

SEAS Weekly Bulletin

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2015 *Experiencing the Arts in Bali* alumnus Ryan Sutherland, left, Emory University senior readies for a performance in Bali with fellow Bali study abroad alum and NIU senior Brandon Woodhouse. Sutherland will perform at this weekend's world music festival and present a lecture, "Indonesian gamelan and the West," Details below.

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Go green!

There's money for study out there

A paid year in Indonesia? A six-week fellowship in Siem Reap, Cambodia? Advanced immersion language training? Find funding for research, fellowships, language study, conference travel, and more in our Money for Study listings below. **Deadlines to apply coming up in March, April, May.**

1. Gamelan takes the stage at World Music Fest in lectures, workshops, concert



Gamelan master I Made Lasmawan, left

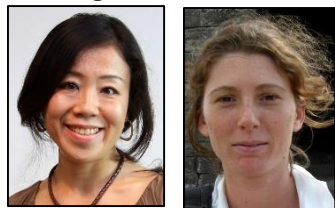
NIU will welcome Balinese gamelan master I Made Lasmawan, artist-in-residence at Colorado College, to this year's World Music Festival this week, **April 7–10**, directed by CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music). Lasmawan will give a series of lectures and workshops Thursday and Friday, **April 8 and 9**. Co-sponsored by CSEAS and the NIU School of Music.

- “Teaching Balinese Culture through Local Resources,” lecture, noon, **April 8**, Music Building Room 173. **This will be the Center's regular Friday lecture. No Indonesian lunch this week.**

- “Weaving of Sounds: A Workshop Presentation of Interlocking Rhythm on Balinese Gamelan,” 2 p.m., **April 8**, Music Building Room 102.
- “KeCak: Vocal Gamelan,” workshop with the Cortland Elementary School Choir directed by Jodeen Coulter, 3 p.m., **April 8**, Music Building Room 171.
- Two NIU Gamelan Ensemble workshops, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., **April 9**, in Music Building Room 102, followed at 3 p.m. by “Indonesian Gamelan and the West,” a guest lecture recital by Emory University student and 2015 Experiencing the Arts in Bali alumnus Ryan Sutherland in the Music Building Recital Hall. Sutherland's presentation will be followed by the Northern Wind Trio performing world music fusion at 5 p.m. (same location).

The NIU Gamelan Ensemble will perform Sunday, **April 10**, in Sounds of Harmony, the festival's World Music Concert that will start at 3 p.m. in Boutell Memorial Concert Hall. Joining the ensemble will be the Chinese Music Ensemble (also performing **April 8** at 5 p.m. in the Recital Hall), the Middle Eastern Music Ensemble, the Irish Music Ensemble, and two Chicago-based student groups, Korean Pungmul (Korean folk music) and the Mariachi Los Pumas de Soccer Academy Elementary. Concert ends with “Pop1 Goes the World: World-Pop Fusion NIU,” featuring BaliPop, TaiwanPop and Northern Wind Trio. All festival events free and open to the public. For more information, contact Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

2. Religious Minorities in Asia workshop Saturday



Hamayotsu, Formichi

CSEAS will host the workshop, “Religious Minorities and Pluralism in Asia,” this weekend from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, **April 9**, in the Heritage Room at the Holmes Student Center. The workshop, led by CSEAS associate Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) and Chiara Formichi from Cornell University, will address historical, legal, political and social issues facing minority communities in religiously divided societies across Asia. Jacques Bertrand of the University of Toronto will

give the keynote address at 9:30 a.m. with the first session following at 10:30 a.m. and the second session after lunch at 2 p.m. See details [here](#).

3. Hmong American exhibit officially opens with reception Saturday **NEW**



Storytelling: Hmong American Voices officially opens this weekend at the Pick Museum of Anthropology.

NIU Pick Museum of Anthropology will officially open its exhibit, “Storytelling: Hmong American Voices,” this Saturday, **April 9**, at a special reception from 2 to 5 p.m. at the museum in Cole Hall. The exhibit, which has been months in the making, explores the memories and experiences of Hmong Americans, many of whom arrived in the US as refugees during the 1970s. On display are Hmong storycloths, traditional Hmong clothing, photographs, jewelry, musical instruments and other objects. The exhibit was co-curated by the museum’s Laura McDowell Hopper and a 20-member Hmong Community Advisory Council. “Working with the Hmong American community to

collaboratively develop this exhibit has been a truly eye-opening experience for me,” Hopper said in a March 28 [article](#) in NIU Today. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

4. Three SEA courses to be offered as summer online classes **NEW**

Courses on the Central Intelligence Agency, the Vietnam War, and Asian American Families will be offered this summer as online classes. HIST 480/580, Spies, Lies and Secret Wars: CIA in the World will be taught by CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones (History) for undergraduate and graduate students. HIST 469/569, The Vietnam War, will be taught by history professor Stanley Arnold online and at NIU Rockford, also for undergraduate and graduate students. CSEAS affiliate Florensia Surjadi is teaching FCNS 384, Asian American Families. For registration information, see the Registration and Records [website](#).

5. Burma Studies, Thai Studies conferences set for October at NIU

Scholars from around the world will convene at NIU **Oct. 7–9** for the 2016 International Burma Studies Conference and **Oct. 28–29** for the Council on Thai Studies (COTS) 2016 meeting.

- The Burma conference invites proposals for individual papers or entire panels. **Deadline to submit proposals: April 15.** Prospective participants must submit a title and 150- to 250-word abstract via attached Word document or pasted into an email (include name, affiliation, and contact information). Panel organizers should submit abstracts and participant information. Email to burmastudies2016@gmail.com. Accepted participants and panel organizers will be notified on or before **May 15**. For details, see the [conference website](#).
- COTS invites presentation abstracts from scholars, students and community advocates. **Deadline to submit proposals: July 1.** For details, see [conference information](#).

6. Distance Vietnamese to be added to fall 2016 SEA language lineup

Beginning Vietnamese will be added to NIU's SEA language and literature lineup in fall 2016. FLST 103-104 will be offered as a distance-learning course through the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It will be taught by a UW instructor but NIU students will receive credit from NIU. If interested, contact CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood at 815-753-1771 or by email at cseas@niu.edu (put Vietnamese in the subject line).

7. Save the dates: Spring events coming up **NEW**

- **April 6:** Dr. Ed Malesky of Duke University presents "How the Causal Inference Movement is Revitalizing Area Studies" at 9 a.m. 1015 Zulauf Hall. Co-sponsored by the Graduate Colloquium Committee and the Department of Political Science. **NEW**
- **April 7–10:** World Music Festival, Music Building. See details in item 6 above.
- **April 9:** "Religious Minorities and Pluralism in Asia" workshop, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Heritage Room, Holmes Student Center. Keynote address (9:30 a.m.) by Dr. Jacques Bertrand, University of Toronto.
- **April 13:** Indonesian teaching assistant Rahmi Hartati will demonstrate how to make *nasi kuning*, Indonesian yellow rice, from noon to 1 p.m. in DuSable 328 for the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures brown bag lunch series.
- **April 24:** SEAYLP Culture Night show, 4 p.m., Sandburg Auditorium, Holmes Student Center. Free.
- **Through May:** New Year's Festivals in Mainland SEA exhibit at Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, fourth floor, Founders Memorial Library.
- **Through December:** Storytelling: Hmong American Voices exhibit at Pick Museum of Anthropology at NIU. Opening reception 2 to 5 p.m. **April 9.**

8. Public health research opportunity in Indonesia or Myanmar

Tomoyuki Shibata (Public Health), executive director of the [Global Environmental Health Lab](#), is making plans to take students this summer to Myanmar (mid-June to mid-July) and Indonesia (mid-July to mid-August) to participate in [field research projects](#) involving water quality and public health. For details on costs, college credits and other information about the projects, email Shibata at tshibata@niu.edu.

9. Burnish your resume 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 Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at ehrenkonig@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at iloveroti@gmail.com.

10. Money for study **NEW**

Southeast Asia Research Group

- **Pre-dissertation fellowship:** Award up to \$6,000 funded by the Henry Luce Foundation to social science PhD students who must travel to Southeast Asia to develop research proposal. **Deadline to apply: May 1.** Contact Renata Kwon at r.kwon@duke.edu.

Singapore National Library

- **Fellowships:** Applicants sought for [Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship](#) and [George Lyndon Hicks Fellowship for Southeast Asia Collections](#). **Deadline to apply: April 30. NEW**

US Department of Education

- **Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad:** Six- to 12-month month fellowships for PhD students in foreign languages and area studies, FY 2016. Apply by late spring (check [website](#) for application availability and other info).

Rotary International

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master's degree study offered at six universities worldwide, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US. Applications for 2017–18 fellowships now available. **Deadline to submit through local Rotary district: May 31.** See [website](#).

11. Job/internship opportunities

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. See [program website](#).

Room to Read

- **Positions open:** San Francisco-based organization that helps develop literacy skills among primary and secondary school students. See [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](#).

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](#).

12. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops **NEW**

- **5th Southeast Asian Studies Symposium**, April 14–16, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford. Theme: Human and Environmental Welfare in Southeast Asia. See [conference website](#).
- **1st Graduate Student Conference for Southeast Asia Research**, April 14–15, University of British Columbia. Some travel subsidies available. For details, email csear.grad@gmail.com.
- **American Anthropological Association Central States Anthropological Society Meeting**, April 21–23, Kansas City, MO. See [conference website](#).
- **UC Berkeley-UCLA Southeast Asian Studies Conference**, April 22–23, Berkeley, CA. Theme: Making Southeast Asian Cultures: From Region to World. See [conference website](#).
- **Heritage as Aid and Diplomacy in Asia**, May 26–28, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands. See [conference website](#).
- **4th Southeast Asia Research Group annual meeting**, June 3-4, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Small travel grants available for graduate students to attend. For info, see [website](#).
- **1st International Graduate Symposium on Thai Studies**, June 16–17, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Organized by Thai Studies Center and Research Section. Call for papers. **Abstracts due: April 18**. Email to thaistudies.grad.symposium@gmail.com. See [conference website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia**, June 24–27, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan. See [conference website](#).
- **5th International Conference on Lao Studies: Lao PDR in the ASEAN Context**, July 8–10, Thammasat University, Bangkok. See [conference website](#).
- **Asia Pacific Sociological Association Conference**, Sept. 24–25, Royal University of Phnom Penh. Theme: Globalization, Mobility and Borders: Challenges and Opportunities in the Asia Pacific." Call for papers. **Abstracts due: June 30**. See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **International Burma Studies Conference**, Oct. 9–16, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Call for papers and panels. **Abstracts and proposals due: April 15**. See conference [website](#).
- **Council on Thai Studies 2016**, Oct. 28–29, Northern Illinois University. Call for papers forthcoming. Abstracts due July 1. See details [here](#).

13. Area cultural opportunities

- Thai Songkran Festival, **April 9–10**, Wat Dhammaram, 7059 S. 75th St., Chicago, IL 60638. Hours: 4:30 to 8 p.m. **April 9**; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. **April 10**.
- Dengue Fever on tour, 7:30 p.m., **April 24**, Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave., Chicago. See [website](#).
- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum's co-curation team to make arrangements at co-curation.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.

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