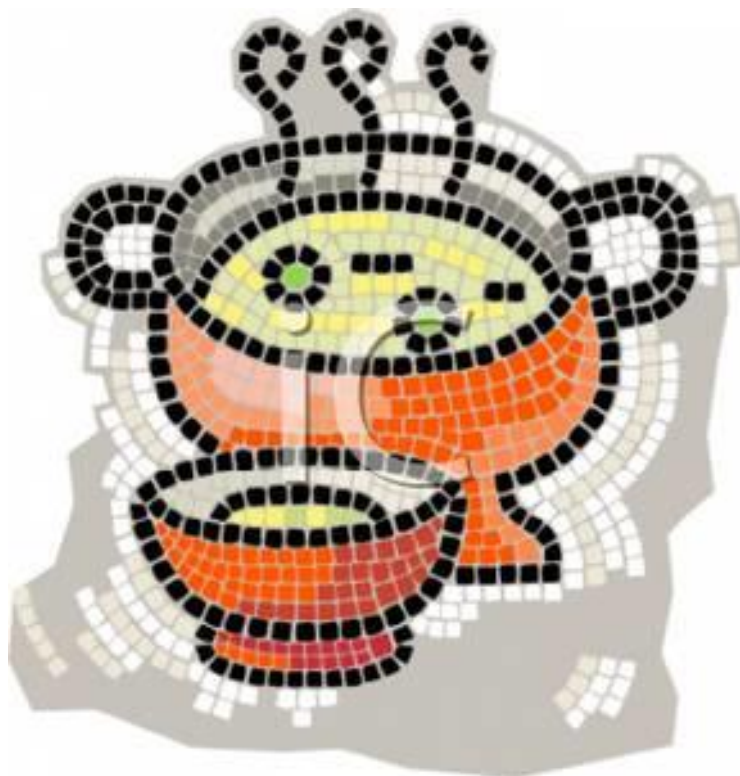


CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Soup at the Center: Celebrate the season, take a break from finals, and join us for soup, bread, fruit and Christmas goodies on Monday, **Dec. 8**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Center will be closed from **Dec. 24** to **Jan. 5** over winter break.

Soup and season's greetings

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1. Center associates update: Farewell to Danny Unger, Barbara Posadas



Unger

* The Center bids farewell this semester to Danny Unger (Political Science), who leaves NIU after 14 years of sharing his expertise in Thai politics, among other areas. While at NIU, Unger, who received his PhD from the University of California-Berkeley, was a member of the NIU Thai Studies Committee and taught courses in comparative politics, international political economy, Japanese foreign policy and international law and organizations. During his sabbatical year in Thailand in 2005–06, Unger taught at Thammasat University and the National Institute for Development Administration. Previously his research took him to Japan and Vietnam. While at NIU, Unger helped facilitate three grants totaling more than \$200,000 to CSEAS from the Royal Thai Government to establish the Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund. The endowment supports funding for scholarships, library acquisitions, travel for visiting Thai scholars, and faculty and student travel to the country for research and language study. “I will be particularly sorry to leave my friends among students, faculty (emeritus and other) and staff at the Center,” Unger said.



Posadas

* The Center will soon be saying goodbye to Barbara Posadas (History), who officially retired in June after 40 years at NIU but is teaching classes through spring semester. Posadas, who received her PhD from Northwestern University, has taught Asian American history, U.S. women’s history, the history of Chicago, and immigration and ethnic history while at NIU. Posadas received a College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Distinguished Faculty Award in 2011 and the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for Asian American Studies in 2008. Posadas has been a CSEAS associate since 1984. In 1982-83 she held a Senior Fulbright Research Award at the University of the Philippines in Diliman and in fall 1987 was a post-doctoral research fellow at the Asian American Studies Center at UCLA. Her book, *The Filipino Americans* (Greenwood Publishing Group) appeared in 1999. In 2004–05, she taught Asian American history as a visiting professor of American studies at the University of Minnesota. She has served as president of the Illinois State Historical Society and the Immigration and Ethnic History Society.

2. Two FLAS opportunities, two deadlines, one application **NEW**

Students planning to apply for both a summer 2015 and an academic-year 2015–16 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship can now do so with **one application**. The application and all information on both summer and academic-year FLAS awards are posted on the [funding page](#) at the CSEAS website. If you apply for a summer FLAS, indicate on the application that you want to apply for the academic-year FLAS as well; the application and accompanying materials will also be submitted to the academic-year round. Summer FLAS applications are due to the Center by 4:30 p.m. **Jan. 1**. If you are just applying for the academic-year FLAS, the deadline is **Feb. 1**. FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships. Summer FLAS fellowships provide for the summer study of Southeast Asian languages at any U.S. Department of Education-approved educational institution, especially those in Southeast Asia but also including the [Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute](#) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Priority will be given to students planning to study in a Southeast Asian country. A [list](#) of currently approved programs is posted on the CSEAS website



(more schools are currently being considered for approval). **Note:** According to NIU policy, students awarded a FLAS fellowship will have any financial aid they receive reduced by the dollar amount equal to the fellowship award.

3. Art class at Naperville campus added to spring 2015 SEA courses **NEW**



A new undergraduate/graduate-level art class featuring Indonesian crafts has been added to the spring Southeast Asian Studies course list, which includes all courses with 50 percent or more Southeast Asian content. The class, ART 489/689, Authentic and Alternative Practices in Asian Art, will be taught by associate art professor Shei-Chau Wang Tuesday evenings at NIU's Naperville campus. It will cover cultural contexts and practices of Asian art; 50 percent of the class will address Indonesian crafts including Wayang Kulit carving, wood carving, weaving and batik. Also for spring, Kikue Hamayotsu is offering a new graduate political science course, POLS 664-1, Politics of Identity:

Ethnicity, Religion and Conflict. She is also teaching POLS 376, Political Violence. In anthropology, Andrea Molnar will teach ANTH 491/591, Peace and Conflict in SEA from a Political Perspective. In history, Trude Jacobsen will teach HIST 342, Southeast Asia to 1800. In foreign language and literatures, Tharaphi Than will teach FLST 482, Censorship and Literature: State and Society in Authoritarian Countries. In art history, Catherine Raymond will teach ARTH 457/657, Topics in Art History: From Heaven to Hell: Protectors, Spirits, Magical Spells and Hungry Ghosts in SEA Art. In music, Ngurah Kertayuda will teach gamelan in MUSE 370/670. Kelly Champion is offering FCNS 384, Asian American Families, and CSEAS graduate assistant Iqra Anugrah will teach the Center's Southeast Asia survey course, SEAS 225. All second-semester classes in Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog, and Thai also will be offered. Just announced is a new ENG course for spring: ENG 381D, Asian American Literature, taught by Ibis Gomez-Vega. The class, which is 25 percent SEA content but not applicable to the SEAS minor, will explore texts of different genres by authors of various Asian backgrounds. It will be offered Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. For dates and times of all classes, see the full [spring](#) schedule on the Center website.

4. Fulbright project recruiting teachers for Philippine study tour

High school social studies teachers and community college instructors are invited to apply for a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad program that will take six teachers and six instructors from northern Illinois to the Philippines for a four-week study tour **June 20–July 20, 2015**. The project, led by Anthropology Professor [Susan Russell](#) in collaboration with NIU senior Tagalog instructor [Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail](#), is funded by the US Department of Education. Funding covers all participant expenses, including international air travel. **Applications are due Feb. 1**. For details, see the [program website](#) and [article](#) in *NIU Today*.

5. Applications for 2015–16 Neher Fellowship open to graduate students

U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Center's 2015–16 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. The fellowship includes a tuition waiver and a \$5,200 annual stipend. To apply, students must be in good standing with the university and demonstrate a commitment to a career involving Southeast Asian studies. Students should be at an advanced stage in their program, either master's or doctoral, and be planning field or archival research in SEA studies. The [application](#) is posted on the Student Funding page of the Center website; email to CSEAS Office Manager Rita Miller at ram@niu.edu by **Feb. 1**.

6. Over the break, think about studying abroad in SEA

Winter break is a good time to seriously consider a summer study abroad in Southeast Asia. CSEAS associates Andrea Molnar (anthropology) and Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) are actively recruiting for their study abroad programs in Thailand and Bali respectively. Molnar's program, [Cultural Diversity in Thailand](#), is set for **June 8–July 3**. It will introduce students to Thailand's diverse cultural groups and explore the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. **Application deadline is March 16**. Scholarships available from NIU Thai Studies Committee (see below). Wang's program, [Experiencing the Arts in Bali](#), will take students to a village location in Bali **July 4–25** to learn about Balinese music, dance, theater, architecture, art and crafts. Program dates and application deadline have not yet been set. NIU also sponsors [Summer Study Abroad in Laos](#) (SAIL), a five-week Lao language and culture program, in cooperation with the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. **Application deadline is April 1**. Information on all study abroad programs and opportunities for partial travel funding is available at the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston. Call 815-753-0700 or email niuabroad@niu.edu.



Students visit Wat Arun in Bangkok during anthropology professor Andrea Molnar's 2011 study abroad program to Thailand.

7. Thai Studies Committee offers grants for Thailand study abroad program

The NIU Thai Studies Committee invites undergraduate and graduate students to apply for two \$1,500 scholarships to be applied to Anthropology Professor Andrea Molnar's **June 8–July 3** study abroad program to Thailand (see details on the study abroad program below). Applicants should submit a one-page statement addressing their academic interest in Thai Studies, a letter of support from Molnar, a letter of recommendation and either a transcript (for undergraduates) or an explanation of graduate work progress from program advisor (for graduate students). Funding for the scholarships is through the Thai Teaching and Research Fund administered by the NIU Foundation. Submit application to CSEAS associate Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu by **March 16**.



8. Call for papers: NIU Southeast Asia Student Conference



Edwards

The Southeast Asia Club invites papers for its 2015 spring student conference, which will be held Saturday, **April 25**, in Room 315 Altgeld. Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia; email niuseaclub@gmail.com. Abstracts will be accepted through **March 6**. The conference theme is "Identity Narratives" and the keynote speaker will be University of California-Berkeley historian and Cambodian specialist Penny Edwards. Best paper awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers.

9. Teaching World Music Symposium set for April



Han

The NIU Music Building will be resonating with the sounds of world music for three days in April when Teaching World Music Symposium: From the Exotic to the Global takes place. Music educators, ethnomusicologists, composers, performers and interdisciplinary scholars are invited to attend. The symposium, organized by CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music), honors Kuo-Huang Han, music professor emeritus and founder of the NIU Gamelan Ensemble, and marks the 40th anniversary of the world music program at NIU. For

information, email jcwang@niu.edu or see the [symposium website](#).

10. On display: Student exhibits at Founders Library, Holmes Center

The Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection at Founders Memorial Library is featuring the work of several SEAS students through December in the hallway display cases outside the collection's office. Drawing from her research on Cambodian shadow puppet theater in Cambodia last summer, anthropology graduate student Alexandra Salazar's exhibit features photographs from performances at Wat Bo in Siem Reap and at Sovanna Phum Arts in Phnom Penh, and an articulated leather puppet of the character Neang Seda from the *Reamker*, the Cambodian folktale version of the Indian epic, *Ramayana*.

Also on display through December is Project Cambodia, an original student exhibit by Rae Slowik at the Holmes Student Center across from the Duke Ellington Ballroom and the Capitol Room. The exhibit shows how Cambodia is taking traditional ideals and uniting them with modern aesthetics.



Cambodian shadow puppetry exhibit by anthropology student Alexandra Salazar.

11. Save the dates: FLAS application deadlines; spring events **NEW**

- **Jan. 1:** Summer FLAS applications due to CSEAS.
- **Jan. 5:** Welcome Fair for International Students, 11:45 to 1 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom.
- **Feb. 1:** Applications for 2015-16 academic-year FLAS and Neher fellowships due to CSEAS.
- **April 9–11:** Teaching World Music Symposium.
- **April 18:** Southeast Asia Club Culture Fest. Details TBA.
- **April 25:** Southeast Club Spring Student Conference. Keynote speaker: University of California-Berkeley historian Penny Edwards.
- **Through May:** "Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum," 50th anniversary exhibition including SEA artifacts. Admission free.

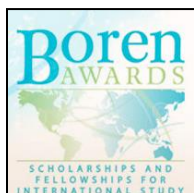
12. Burnish your resumé: Sign up for SEA Studies minor or grad certificate

Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate certificate to an advanced degree can pull a resumé up to the top of the pile. To learn about NIU's Southeast Asian Studies program, visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by the Center at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Acting Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at

ehrenkonig@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen at tjacobsen1@niu.edu.

13. Boren, Blakemore awards offer opportunity for intensive language study

NIU political science PhD candidate Thomas Rhoden is spending this year in Thailand perfecting his Karen language skills courtesy of a prestigious David L. Boren fellowship, one of 106 students nationwide receiving the award for 2014–15. The Boren awards, along with the Blakemore Freeman fellowships, offer substantial opportunities to advance Southeast Asian language study.



The Boren fellowships and scholarship program, an initiative of the national Security Education program, is open to U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to hone their language skills abroad. Grants range from \$20,000 for undergraduates to \$30,000 for graduate students. The deadline to apply for Boren fellowships for undergraduates is **Jan. 27** for graduate students and **Feb. 4** for undergraduates. The Boren advisor at NIU is Study Abroad Director Anne

Seitzinger; contact her at aseitz@niu.edu. For more information, see the [Boren website](#).



The Blakemore Foundation makes grants for the advanced study of selected Southeast Asian languages—Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai, and Vietnamese—by scholars and mid-career professionals. Applications for the 2014 Blakemore Freeman fellowships and Blakemore refresher grants are now being accepted. The grants cover tuition and stipend, educational expenses, living costs and transportation. Candidates must be U.S. citizens with an undergraduate

degree pursuing a career that involves the regular use of a Southeast Asian language. See the [Blakemore Foundation website](#). Deadline to apply is **Dec. 30**.

14. Money for study

Rotary International

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master's degree study offered at six universities worldwide. **Deadline to apply for 2016 fellowships: July 2015.** See [website](#).

United States-Indonesia Society

- **2015 Sumitro Fellowships:** \$10,000 travel/study grant for postdocs, PhD candidates, senior academics and qualified candidates. Two grants offered, one for U.S. citizens and one for Indonesian citizens. **Deadline: Jan. 31.** See [website](#).

15. Job/internship opportunities

Asia Society

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

Association of Southeast Asian Nations

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

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Mid-Career Program Instructor:** Post-doc in political science or relevant field sought for new program, "Exploring Conflict in the ASEAN Region" for mid-career scholars, development professionals and civil servants from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 31.** See [website](#) for details or email CKS Director Krisna Uk at krisna.uk@khmerstudies.org.

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 flexible scheduling. Contact NIU alum Derek Wright at derek.wright@hess.com.tw or see the Hess [website](#) for details.

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

16. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **4th International JSA-ASEAN Conference**, Dec. 15–16, Thammasat University Institute of East Asian Studies. See [conference website](#).
- **International Symposium on Cambodia**, Dec. 15–16, Royal University of Fine Arts, Phnom Penh. See [symposium website](#).
- **Dynamics of Religion in Southeast Asia (DORISEA)**, Jan. 23–24, Humboldt University, Berlin. See [conference website](#).
- **Workshop: Religious Pluralism, Magic and Gender/Sex Diversity in Southeast Asia**, Jan. 21–22, Humboldt University, Berlin. Precedes DORISEA conference (see separate listing).
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region**, Feb. 12–14, East-West Center, Honolulu. See [conference website](#).
- **Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, March 13–15, Ithaca, NY. Call for papers. Conference theme: What's Hot in Southeast Asia? Limited travel funding available. Email abstracts to seapgradconference@gmail.com by **Dec. 15. Papers due Feb. 15.**
- **Year of ASEAN: Integrating Southeast Asia**, March 20–22, Kuala Lumpur. 4th Southeast Asian Studies symposium at Sunway University. Organized by Project Southeast Asia at University of Oxford. See [conference website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies 2015**, March 26–29, Chicago. See [conference website](#).
- **Artistic Inventions: Histories, Cartographies and Politics in Asia**, March 30–31, Hong Kong Baptist University. See [website](#).
- **Third Hmong Consortium Conference**, April 10–11, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Theme: Hmong around the World. Call for abstracts. **Deadline: Dec. 31.** Email to conference chair Ian Baird at ibaird@wisc.edu. See [consortium website](#).
- **ISEAS Writers Workshop**, May 25–26, Singapore. Subject: Chinese natural resource extraction in Southeast Asia. Call for proposals. **Deadline: Jan. 15, 2015.** Limited travel funds available. See [workshop website](#).

- **AAS-in-Asia**, June 22–24, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. Theme: Asia in Motion: ideas, Institutions, Identities. See [conference website](#).
- **International Convention of Asia Scholars 9**, July 5–9, Adelaide, Australia. See [conference website](#).
- **5th International Conference on Lao Studies**, July 8–10, Thammasat University, Bangkok. See [conference website](#).
- **4th International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD)**, July 9–10, Mahidol University, Salaya, Thailand. Call for abstracts and panel proposals. Deadline: March 30. See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **EuroSEAS 2015**, Aug. 11–14, University of Vienna, Austria. See [conference website](#).
- **NUS/ARI Workshop: International Medical Travel and the Politics of Transnational Mobility in Asia**, Aug. 26–27, National University of Singapore Asia Research Institute. Call for papers. Partial or full travel funding available. **Deadline: March 31**. See [website](#) for details.

17. Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” on display at the NIU Anthropology Museum through the 2014–15 academic year. The exhibit features items from the museum’s collection of ethnographic and archeological objects, many from SEA, chosen by members of the NIU and local communities. Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Admission free.
- “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 Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. See consulate [website](#).

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