

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Piyathida Serebenjapol (EdD candidate, instructional technology), who has studied Thai classical dancing for 15 years and will perform at the Southeast Asia Club's Southeast Asia Culture Festival on Saturday, talks to students at DeKalb's Tyler Elementary School after performing there in 2012. See details below.

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1. This week's lecture: The Indonesian language environment post-Suharto



Rafferty

University of Wisconsin language professor Ellen Rafferty will present "The Post-Suharto Linguistic Landscape" at noon Friday, **April 19**, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. Rafferty specializes in Indonesian language and culture, sociolinguistics, national language development, and language teaching materials and methods, including [Warung Sinema](#), an interactive website offering multimedia and listening comprehension lessons based on clips from popular Indonesia films. As cultural hegemony shifts in the post-nation state era in Indonesia, notes Rafferty, citizens are questioning long-held assumptions about language ideologies. "Paradigms are shifting away from top-down national language planning toward a bottom-up policy that respects the wishes of the people who may decide to embrace local languages and/or international languages rather than the standard national language for many contexts," she says. 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 info, e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. See complete [spring lecture schedule](#) on CSEAS website.



2. Apply by April 15 for Center's 2013-14 teaching assistantship

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. Southeast Asia Club hosts film night, culture fest this week

Southeast Asia Club members will be busy this week with two free events: a film night and a culture festival. On Wednesday, **April 17**, the group will host the last film in its 50th Anniversary Film Series, screening [Yes or No](#) (Thailand, 2011), at 6 p.m. in Room 100, Campus Life Building (co-sponsored by PRISM, which will lead a discussion afterward). On Saturday, **April 20**, the club will host a two-hour festival of

music, cultural crafts, language lessons, and Southeast Asian food from 4 to 6 p.m. "This event is different from years past because we have more interactive demonstrations on culture. Instead of the audience sitting down to watch performances,

they will be participating in different stations to gain a greater understanding of that country's culture," said organizer and music-education major Glynnis White. The event will feature cultural offerings and activities from seven Southeast Asian countries: Burma/Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. "There will also be a table representing the influence of China on Southeast Asia," White said. The festival will be



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held in Anderson Hall gymnasium on the east side of campus (Room 100). Cultural tables and demonstrations will be 4 to 5 p.m. and performing arts from 5 to 6 p.m. For info, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.

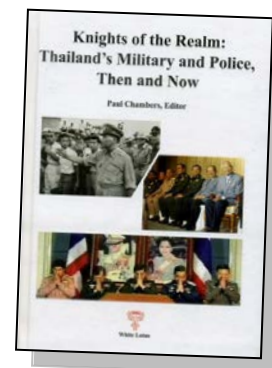
4. Student/alumni news: Poli Sci kudos; Thailand alumni book it



Loring

The Political Science department has named CSEAS graduate assistant Nicole Loring (MA/PhD student, political science) an Outstanding Graduate Student for the 2012–13 academic year. Loring's research interests are authoritarianism, regime transitions, military regimes and Myanmar/Burma. She is president of NIU's Burma Interest Group and will be going to the country as a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellow this summer. Congratulations, Nicole! A new book, *Knights of the Realm: Thailand's Military and Police, Then and Now*, features the work of three NIU

political science alumni in Thailand. Paul Chambers (PhD political science, 2003) edited and wrote the introduction to the book just published by White Lotus Books in Bangkok. Napisa Waitoolkiat (PhD political science, 2005) and Srisompob Jitpiromsri (PhD political science, 1997) contributed chapters to the volume.



5. Center associates update: Off to UW-Madison and an NIU welcome to UM's Allen Hicken

* John Hartmann (foreign languages and literatures) and Catherine Raymond (art history), and adjunct scholar Alan Potkin, will reprise their fall 2012 presentations on the Wat Pathumwanaram in Bangkok Friday at the **April 19–21** International Lao Studies Conference at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. On Saturday, Potkin will present "Missing the Boat at the Nam Phit Turbined Outfall" in a panel on Lao hydropower dams. For full conference program, see [conference website](#).

* On **April 5**, Kikue Hamayotsu (political science) was also at UW-Madison, there to give the weekly lecture for its Center for Southeast Asian Studies. Hamayotsu presented the talk she gave at the CSEAS Friday lecture a week earlier, "Testing Religious Intolerance and Quality of Democracy in Indonesia."



Give and take: Associate Danny Unger (political science), left, talks with fellow political scientist Allen Hicken (University of Michigan) after Hicken's April 12 lecture on Thai political parties. Hicken was also in town to give the keynote address for the Southeast Asia Club's spring student conference April 13. (Photo / CSEAS)

6. Summer Vietnam War course tops SEA course offerings

One summer course on the Vietnam War, HIST 469, taught by Center associate Eric Jones (History) tops the list of summer/fall Southeast Asian Studies course offerings now posted on the [Center website](#). In fall, Southeast Asia language and literature classes on the list include Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai, in addition to Chinese. Fall anthropology classes include ANTH 422/522, Gender in Southeast Asia (Judy Ledgerwood); ANTH 304/790,

Muslim Cultures in Anthropological Perspectives (Andrea Molnar); and ANTH 491/628, Current Topics in Anthropology: Religion and Cosmology in Southeast Asia (Andrea Molnar). The Geography department will offer GEOG 408/508, Tropical Environmental Hazards (Mace Bentley) and History will offer HIST 448, History of Indonesia (Eric Jones). Political Science classes include POLS 362, Politics of Developing Areas (Kheang Un) and POLS 665, Origins of Political Order (Michael Buehler). CSEAS will offer its Southeast Asia survey course, ILAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World. Students interested in learning to play gamelan may sign up for MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I, an ensemble class open to music majors and to non-music majors with School of Music consent. All of these courses can be applied toward SEA Studies minors/contract majors or graduate concentrations.

7. A festive welcome for visiting Chinese scholar Bai Xuefeng



A special rice dish prepared by Education doctoral student Rahmi Hartati was the highlight of History associate Kenton Clymer's CSEAS potluck dinner Sunday, **April 7**, at the Clymer home. The occasion was to officially welcome

visiting Chinese scholar Bai Xuefeng and his family to NIU. In Bai's honor, Hartati prepared Nasi Tumpeng, an Indonesian dish that looks like an edible temple of rice and vegetables artfully assembled with other foods on a field of banana leaves. Keeping with Indonesian tradition, Bai was invited to cut off the top portion of the largest spire of rice and present it to someone he thought deserving of the honor. Bai presented it to Kenton, who has been his host at NIU since the scholar's arrival from Xiamen, China, in March.



Above, visiting scholar Bai Xuefeng presents associate Kenton Clymer with the top tower, the honored portion, of Rahmi Hartati's Indonesian rice dish, Nasi Tumpeng, seen at upper left. (Photo / Judy Ledgerwood)

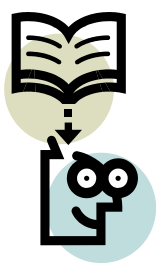
8. **Save the dates:** Lectures, film, concerts, Asian American month

- **Through May 5:** Asian American Month. See online [schedule](#) of activities.
- **April 14:** World Music Concert, 3 p.m., Boutell Memorial Concert Hall. **April 26:** Update on NIU's Myanmar/Burma initiative at CSEAS brownbag, noon, Room 110, Campus Life. Last lecture of 2012–13 series.
- **April 28:** Philippine Madrigal Singers, 7 p.m., Boutell Memorial Concert Hall.
- **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.

9. Philippine Youth Leadership Program needs two host families

NIU's International Training Office (ITO) is still 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 in the Philippines to NIU. Host families provide a bed for each participant, breakfast each day and most dinners, all meals during any weekend days at home, 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**. Applications are available [online](#). For details, see the [program website](#) or contact Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or email lshive@niu.edu.



10. 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. 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.

11. Job/internships opportunities

Asia Society

- **Career opportunities:** Internships and full- and part-time jobs posted regularly on Asia Society [website](#). **NEW**

Cascade Asia Advisors

- **Part-time senior analyst:** Seattle-based research and consulting firm seeking analyst to contribute to firm's Southeast Asia Report. PhD candidate or MA degree holder with experience living in Southeast Asia preferred. Job location negotiable. Send resume and cover letter to info@cascadeasia.com. See company [website](#) for details.

Chadron State College

- **History faculty:** Tenure-track position at this Nebraska college. **Deadline to apply: April 25**. See job listing on [H-Net](#). **NEW**

Freedom House

- **Southeast Asia intern:** Four- to six-month position open to BA in political science, international relations or Southeast Asian Studies. See [website](#) for details. **NEW**

Indoteach

- **K-12 teaching positions:** Singapore-based organization seeks native English speakers to teach wide range of subjects from math to sociology in English. Teaching credentials preferred but not required. **Apply by April 30**. See [website](#). **NEW**

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

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

Kroll Advisory Solutions

- **Full-time and part-time internships:** Immediate openings in the company's Washington, D.C., Research Center for candidates with Indonesia language and travel experience. See company [job board](#) for details.

World Health Organization

- Global public health nonprofit based in Geneva, Switzerland, encourages online applications for potential employment. See [WHO website](#). **NEW**

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.

Idealist.org

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

12. 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](#).

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](#).

13. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **4th International Conference on Lao Studies**, April 19–21, University of Wisconsin-Madison. See [conference website](#).
- **(Re)Constructions: Researching and Rethinking Asia**, April 26–27, Toronto, Canada. York Centre for Asian Research Graduate Student Conference. See [conference website](#).
- **1st International Conference on Southeast Asian Archaeology**, May 7–10, Burapha University, Thailand. For details, email spafa@seameo-spafa.org or see [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **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. 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. See [EuroSEAS website](#).
- **Indonesia Council Open Conference 2013**, July 11–12, Hobart, Tasmania. Call for papers for multi-disciplinary conference at University of Tasmania. See [conference website](#).
- **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. 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.
- **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. See [conference website](#).
- **6th International Indonesia Forum**, Sept. 21–22, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Call for papers for this conference at Sunan Kalijaga University. 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. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **Inter-Asian Connections IV**, Oct. 2–5, Istanbul. See [conference website](#) or email interasia@ssr.org.
- **Canadian Council on Southeast Asian Studies**, Oct. 17–19, Montreal. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit: June 30.** See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **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 to submit: April 30.** 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.

14. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- 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.
- “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](#).

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