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1. This week's lecture: Bandits in the borderlands **NEW**



Davis

The Center's spring Friday Brownbag Series concludes this week with historian Bradley Camp Davis, Eastern Connecticut University, who will present "Violence and Resistance: Imperial Bandits and the Echoes of Oral Tradition in the Uplands" at noon **April 28** in Campus Life 100. Davis, who received his PhD in history from the University of Washington in 2008, is the author of the just-published book, *Imperial Bandits: Outlaws and Rebels in the China-Vietnam Borderlands* (University of Washington Press). To order an Indonesian lunch, request online by 6 p.m. Thursday at [Lecture 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 lunch details, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. Center associates/affiliates update: Raymond joins the PEP club, new affiliate welcomed **NEW**

* Center for Burma Studies
 Director Catherine Raymond (Art History) has been named a Presidential Engagement Professor for 2017. She officially received the honor **April 20** at the Faculty Recognition Awards ceremony in Altgeld Hall Auditorium. Raymond, who holds a PhD in art and archaeology and in Indian and Southeast Asian studies from La Sorbonne in Paris, came to NIU in 2002 to succeed founding Center for Burma Studies director and art historian Richard Cooler. The award was established in 2011 and is given to professors who are nominated for their outreach and engagement with students, colleagues, and communities outside the university. The four-year awards is accompanied by a \$5,000 annual stipend and a specially minted medallion to be worn with their academic regalia. Raymond was nominated by three students, John Brandon, senior director of the Asia Foundation, and Georgetown Professor Emeritus and long-time Burma scholar David Steinberg. She is the fifth member of the CSEAS Council to receive a PEP award; other awardees are CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood (Anthropology), Kurt Thurmaier (Public Administration), Andrea Molnar (Anthropology) and Susan Russell (Anthropology Professor Emeritus).



Catherine Raymond, third from right, in Myanmar last summer with graduate student Carmin Berchiolly (to Raymond's left), meets with U Pandita, a Buddhist monk who shows her how to read some of the characters in a Burmese palm leaf manuscript.

* The CSEAS Council welcomes new affiliate Chih-Chen Lee, accountancy professor in the College of Business. Lee received her PhD in accounting from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 2000 and joined NIU in 2005. In addition to teaching, she is the college's International Business Seminars coordinator through NIU Study Abroad. In 2016 she led her first winter-break seminar to Thailand and Vietnam. She will be leading another in 2017.



Lee

3. Student news: Field work, language training beckon **NEW**

Graduate: Karla Findley (MA anthropology) and Thomas Rhoden (PhD political science) will be on the road to Thailand this summer with CSEAS associate and Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond and Khin Soe Mon, former education program manager at Help Without Frontiers Thailand, to visit Thai-Burma border refugee camps to collect objects and data for an upcoming traveling exhibition on Karen refugees. ••• Carmin Berchiolly (PhD art history) and Markie Striegel (MA art history) will join Catherine Raymond in Mandalay during the summer to help curate an exhibition of about 50 reverse glass paintings from Yangon, Mandalay and Monywa at Mandalay University. The exhibition will follow a one-day symposium in which NIU and Yadanabon students and faculty will present their research. The exhibition will then travel to NIU in 2018. "We've collected [the paintings] in the past three years and have been hunting down via various connections," Berchiolly says. "It has really been a treasure hunt." ••• Political science doctoral candidate Iqra Anugrah writes from the field in Indonesia, "Serang-Jakarta Round Trip," for the latest issue of [Explorations](#), the University of Hawai'i graduate student journal.

Undergraduate: Congratulations to senior Leo Reich (English), whose Indonesian skills won him second place at the Indonesian Embassy's West-East Debate in Washington, DC **April 8**, to compete in the Indonesian Embassy's West-East Debate in Bahasa Indonesia. Reich, who was there with Indonesian instructor Rahmi Aoyama, made a three-minute speech on the motion, "Indonesia: A Maritime, Not Agricultural Country," and answered two questions, all in Bahasa. This is the second such debate sponsored by the embassy and the Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian (COTI). Reich also has been notified that he is the third NIU student this year to receive a 2017 U.S. State Department Critical Language Scholarship to take immersion language training in Malang, East Java, over the summer. Reich will be going with undergraduate FLAS fellow Rachel Jacob and anthropology graduate student Claire Buchanan. Kudos all around.



Leo Reich, left, made it look easy at the April 8 West-East Debate at the Indonesian Embassy in Washington, D.C., to the delight of Indonesian instructor Rahmi Aoyama, right.

4. SEAYLP 2017 celebrates cultures across SEA this week **NEW**

Join the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program country groups as they celebrate Southeast Asian cultures from mainland to island at SEAYLP Culture Night, 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, **April 24**, in Wirtz Hall Auditorium. It will be the last night at NIU for the 60 participants in this U.S. Department of State program, who have been on campus since April 4 learning about civic engagement and community involvement. The group of Southeast Asian high school students and adult leaders representing nine countries in Southeast Asia will depart for a three-day study tour in

Washington D.C. **April 25**, along with 15 American high school students from northern Illinois participating in the program's five-day Global Youth Leadership Camp. SEAYLP participants will depart for their home countries **April 28**.

5. Summer/fall classes: Chinese foreign policy, Asian American families and film and history

CSEAS will welcome Dr. Biwu Zhang, director of the Institute of Asia-Pacific International Relations at Xiamen University in Xiamen, China, as guest lecturer this summer to teach SEAS 490/690, China's Foreign Policy: Past and Present. The class, which is cross-listed with POLS 395 and HIST 391/598, will be offered **May 22–June 16**. Zhang received his doctorate from Ohio State University and is the author of the book, *Chinese Perceptions of the U.S.: An Exploration of China's Foreign Policy Motivations* (Lexington Books, 2011). Also being offered this summer is FCNS 383, Asian American Families, taught by CSEAS affiliate Florensia Surjadi (Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences), and HIST 390/591, Film and History, taught by CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones (History). Jones' class will examine documentary, propaganda, historical and fictional feature films across cultures (with 50 percent Southeast Asia content). For information on these and fall 2017 classes, see [Course Offerings](#).

6. Notes from all over: Winning in Jakarta, researching in Chicago **NEW**

CSEAS alum and former Indonesian education minister Anies Baswedan (PhD political science, 2007) was elected governor of Jakarta in a tumultuous election **April 19** that unseated Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, who was appointed governor after Joko Widodo was elected president in 2014. Baswedan won with 58 percent of the votes to Purnama's 42 percent. The vote count will be officially announced in early May. Baswedan's win came during the same week that US Vice President Mike Pence made a trip to Jakarta in pursuit of strengthening relations with Indonesia. . . . If you're an advanced PhD student, the Newberry Library in Chicago offers a [scholar-in-residence](#) program to provide support for local researchers. Preference is given to applicants whose projects are well along. The program offers access to the Newberry during extended hours, personal research space and opportunities to present research in progress. **The deadline to apply is May 1.**



Baswedan casts his vote in the April 19 election.
(Photo / Reuters)

7. Tune in to our latest podcast: Fusion music for Thai steel drum **NEW**

In our latest [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast, join CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones and associate Kanjana Thepboriruk (Foreign Languages and Literatures) in studio with Thai music director Chamni Sripraram and steel drum composer Yuko Asada to learn about the process of fusing these two dynamic and diverse music traditions. Other podcasts feature conversations with University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo, NIU art historian Catherine Raymond (with graduate assistant Carmin Berchiolly), Kent State University historian Shane Strate, historian Philippe Peycam, director of the International Institute of Asian Studies in Leiden, Vietnamese-American poet and Grinnell University professor Hai Dang Phan, St. Mary's College global studies professor Laura Elder, Miami University political scientist Tani Sebroski, Burma historians Maitrii Aung-Thwin and Jovan Cavoski, Cambodia historian Matt Jagel and ethnomusicologists Naomi

Gingold, Heather MacLachlan and Gavin Douglas. Our listenership keeps growing. Since the [series' inception](#) in September 2016, Crossroads podcasts have been downloaded more than 1,500 times with listeners in 40 countries.

8. **Save the dates: Concert, culture and spring potluck** **NEW**

- **Through April:** Cast Out to See: The Journey of a Prehistoric Ornament Across Southeast Asia exhibit, on display at the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, fourth floor, Founders Memorial Library.
- **April 5–28:** Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ([SEAYLP](#)) at NIU.
- **April 24:** SEAYLP Culture Night, 5 to 7 p.m., Wirtz Hall Auditorium.
- **May 5:** CSEAS spring potluck at the home of Asst. Director Eric Jones. **NEW**

9. **Burnish your resumé with Southeast Asian Studies**

Add a Southeast Asian Studies minor to a bachelor's degree or a graduate certificate to an advanced degree and pull your resumé to the top of the pile. To learn more, visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with adviser Collen Gray at cgray3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at iloveroti@gmail.com.

10. **Money for study**

Rotary International

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships at Chulalongkorn University:** Fully paid fellowships for master's degree (up to two years) or professional development certificate studies (three months) offered through six universities worldwide, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US. **Applications for 2018–19 fellowships open.** See [website](#).

11. **Conferences, symposia, calls for papers** **NEW**

- **5th International Conference on Contemporary Cultural Studies**, Nov. 27–28, Singapore. **Deadline to submit full papers: June 16.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **EUROSEAS 2017**, Aug. 16–18, University of Oxford, UK. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: May 15.** See [website](#).
- **Asian Review, Political Ideologies in Southeast Asia**, May or June 2017, Chulalongkorn University, Institute of Asian Studies, Bangkok. Some travel funding available. See [website](#).
- **Comparative Peacebuilding in Asia**, June 30–July 2, Sri Lanka. First of three conferences covering liberal and illiberal transitions from ethnic conflict and authoritarianism in South and Southeast Asia to be held in Sri Lanka, Indonesia (December 2017) and the UK (June 2018). See [website](#).
- **Rethinking Area Studies Through the Modern Asian Novel**, June 11–July 8, University of Michigan. National Endowment for the Humanities summer institute for college and university educators. See [website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia: Asia in Motion**, June 24–27, Korea University, Seoul. See [website](#).
- **SSEASR Conference on ASEAN Region by End of 21st Century**, July 10–13, Ho Chi Minh City University of Social Sciences and Humanities and Vietnam Buddhist University, Ho Chi Minh City. See [website](#).

- **International Conference on National Human Rights Institutions in Southeast Asia**, July 13–14, Bangkok. See [website](#).
- **13th International Conference on Thai Studies**, July 15–18, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Theme: Globalized Thailand? Connectivity, Conflict and Conundrums of Thai Studies. See [website](#).
- **International Convention of Asia Scholars**, July 20–23, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Some funding available. See [website](#).
- **Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies**, July 24–28, National University of Singapore. Sponsored by Asia Research Institute. Full or partial funding available. See [website](#).
- **International Conference on South China Sea: Emerging Scenario**, July 24–26, Tirupati, India. Sponsored by UGC Centre for Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies at Sri Venkateswara University. See [website](#).
- **66th Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Sept. 15–17, University of Notre Dame. Call for papers (graduate and undergraduate). **Deadline to submit: June 15**. Awards (\$100 cash and \$100 travel stipend) for both graduate and undergraduate winners. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **International Symposium on Gender in Southeast Asian Art Histories**, Oct. 11–13, University of Sydney, Australia. See [website](#).
- **Asia Research Institute**, Nov. 9–10, National University of Singapore. Topic: Labor Market Uncertainties for Youth and Young Adults. See [website](#).

12. Careers

National Institute of Education in Singapore

- **Assistant or Associate Professor, History**: Full-time tenured or tenure-track Southeast Asia specialist. **Posted Feb. 6**; position will remain open until filled. See [job listing](#).

Institute of Southeast Asian Affairs

- **Summer Instructor**: Seeking instructor for three-week intensive undergraduate course, Public Health in Southeast Asia, in Chiang Mai June 26–July 14. Competitive pay and housing and travel costs covered. Candidates with background in public health in SEA should send CV and statement of interest to study@iseaa.org.

Globaljobs.org

- **Job/internship opportunities**: Turn area studies into an internship or a career. See job listings at NGOs, think tanks, government, and private-sector employers. See [website](#).

Chinese Mutual Aid Association

- **Interns**: Pan-Asian social service organization accepting candidates for interns for business development, grant writing and workforce development and outreach liaison duties. Contact Michelle White at michellew@chinesemutualaid.org or 773-784-2900. See [website](#).

US Department of State

- **Student internship program**: Internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students at Washington headquarters and US embassies, consulates and missions worldwide. Explore postgraduate civil-service career paths as well. See [program website](#).

Asia Society

- **Career opportunities**: Internships and jobs posted regularly on [website](#).

Association of Southeast Asian Nations

- Jobs listed under [Opportunities](#) tab of ASEAN website.

Devex: Do Good. Do It Well

- International aid and development jobs in 1,000 agencies, companies and NGOs in 100 countries. See [website](#).

DevMetJOBS.org

- International development jobs and consulting opportunities. See [website](#).

Hess International Educational Group

- **Teach English across Asia:** Taiwan-based organization offers free training, benefits, and flex scheduling. Email NIU alum Derek Wright at derek.wright@hess.com.tw or see [website](#).

Idealist.org

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

Learn How to Become

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of meaningful volunteer and nonprofit career options and resources. See [website](#).

ReliefWeb

- Specialized digital service of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs that posts jobs regularly. See [website](#).

World Health Organization

- Global health agency in the United Nations system encourages online applications for potential employment. See [WHO website](#).

13. Area cultural opportunities

- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum's co-curation team at cocuration.philippines@fieldmuseum.org. To learn more about the museum's Philippines work, see the co-curation team's [newsletter](#).
- Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago offers classes in Thai language, dance and music among other programs. See [website](#) for details or phone 312-725-0640.
- "Remembering the Killing Fields" exhibit 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 Saturday classes: Indonesian language classes at 10:30 a.m. (intermediate) and 1 p.m. (children's class); Indonesian traditional dance, 2 to 4 p.m.; and Javanese gamelan, 4 to 6 p.m. All classes held at the Indonesian Cultural Center, 711 W. Grand Avenue. Call 312-920-1880, ext. 104/105, or email icc@indonesiachicago.org. Also see the consulate's [Facebook](#) page.
- Indonesian Dance of Illinois offers traditional dance and gamelan music lessons Saturdays in Evanston, IL. See [website](#).

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