail with a request to remove your name. Thank you.

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