

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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*Getting back together is what we do at the annual Area Studies Open House. See you there this Wednesday, Aug. 28. Details below.*

## Fall semester begins

Welcome back to all of you who fanned out across the U.S. and to various parts of Southeast Asia this summer! I was fortunate enough to spend about one month in Cambodia and a week in Burma/Myanmar. The trip to Burma was with Center associates Catherine Raymond, Tharaphi Than, Kheang Un, and NIU Vice-President Lisa Freeman. We gave presentations at several universities and discussed possible future collaborations. A highlight for us was a visit to the temple that formerly housed the Buddha image that the NIU Center for Burma Studies helped return to Myanmar after the statue was taken from the country (it is now back in Myanmar at the National Museum in Yangon). In Cambodia, Kheang Un and I, along with Andrea Buford of the Office of Sponsored Projects, taught a seminar on grant writing for the Cambodian General Directorate on Higher Education of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport. As we dive into the new semester, we have several exciting upcoming events including the awarding of an honorary degree to [HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn](#) of Thailand on **Sept. 18** and the Council on Thai Studies conference (see below) and a two-day Malay film festival in October. This week, please join us for our open house on **Aug. 28** from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

*—Judy Ledgerwood*

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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."

### 1. Food, fun and info at this week's Area Studies Open House

The flags of Southeast Asia will be flying, the foods of Southeast Asia will be hot, and the Balinese gamelan will be set up in the driveway of Pottenger House from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. this Wednesday for the Area Studies Open House. CSEAS and the centers for Burma Studies (CBS) and Latino and Latin American Studies (CLLAS) will be dishing up Southeast Asian food, games, and information on Southeast Asian studies at NIU outside the Center in the shady confines of College View Court. The Southeast Asia Club and the Burma Interest Group-NIU student groups will be there as well as affiliated student organizations from CLLAS. Take a turn on the Balinese gamelan with visiting gamelan instructor Ngurah Kertayuda and visit with friends, faculty, and staff.



### 2. NIU stage set for Thai royal visit



*Her Royal Highness  
Princess Maha Chakri  
Sirindhorn*

Wednesday, **Sept. 18**, will be a red-carpet day at NIU when Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand arrives to be awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree in a morning ceremony in Altgeld Hall. Noted for her work in higher education and humanitarian efforts in Thailand, Her Royal Highness holds a bachelor's degree in history, a master's degree in Oriental epigraphy and in Pali and Sanskrit languages, and a PhD in educational development. She currently heads the Department of History at Chulachomkhalo Royal Military Academy. CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood, Associate Provost for International Programs Deborah Pierce, and CSEAS associates John Hartmann (Foreign

Languages and Literatures), Chalarmsee Olson (Founders Memorial Library), and Catherine Raymond (School of Art) have been busy working with NIU officials and the Royal Thai Embassy on preparations since early summer. Raymond is creating an exhibit of Thai art and artifacts from NIU collections that will be on display for Her Royal Highness in Altgeld 203, near the Auditorium where the ceremony will be held. The ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a procession that will include Her Royal Highness, the Thai Ambassador to the U.S. Chaiyong Satjipanon, Thai Consul General in Chicago Songphol Sukchan, NIU President Douglas Baker, Provost Raymond W. Alden, political science professor emeritus and distinguished Thai scholar Clark Neher, faculty and other dignitaries. The public is invited to attend the ceremony; those wishing to attend should be seated in the auditorium by 9:30. The ceremony will conclude around 11 a.m.; those attending are invited to tour the exhibit afterward. For more details, see [NIU Today](#).

### 3. **Save the dates:** Weekly CSEAS lectures begin Sept. 6 and more

- **Sept. 6:** 2013–14 CSEAS weekly lecture series begins with political scientist and CSEAS associate Kheang Un's analysis of the unexpected results of the Cambodia elections this past summer. All lectures are at noon Fridays in Room 110, Campus Life Building. Southeast Asian lunch (Cambodian this year) will be available to order [online](#), \$5 for students; \$6 for faculty, staff and others.
- **Sept. 20:** Deadline to submit 2013–14 applications for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program for graduating college seniors, graduate students, young professionals and artists to study abroad or to be an English teaching assistant for one academic year. Before applying, contact Fulbright coordinator Jane Hathaway ([jhathaway@niu.edu](mailto:jhathaway@niu.edu)) at the School of Music or Pam Rosenberg ([prosenberg@niu.edu](mailto:prosenberg@niu.edu)) at International Programs. Details available [online](#).
- **Sept. 27:** 20<sup>th</sup> annual Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center. For more information, email [niuabroad@niu.edu](mailto:niuabroad@niu.edu).
- **Nov. 11–15:** Mark your calendar for International Education Week sponsored by the Division of International Programs. Plans include a lecture by an NIU alumna and Islamic banking expert from Malaysia, an international careers event, and a keynote lecture on colonial Burma by Rutgers University historian Chie Ikeya on **Nov. 15**.

### 4. Fall area Southeast Asia conferences include COTS at NIU



It's not too early to be thinking about the upcoming fall Southeast Asia conferences in the area, including one at NIU. The annual Council on Thai Studies (COTS) meeting will be held on campus the weekend of **Oct. 18–19**. COTS, which began at NIU in 1972, is an informal organization of Midwest scholars interested in all aspects of Thai studies. The conference will lead off with a lecture Friday by **Srisompob Jitpiromsri**, NIU alumnus and director of the Center for Conflict Studies and Cultural Diversity at Prince of Songkla University in Pattani, Thailand. The keynote speaker Saturday will be University of Leeds professor of

Southeast Asian politics Duncan McCargo. Registration is free; the deadline is **Sept. 20**.

Reservations for rooms at the Holmes Student Center must be made by **Sept. 27**. Conference

organizers include CSEAS associates John Hartmann (Foreign Languages and Literatures), Julia Lamb (CSEAS), Chalermsee Olson (Founders Library), Grant Olson (Foreign Languages and Literatures), and Danny Unger (Political Science). See COTS [website](#) for additional details.

Following COTS, Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., is hosting the 62<sup>nd</sup> Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs **Oct. 25–27**. The conference, the Midwestern affiliate of the Association for Asian Studies, is the largest such regional AAS meeting. CSEAS associate Trude Jacobsen (History), the conference’s Southeast Asia representative, will lead and present on the panel “The Past in Burma’s (Gendered) Present: Historicizing Intersectionality in Myanmar.” NIU graduate students Nicole Loring and Katie Chludlinski will also present on that panel; alumna Coral Carlson (PhD history, 2013) is also presenting at the conference. The Center plans to organize group transport. Conference registration, which includes Saturday evening banquet and one-year MCAA membership, is \$55 for students registering by **Sept. 15**. For details, see the [conference website](#).

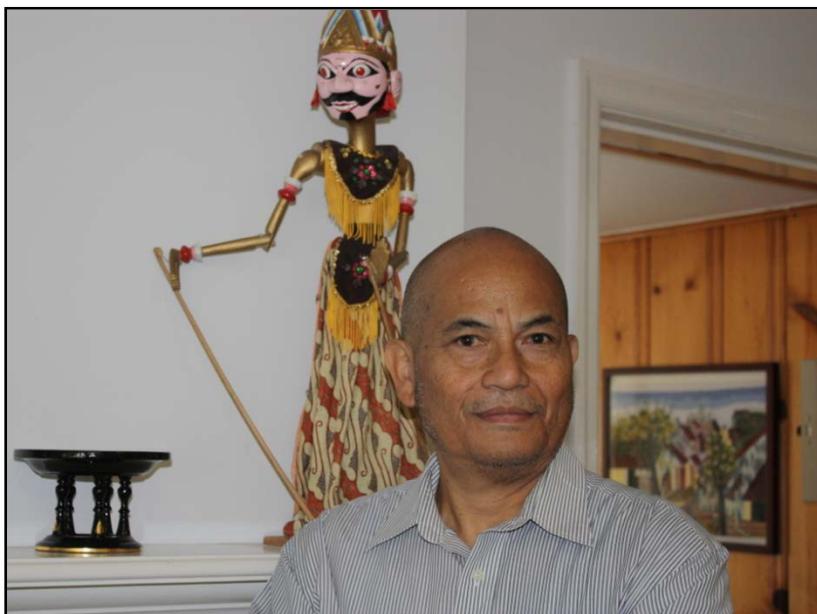


**5. Welcome to our new FLTAs:** Two Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (FLTA) will be teaching in the Southeast Asian languages program this year. They are Basori (Indonesia), left, and Nachayadar Srithum (Thailand). They will be assisting Indonesian instructor Rahmi Hartati and Thai language professor John Hartmann respectively. (CSEAS photo)

## 6. Connect with CSEAS? Let us count the ways

There are many ways to stay abreast of CSEAS and Southeast Asian studies at NIU. In the Center’s weekly e-bulletin, you’ll find out who’s speaking at the weekly brownbag lecture, deadlines for scholarships and fellowships, faculty and student kudos, and more. The bulletin is always posted on the [CSEAS](#) website, but you can request a link be sent directly to your email address by contacting Outreach Coordinator Julia Lamb at [jlamb@niu.edu](mailto:jlamb@niu.edu). CSEAS’s annual [Mandala](#) newsletter is back after a year’s hiatus with 36 pages, including highlights from the Center’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and faculty, student, and alumni updates. “Like” our [Facebook](#) page and we’ll pop up on your news feed whenever we post any news about CSEAS, the weekly lecture series, upcoming events, interesting news from Southeast Asia, and more. You can also post items or share news there yourself. Also follow us on [Twitter](#) at CSEAS\_NIU.





**7. Gamelan master:** CSEAS welcomes visiting gamelan instructor I Gusti Ngurah Kertayuda this year to NIU. While assistant music professor Jui-Ching Wang is on sabbatical during the 2013-14 academic year, Kertayuda will be teaching her MUSE 370/670 gamelan class. Born and raised in Bali, Indonesia, Kertayuda is a dancer, musician and director of Indonesia Dance Illinois. Before retiring, he worked at the Indonesian Consulate in Chicago for more than 23 years teaching Indonesian dance and promoting Indonesian performing arts in the Midwest. In the past year, he worked extensively with Wang in her class and on NIU Gamelan Ensemble performances. (CSEAS photo)

### 8. 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](mailto:jlamb@niu.edu); graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at [eajones@niu.edu](mailto:eajones@niu.edu).

### 9. September deadline to apply for Fulbright programs

Interested in applying for a Fulbright fellowship or English Teaching Assistantship? Two 2013 CSEAS alumni, SarahEmily Lekberg (MM music) and Matt Ropp (BA communications), will be teaching English in Vietnam and Malaysia respectively this year courtesy of the Fulbright ETA program. Now's the time to finish getting application materials together for both U.S. State Department-funded programs; **Sept. 20** is the deadline to apply through NIU's Division of International Programs. Interviews with the Campus Fulbright Committee will be held in early October. Before applying, contact Fulbright program advisor Janet Hathaway (School of Music) at [jhathaway@niu.edu](mailto:jhathaway@niu.edu) or 815-753-7970. More program details available [online](#).

### 10. Books for Indonesia: Student collecting volumes for Chicago-based charitable project

Indonesian instructor Rahmi Hartati (EdD student) is conducting a book drive for a Chicago-based nonprofit organization, Books for Indonesia, which collects volumes from schools, libraries, and individuals to be redistributed in remote areas of Indonesia. The group is looking for fiction and non-fiction books for readers young and old, Hartati said. Books may be sent directly to: Books for Indonesia, in care of Ira Raichandani, 1930 Gunderson, Berwyn, IL 60402. Hartati is also willing to pick up local donations; email her at [rhartati1@niu.edu](mailto:rhartati1@niu.edu). See Books for Indonesia on [Facebook](#) or email [BooksForIndonesia@gmail.com](mailto:BooksForIndonesia@gmail.com).

## 11. Indonesian high-schoolers arrive for IFLP program

Fifteen high school students from three different Indonesian provinces accompanied by two adult mentors arrive at NIU this week, participants in the 2013 Indonesia Future Leaders Program (IFLP), which will run **Aug. 28–Sept. 15**. The theme of the three-week training program hosted by the International



*Participants in the 2012 Indonesian Future Leaders Program (IFLP) interacted with officers from the Sycamore High School Key Club, at right, at their farewell lunch last year at the Holmes Student Center. (CSEAS photo)*

Training Office is “Building a Generation of Transformational Leaders Equipped to Respond to Global Challenges.” Participants, who are from East and West Java and West Sumatra, will attend intensive leadership training sessions and work on designing a community project to be implemented upon their return home. In addition, participants will interact with U.S. students/peers during school visits to DeKalb and Sycamore high schools. They will also volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, go through a leadership camp at Stronghold Conference Center in Oregon, and visit downtown Chicago and the Holocaust Museum in Skokie. Participants will also live for a week with local host families **Sept. 1–7**. IFLP is one program created by IndonesiaMotiv, a non-governmental organization focusing on giving wider access to education especially for students in remote areas of Indonesia. The group’s founder, Ikhsyat Syukur, and his wife, Dini Rahim, an NIU political science alumna, will join the participants for this year’s program, which debuted at NIU in 2012.

## 12. Job/internships opportunities

*Asia Society*

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

*World Health Organization*

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

*Idealist.org*

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

## 13. Money for study

*American Institute for Indonesian Studies*

- **Research grants:** \$5,000 Henry Luce Foundation grants are available for American and Indonesian scholars in contemporary and traditional Indonesian studies. Program funded by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Forms available at [AIFIS website](#).

#### 14. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:interasia@ssr.org).
- **Canadian Council on Southeast Asian Studies**, Oct. 17–19, Montreal. See [conference website](#).
- **New Research in Southeast Asian History**, Oct. 18–19, Yale University, New Haven, CT. Inaugural graduate student conference. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **5<sup>th</sup> International Graduate Student Conference on Indonesia**, Oct. 30–31, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **Framing 'Asian Studies': Geopolitics, Institutions and Networks**, Nov. 18–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Jambi Studies**, Nov. 21–24, Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia. For information, see [conference website](#).
- **Thailand in the World: 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au).

#### 15. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- Eight-week Javanese gamelan classes at the [Old Town School of Folk Music](#), 4544 N. Lincoln Ave., begin Wednesday, **Sept. 4**. More information on the [Chicago Friends of the Gamelan](#) 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. Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance is offered 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. For details, see consulate [website](#).

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