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Ski lift: CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones has been cross-country skiing from home to work during this cold and snowy winter in northern Illinois. How snowy is it? It's so snowy that even the Center's wayang are getting into the act. (Photo / CSEAS)

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1. This week's lecture: Bryce Beemer on 'The Creole City in Burma'

Bryce Beemer, visiting assistant professor at [Colby College](#) in Waterville, Maine, will present "The Creole City in Burma: A History of Burma-Manipur Slave-Gathering Warfare and Manipuri Descendants in Modern Myanmar" at noon Friday, **Feb. 14**, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Beemer's lecture topic is the subject of his 2013 doctoral dissertation (University of Hawaii-Manoa), the culmination of eighteen months of research in Burma/Myanmar and Manipur. To order a Cambodian lunch, 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 lunch details, e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. See the entire [spring lecture series](#) on the Center website.



Beemer explores the ruins of a monk's dormitory in Kyaukse during his field research in upper Burma in 2010.

2. Abstracts due this week for April student conference



Scott

Get your paper on for the Southeast Asia Club's [student conference](#) coming up **April 5**. Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia. **Deadline for abstracts is Saturday, Feb. 15; papers are due March 15.** Send abstracts and questions to niuseaclub@gmail.com. Monetary awards will be given for the best undergraduate and graduate papers. The keynote speaker will be noted Yale scholar James C. Scott, author of *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland*

Southeast Asia (Yale Press, 2009). Scott, professor of political science and anthropology, is director of the Agrarian Studies Program at Yale. His research interests are political economy, comparative agrarian societies, theories of hegemony and resistance, peasant politics, revolution, Southeast Asia, theories of class relations and anarchism. The conference will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Altgeld Room 315. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Scott's appearance is sponsored by CSEAS, the NIU Graduate Colloquium Committee and the Department of Political Science.

3. Political Science offers new scholarship for graduate students

The Department of Political Science has announced a new scholarship for full-time POLS graduate students pursuing Southeast Asian studies. The Dr. Russell W. Smith Memorial Scholarship is a \$1,000 travel grant to complete field work in Southeast Asia as part of a faculty-approved research project. The first award will be made for the 2014–15 academic year; **applications are due April 1**. Preference may be given to field work that is part of a doctoral dissertation, to U.S. military veterans, and students with demonstrated financial need. Students should supply a 1,000-word or less narrative and letter of support from a faculty member. For more information, contact the department's graduate student adviser, Scot Schraufnagel at

sschrauf@niu.edu. See the department's [scholarships](#) page for information on other funding opportunities. **NEW**

4. NIU Thai Studies endowment offers research, language and study abroad funding

The Thai Teaching and Research Fund Committee invites undergraduate and graduate students to apply for research, language and study abroad funding. All application materials should be addressed to the Thai Fund Committee and sent via email to Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu.

- **Graduate research:** Graduate students may apply for funding for field research in Thailand. Applications should include a concise description of the project, a budget, description of how the funding will be used to further Thai studies, and evidence of the following: preparation for the research, department approval, and IRB clearance if required. In addition, a letter of recommendation from the student's faculty advisor must be included. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28.**
- **Undergraduate language study:** Students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher may apply for a \$2,000 grant (\$1,000 per semester) to pursue intermediate Thai language training. Applicants should submit a one-page statement of interest in Thai studies and career goals in addition to a letter of support from their Thai language professor, a letter of recommendation and a transcript. **Deadline to apply: March 31.**
- **Study abroad:** Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply for two \$1,000 scholarships for NIU's May 16-June 14 [Cultural Diversity of Thailand](#) study abroad program, led by Center associate Andrea Molnar (anthropology). Applicants should submit a one-page statement of interest, letter of support from Molnar, letter of recommendation, a transcript (for undergraduates) or the stage of graduate work (graduate students). **Deadline to apply: March 15. NEW**

5. SEAYLP and PYLP want you: Be a host family for spring SEA programs



A SEAYLP participant takes over a corner of his home-stay family's kitchen to prepare a taste of his country's cuisine.

The center is seeking local families to act as hosts **April 6–13** for fifty high school students and eleven adult leaders from ten Southeast Asian countries participating in the spring session of the **April 3–25** Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ([SEAYLP](#)). Students are placed in pairs and adults may be placed as singles. 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. Host family orientation is scheduled for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, **March 31**. There will be a farewell reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, **April 21**.

Host family applications are available [online](#). For more details, contact host family coordinator Liz Denius at 815-753-1901 or email edenius@niu.edu.

Host families are also being sought for the **April 12–May 10** Philippine Youth Leadership Program ([PYLP](#)), another State Department-sponsored youth exchange program, this one bringing young people and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao

and surrounding provinces in the Philippines to NIU for four weeks under the auspices of the International Training Office and direction of CSEAS associates Susan Russell (anthropology) and Lina Ong (ITO). The home stay dates for PYLP are April 21–May 3. Contact NIU home stay coordinator Leslie Shive for details at lshive@niu.edu.

6. Opportunities knock: Student, faculty funding for research, travel

- Graduate students presenting a paper at an out-of-town (or out-of-country) conference this spring, you may apply for up to \$250 in travel funds from the Center. And if travel times sync up with the Graduate School's matching travel grant deadlines, students may be able to double funding. For details on CSEAS funding, contact Office Manager Nancy Schuneman at nschunem@niu.edu. Information on Graduate School funding is on the Grad School [website](#).
- The Graduate School is requesting proposals from graduate thesis and dissertation writers to cover the costs of travel to distant venues for field research. Grants of up to \$500 are being offered to cover the cost of research travel between **May 15** and **Sept. 1**. To apply, students must send a letter of support from their thesis or dissertation committee chair and a research proposal to the Office of the Dean, 223 Adams Hall, by **April 18**. Contact the Graduate School for more details. **NEW**
- Faculty travel funding for the 2014–15 academic year is available from the Division of International Affairs' Lillian Cobb Faculty Travel [Fellowship](#) program. Three \$1,333 grants are available; a department match of up to \$400 is required. Applications must be submitted by **Feb. 18**; successful applicants will be notified by **March 14**.

7. Vietnamese may be added to fall 2014 Southeast Asia language lineup

The Center is testing the waters for offering introductory Vietnamese via distance learning with the University of Wisconsin-Madison in fall 2014, according to CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood. The course, FLST 103-104, will be taught by a UW-Madison instructor but NIU students will receive credit from NIU. Whether the pilot class will be offered will depend on the number of students interested in taking Vietnamese, Ledgerwood said. Students should contact CSEAS as soon as possible at 815-753-1771 or by email at cseas@niu.edu (please put Vietnamese in the subject line). "We are very excited about the prospect of expanding NIU's Southeast Asia language offerings to include Vietnamese," Ledgerwood said. "And this cooperative venture potentially opens other opportunities for distance language study in the future."

8. Gearing up for a summer study abroad in Southeast Asia

There are more choices than ever to study abroad in Southeast Asia this summer. [Examine NGOs in Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam](#). [Explore cultural diversity in Thailand](#). [Experience Balinese music, dance and culture in Indonesia](#). [Learn Lao language and culture in Laos](#). [Conduct clinical research on hearing loss in Cambodia](#) or [do environmental research on public health in Indonesia](#). NIU faculty will lead five of the six study abroad programs to SEA being offered through NIU's [Study Abroad](#) Office. For information on any of these programs, go to the Study Abroad Office website and click on the Search for Programs link.

- [Trude Jacobsen](#) (History) will take a group **May 28–June 13** to Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam to study the growth of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in those countries. A new program, the course will look at how development policy is imagined, produced, and received (or resisted) across multiple cultural contexts.

- [Andrea Molnar](#) (Anthropology) will reprise her 2012 program, “Cultural Diversity in Thailand,” **May 16–June 14** in Thailand. Molnar’s program will introduce students to Thai culture and diversity, and examine the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. Find photos of previous trips, course information, travel grant information and more on Facebook at Molnar’s page [Thailand Study Abroad 2014](#). **Deadline to apply: March 31.**



Temple in Thailand

- [Jui-Ching Wang](#) (School of Music) will introduce Balinese music, dance, theatre, architecture and crafts **July 1–30** in her new program to Bali, Indonesia. “Students will experience these arts by interacting with the local people and gaining knowledge about the inseparable relationship of the arts, religion, and culture on Bali,” Wang says.
- [Tomoyuki Shibata](#) (College of Health & Human Sciences) returns to Indonesia **June 1–21** to continue research on environmental factors and public health. Past projects have examined the effect of indoor air quality or mothers’ behaviors on children’s health.
- [King Chung](#) (School of Allied Health & Communicative Disorders) is conducting a group **June 1–14** to Cambodia for “Heart of Hearing Program in Cambodia,” a program to help students develop their clinical skills by working with hearing-impaired individuals and helping facilitate local programs. Geared to audiology students.
- [Study Abroad in Laos](#) (SAIL), a program offered through the Center for Lao Studies in San Francisco and with credit from NIU, will run **June 27–July 31**. Based in Vientiane, Laos, the program offers students language and cultural lessons as well as exposure to Lao history and culture.

9. 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 Eric Jones at ejones@niu.edu.

10. **Save the dates:** Rotaract meeting, video series, spring workshops, student conference

- **Feb. 14:** Rotaract Club meeting, 3 to 4 p.m., Center for Southeast Asian Studies. **NEW**
- **Feb. 25:** Noon to 12:50 p.m. Asian American Center’s Insight! YouTube Video Series exploring Asian American identity issues screens the five-minute video, “Labels: The Asian / American Divide,” which looks at how to create understanding among Asian international and Asian American students. Discussion follows video. Series continues through April. **NEW**
- **March 14:** One-day workshop for graduate students, “Publishing with an Academic Press,” 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Founders Library 297. Details [here](#).

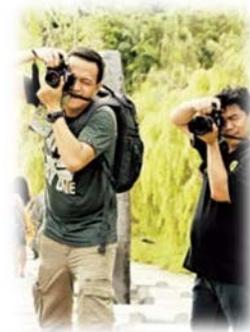
- **March 22:** Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates: Burma (Myanmar) symposium for college-level educators, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., NIU-Naperville. See Center [website](#).
- **April 3–25:** NIU welcomes the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ([SEAYLP](#)). Opportunities for area households to host students or adult leaders **April 6–13**. Contact edenius@niu.edu.
- **April 5:** Spring student conference organized by the Southeast Asia Club. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Altgeld Room 315. Keynote speaker: Yale political scientist James C. Scott.

11. Fulbright-Hays fellowship offered for advanced Indonesian program; apply this week

The U.S. Department of Education's Fulbright Hays Group Projects Abroad offers fellowships to students to pursue advanced Indonesian language training over the summer at Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana in Salatiga, Central Java. This year's Summer Advanced Indonesian Abroad Program runs from June 19 to Aug. 13. **The deadline to apply is Feb. 17.** All applicants must be at an intermediate level. See [program website](#) for details. **NEW**

12. Notes from all over: Khmer forum, IAS photo contest, call for chapters

Ohio University's Center for Southeast Asian Studies will host "Cambodia at a Crossroads," the sixth annual Khmer Studies Forum, **March 14–16** in Athens, Ohio. Opening remarks by Cambodian Ambassador to the United States [Hem Heng](#) will deliver opening remarks. MIT physicist and humanities professor Alan Lightman, founding director of [The Harpswell Foundation](#), will give the featured speech and Cambodian-American rapper, activist and filmmaker [praCh Ly](#) will perform. Limited home-stay accommodations are available. To inquire, contact Ohio CSEAS Director Christine Su at suc@ohio.edu or see [conference website](#) or [Facebook page](#). . . . **NEW** Heads up, erstwhile photographers--if you've taken a picture in Southeast Asia you're particularly proud or fond of, consider submitting to the International Institute for Asian Studies' annual photo contest, [Picturing Asia](#). The institute is offering prizes for the winning photographs and the opportunity to have them published in its newsletter. **Submit by June 30** **NEW**. . . . Call for chapter proposals for "Multiethnic Southeast Asia and Social Media: Identity, Ethnicity, Community and Migration," a book project to be published by Anthem Press. Project focus is the use of social media to explore emerging issues related to multi-ethnic identities and anxieties in the age of social media and global migration, according to editor Carolyn Gomes of RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia. For more information, contact her at catherine.gomes@rmit.edu.au. **NEW**



13. Money for study

Ateneo de Manila University

- **Institute of Philippine Culture:** Three-day program on historical and ethnographic approaches to Philippine culture June 1–4 in Quezon City for PhD students in social sciences or interdisciplinary programs. Local travel, lodging and meals expenses covered. **Deadline to apply: April 15.** See [website](#). **NEW**

United States-Indonesia Society

- **2014 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 to apply: Feb. 28.** See [website](#).

Harvard University

- **Pre-doctoral fellowships:** Two to four scholars sought for Transparency for Development Project grants by the Kennedy School's Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation to conduct ethnographic studies of health information and social action interventions in Tanzania and Indonesia. PhD students must have completed all or most of their coursework; funding includes money for travel and some other expenses. **Deadline to apply: March 14.** See [website](#).

Leibniz Institute for Tropical Marine Ecology

- **Indonesia pre-doctoral post:** Political scientist Marco Verweij of Jacobs University in Bremen, Germany, seeks student with a master's degree in political science, anthropology or development studies to conduct research on managing coral reefs in Indonesia. Should speak Bahasa and be knowledgeable about cultural theory and willing to do field work. Email Verweij for details: m.verweij@jacobs-university.de

Boren Awards

- **Foreign language study grants:** Applications for 2014–15 Boren scholarships for undergraduates are on the [Boren website](#). Undergraduate awards up to \$20,000 for an academic year's study abroad. For application help, see Anne Seitzinger at Study Abroad, 417 Williston Hall (email aseitz@niu.edu). **Undergraduate scholarship applications due Feb. 5.**

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Undergraduate fellowships:** Applications open six-week summer junior resident fellowships at the Center for Khmer Studies in Siem Reap. Five students each from the U.S., Cambodia, and France will be chosen for the **June 30–Aug. 8** program. **Deadline to apply: April 1.** See CKS website for details.

14. Job/internships opportunities*Hendrix College*

- **Postdoctoral teaching fellowship:** One-year position, supported by the ASIANetwork-Luce Teaching Fellow Program, in Hendrix's Asian Studies Program beginning Aug. 2014. Open to recent PhDs (three years or less) in a Southeast Asia-related field. For details, contact Michael Sprunger at sprunger@hendrix.edu. **NEW**

Royal Netherlands Academy for Arts & Sciences

- **Postdoctoral position:** Opening for 30-hour/week researcher to study political economy of Indonesia and organize conference. **Apply by March 1.** For details, see [job posting](#).

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. See the [Idealist website](#).

15. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **2013 Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, Feb. 28–March 2, Ithaca, New York. Theme: Southeast Asia in the Disciplines." See [conference website](#).

- **Grinnell College Peace Studies Conference**, Feb. 28–March 1, Grinnell, Iowa. Registration free. See [conference website](#).
- **20th National Conference of Asian Studies Development Program**, March 13–15, Houston. See [conference website](#).
- **6th Khmer Studies Forum**, March 14–16, Ohio University, Athen, Ohio. Theme: “Cambodia at a Crossroads.” See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **5th International Conference on Hmong Studies**, March 21–23, Concordia University. See [conference website](#).
- **Southeast Asian Studies Symposium 2014**, March 22–23, Keble College, University of Oxford. See [conference website](#).
- **25th Graduate Student Conference**, April 2–4, University of Hawaii-Manoa. Call for papers. Theme: “Pushing Boundaries, Shifting Perspectives: Remapping Asia and the Pacific through a Transnational Interdisciplinary Lens.” See [conference website](#).
- **2014 Philippine Political Science Association International Conference**, April 10–11, University of the Philippines Visayas, Iloilo City, Philippines. Theme: “Gazing Out: Locating Asia in the Philippine Political Worldview.” See [conference website](#).
- **Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies**, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. See [conference website](#).
- **3rd International Conference on Leadership and Learning in the Asian Society**, May 12–14, University Sains Malaysia, Pulau Penang. See [conference website](#).
- **Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)**, June 10–21, Lexington, Ky. See [conference website](#).
- **9th Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies**, June 25–27, National University of Singapore. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit: Feb. 28.** Contact NUS Asia Research Institute or see [information online](#). **NEW**
- **Diasporas: Exploring Critical Issues**, July 5-7, Mansfield College, Oxford. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts and panel proposals: Feb. 14.** See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **Congress of the Asian Political and International Studies Association**, Sept. 19–20, Chiang Mai University Institute for Southeast Asian Affairs, Thailand. Theme “An Agenda for Asia: Human Security, Conflict Management, Security Sector Reform and Local Democratization.” **Deadline for abstracts and panel proposals: May 15.** For details, email Paul Chambers at paul@iseaa.org. **NEW**

16. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- Two showings of the Laotian film [The Rocket](#), noon and 7 p.m., Tuesday, **March 4**, [Lake Theatre](#), 1022 Lake St., Oak Park. Presented by the First Tuesday Film Club.
- “Siam: The Queen and the White City” is on display in the Costume and Textile gallery at the Chicago History Museum. The exhibition features textiles, photographs and other items from Thailand collected by Queen Savang Vadanafor for display in the exposition’s Women’s Building. Through **March 2**. For details, see the [museum website](#).



- Learn about the history of Laotian immigration to Elgin, which began in the 1970s at the Vietnam War, in long-running exhibit at the [Elgin Area Historical Society and Museum](#), 360 Park St., Elgin.
- “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. 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](#).

Persons with a disability who may need assistance at any CSEAS event may contact office manager Nancy Schuneman at 815-753-1771 or nschunem@niu.edu. To no longer receive this bulletin, please reply to this e-mail with a request to remove your name. Thank you.

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