

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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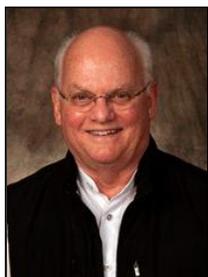


*This mural from Wat Pathumwanaram-Bangkok, commissioned by Thai King Mongkut, is entitled "The King Challenges Sithanonchai to an Egg-diving Contest with Concubines." Trickster tales like this are on tap for this week's lecture. See below.*

## Trickster tales from Thailand, Laos

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### 1. This week's lecture: John Hartmann on trickster tales and talking back to power

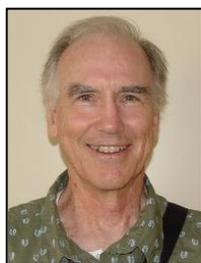


Hartmann

CSEAS associate John Hartmann (foreign languages and literatures) will present "Talking Back to Power: Testimony from Thai and Lao Literature and Art" at noon Friday, **Feb. 17**, Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. The trickster tales of Sri Thanonchai, or Xiang Miang, as he is called in Laos, are part of a widely shared cultural package—about a single and singular hero with different names and personal traits as he moves across the Mekong. This prototypical hero, in fact, crosses all national boundaries in Southeast Asia. In his lecture, Hartmann will focus on the Thai and Lao versions of his tales as they are realized in oral and written literature, as well as art. The presentation

will begin with a video clip of a Lao story teller narrating how the king wagers a bet with Sri Thanonchai only to be outwitted by the trickster. **Bring your lunch and feed your mind.** See entire lecture series schedule on the [CSEAS website](#).

### 2. Prepare for the podium: Keynote speaker for student conference announced



Cullinane

University of Wisconsin-Madison historian Michael Cullinane will be the keynote speaker for the Southeast Asia Club's spring student conference **April 7**. Cullinane's topic will be "Anti-Colonial Rebels: Arenas of Conspiracy and Revolution in the Philippines at the Turn of the 20th Century." **Abstracts for student papers are due Feb. 24.** The conference theme is "Western Influence in Southeast Asia," though papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to SEA. Paper due dates will be sent after abstracts are received and approved. Best paper awards will be given for both undergraduate and graduate papers. Send abstracts to conference

organizer Robert Kollas at [rkollas@niu.edu](mailto:rkollas@niu.edu).

### 3. Student notes: Graduate school beckons and interviewing the Google way

\* Kudos to JoAnn LoSavio (B.A. undergraduate candidate, anthropology/history with an emphasis on Malaysia, Southeast Asian studies minor), who got word last week she's been accepted into the graduate cultural anthropology program at Emory University in Atlanta for fall 2012. "My graduate research will focus on the development of Chinese Malaysian identity within and beyond the constraints of Malaysia's colonial history and the hegemonic Malay government," said LoSavio, who will graduate from NIU in May.



LoSavio

\* CSEAS graduate assistant Shahin Aftabizadeh (master's candidate, anthropology) participated in an online roundtable Feb. 7 on [The Stream](#), Al Jazeera English's social media news talk show. The subject was recent political and policy changes in Myanmar (Burma). Shahin joined Myra Dahgaypaw, a Karen human rights activist, and hip-hop artist and activist Anegga Tweezy among other invited online guests on the [program](#), which is streamed live on the internet. Aftabizadeh, whose research on Burmese student groups has taken him to refugee areas on the Thai-Burmese border, joined the conversation from his desk at the center using a laptop and a headset. The Stream, which bills itself as "an aggregator of online sources and discussion, seeking out unheard voices, new perspectives from people on the ground and untold angles related to the most compelling stories of the day," uses advanced social media

and web tools to connect its guests and audience. On this day, it was trialing Google+ hangouts, a new integrated interactive program that connects online guests and audience members with the studio production in real time. “It is an innovative way to link members of the academic community to a global audience,” Aftabizadeh said.

#### 4. Call for presentations: Teaching SEA to Undergraduates



Dayley

CSEAS is hosting a one-day conference for college-level instructors, [Building Our Global Future: Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates](#), at NIU this spring on Saturday, **April 28**, and is currently accepting proposals for presentations on teaching Southeast Asian history and politics, current events, religions and cultures, human rights, arts and music or geography. Modest travel stipends may be available. Proposals should be submitted by **Feb. 29** to Julie Lamb at [jlamb@niu.edu](mailto:jlamb@niu.edu) (or faxed to 815-753-1776).

Conference keynote speaker will be NIU alumnus and The College of Idaho professor [Robert Dayley](#) (Ph.D. political science, 1997), who teaches about Southeast Asia to undergraduates and was named Idaho Professor of the

Year in 2011.

#### 5. Call for papers: Imagining Cambodia 2012



Ledgerwood

NIU’s Cambodia Studies Working Group and CSEAS, in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ohio University, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, and the Center for Khmer Studies in Cambodia, are inviting submissions for presentations and panels for an international [Cambodia Studies Conference](#) to take place **Sept. 13–16** at NIU. **Abstracts and panel proposals are due March 15; papers are due June 15.** The conference theme is “Imagining Cambodia,” which opens presentations in the arts as well as social sciences and humanities, encourages multimedia/interdisciplinary project and promotes creative work on both future possibilities and re-

imagined versions of the past, says CSEAS associate Judy Ledgerwood (anthropology), a member of the Cambodia Studies Working Group. Papers on Cambodian diaspora communities are also welcome. In addition to regular academic panels, the conference will feature themed panels for which papers will be circulated in advance to all registered participants for in-depth discussions on particular topics. The conference will also include a musical performance and a field trip to the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial in Chicago.

#### 6. Call for papers: 10<sup>th</sup> International Burma Studies Conference



Raymond

The board of trustees of the Burma Studies Foundation, the Burma Studies Group, and the Center for Burma Studies at NIU invite papers on all aspects of Burma studies for presentation at the 10<sup>th</sup> [International Burma Studies Conference](#) to be held **Oct. 5–7** at NIU. Submissions welcome in the fields of anthropology, art history, environment, health, history, literature, linguistics, music, political science, popular culture, religions, and area studies. Panels and papers should be devoted primarily to new research, including recent events in Burma. **Proposals for papers or panels are due April 15.** Send the

title, abstract and all queries to: [bsc2012@niu.edu](mailto:bsc2012@niu.edu). The conference will feature both academic presentations and cultural events, according to Center for Burma Studies Director and CSEAS associate Catherine Raymond. For details, call 815-753-0512.

#### 7. **Save the dates:** Anthro Museum, career fairs, Indonesia exhibit, Study Abroad

- **Feb. 14:** NIU Anthropology Museum opens its doors with regular weekly hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays–Fridays; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.
- **Feb. 21–22:** NIU career fairs at the Convocation Center. **Internship Fair**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 21 (prep by going to the ABCs of Getting an Internship, 5 to 7 p.m., Capitol Room, Holmes Student Center). **Job Fair**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 22. Practice mock interviews [online](#) 24-7. For details, see Career Services [website](#).
- **Feb. 24:** Abstracts for papers due for Southeast Asia Club Student Conference in April. Deadline to apply for Lillian Cobb Faculty Travel Fellowship; email Sarah Lindell at [slindell@niu.edu](mailto:slindell@niu.edu) in the International Programs office or call her at 815-753-9526.
- **March 1:** Deadline to apply for NIU Indonesia and Thailand Study Abroad programs.
- **March 5:** Opening reception for “Islamic Cultures in Reflection: A Southeast Asia Photographic Exhibition,” 4 p.m., Holmes Student Center Gallery Lounge. First CSEAS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event leading up to March 5, 2013 anniversary date.
- **March 15:** Deadline to apply for NIU Malaysia Study Abroad program. See item below.
- **April 7:** Southeast Asia Club Student Conference.
- **April 14:** Southeast Asia Culture Night, sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club, 6 p.m. Wirtz Hall Auditorium. Free food and cultural performances.
- **April 28:** Building Our Global Future: Teaching Southeast Asian Studies to Undergraduates conference at NIU, sponsored by CSEAS.

#### 8. At least 10 good reasons to be a host family for SEAYLP

NIU is actively looking for families to act as hosts **April 12–25** for twenty-five high school students and five adult leaders from Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar (Burma), the Philippines and Thailand participating in the spring session of the center’s 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

##### Top 10 reasons to be a host family

10. You can experience a different country without going through customs
9. It beats watching “NCIS” reruns
8. You’ll be able to pick out Southeast Asia on a map
7. Your kids may start answering you in Burmese, Khmer or Tagalog
6. You could become an expert at making sticky rice
5. It’s something different to write about on Facebook
4. You’ll be the envy of family and friends
3. It’s a good excuse for spring cleaning
2. Your family portrait could replace the flying corn cob as the international symbol of DeKalb County
1. **Your family will make friendships of a lifetime**

class sessions at NIU. Host family orientation scheduled for 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, **April 9**. There will be a farewell reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, **April 25**. For details and a [host family application](#), contact NIU host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or email [lshive@niu.edu](mailto:lshive@niu.edu). Host families are also being sought for the **April 14–May 17** Philippine Youth Leadership Program ([PYLP](#)), another State Department-sponsored youth exchange program

that brings young people and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and surrounding provinces in the Philippines to NIU for five weeks under the auspices of the International Training Office. The home stay dates for PYLP are **April 29–May 10** (orientation for families is 7 to 8:30 p.m. **April 23**). As with SEAYLP, contact Leslie Shive for details or see the program website for applications and information.

### 9. Study abroad in SEA this summer with NIU

NIU is offering three opportunities to study abroad in Southeast Asia this summer with NIU faculty members. CSEAS adjunct Tomoyuki Shibata (nursing and health studies/public health), who is conducting his first study abroad program to Indonesia, recently received a grant that will shave \$600 off the cost for each participant. CSEAS associate Eric Jones (history) will take students to Malaysia for the seventh time. Andrea Katalin Molnar (anthropology) is reprising her 2011 Culture and Diversity in Thailand program. As NIU programs, all offer undergraduate and graduate course credit. For details on programs, financial aid, travel grants, scholarships, and applications, contact the NIU [Study Abroad Office](#), 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail [niuabroad@niu.edu](mailto:niuabroad@niu.edu). Study Abroad 101 workshop meets at 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in 417 Williston.

- **Public Health and Health Education in Indonesia, June 4–22:** Three-week [program](#) open to a wide academic audience, including students of public health, nursing, pre-med, nutrition, geography, environmental studies, and Southeast Asian studies. Program builds on [summer 2011 research project](#) in Makassar, Indonesia conducted by Tomoyuki Shibata in cooperation with Hasanuddin University. Mandatory pre- and post-program meetings: **March 5, April 2, May 14, and Aug. 27. Deadline to apply: March 1.** For details, email Shibata at [tshibata@niu.edu](mailto:tshibata@niu.edu).
- **Cultural Diversity in Thailand, June 15–July 14:** Four-week program focuses on cultural diversity in Thailand and the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. **Deadline to apply: March 1.**
- **Study Abroad Malaysia: History and Culture of Southeast Asia, July 22–Aug. 10:** Three-week program will be of interest to students interested in history of Southeast Asia, globalization, comparative religion, colonial and post-colonial culture and incorporates significant time in Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Penang, the jungles of Sarawak and Borneo, and the agricultural Cameron Highlands. **Deadline to apply: March 15.**

### 10. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs

- **Advanced Study of Khmer (ASK) Summer Abroad Program, June 11–Aug. 3**  
The Advanced Study of Khmer (ASK) Summer Abroad Program offers intensive eight-week training in Khmer language-culture for third-year students in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Applications due: **April 6**. Administered by the Khmer Language Program at the University of Hawaii in collaboration with the Royal University of Phnom-Penh, Cambodia. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright-Hays, and Group Projects. For details, see the [program website](#).
- **Summer Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), July 1–31**  
Study Lao, language, history and culture this summer in the Land of a Million Elephants during four-week program sponsored by the San Francisco-based Center for Lao

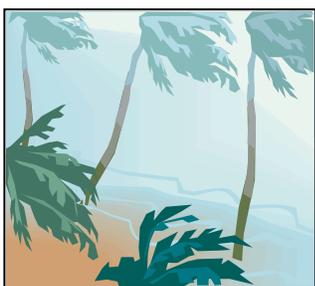
Studies. Program based at the Lao-American College in Vientiane, Laos. Applications due April 16. For details and application, see the [program website](#).

**NOTE: Students interested in taking language or area studies abroad through non-NIU programs are advised to work through NIU's Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall. By doing so, students can receive NIU credit and possibly have NIU financial aid apply, in addition to receiving liability and insurance protections.**

### 11. Apply for Cobb faculty travel fellowships by Feb. 24

Applications for 2011–12 Lillian Cobb Faculty Travel Fellowships for International Teaching and Service are being accepted at the [Division of International Programs](#) office through **Feb. 24**. The competitive grant program, named for Lillian ("Pauline") Cobb, the first chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, expects to offer four grants of up to \$2,000 each to faculty members whose proposals involve international research collaboration or support the development of a globally focused honors course. For details, email Sarah Lindell at [slindell@niu.edu](mailto:slindell@niu.edu) in the International Programs office or call her at 815-753-9526.

### 12. Relief efforts continue to aid flood victims in Cambodia, Thailand, Philippines



Monsoon and tropical storm flooding in mainland and island Southeast Asia, particularly in Cambodia, on Mindanao in the Philippines and Thailand, has displaced millions of people and put many others at risk of disease, injury and hardship as waters ebb. Rebuilding efforts and disaster relief will be ongoing for months. U.S. embassies in both countries are providing aid and funds, coordinating with humanitarian assistance teams from the U.S. military and routing millions of dollars in U.S. assistance funds. To connect with these and other efforts, CSEAS offers this list of entities offering assistance:

- **International Red Cross:** The [Cambodian Red Cross](#), [Philippine Red Cross](#) and [Thai Red Cross](#) are accepting donations for relief efforts through their respective websites.
- **Royal Thai Embassy:** Donations to flood victims in Thailand are being accepted through the embassy. Send checks or money orders (payable to Royal Thai Embassy) to Consular Affairs Section, Royal Thai Embassy, 1024 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20007. See the embassy's Facebook page (Royal Thai Embassy, Washington, D.C.) for donation updates or call 202-285-1547.
- **Save the Children:** International aid organization is accepting donations through its Thailand Floods Children in Emergency Fund. See the [Save the Children](#) website.
- **Royal Embassy of Cambodia:** Contact the embassy at 4530 16th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20011; phone 202-726-7742.
- **World Food Programme:** The food aid arm of the United Nations is offering assistance in affected countries. To view a list of current operations, see the [WFP](#) website; to donate, see the [Fill the Cup](#) section of the website.
- **World Vision Cambodia:** International aid group is distributing rice to affected communities where rice fields and other food sources have been compromised by flooding. See the [World Vision](#) website (under Disaster Response Fund).

### 14. Money for study

*Center for Khmer Studies*

- **Summer junior resident fellowships:** Five undergraduate openings for six-week fellowship (**June 18–Aug. 3**) based at center in Siem Reap. Program intended for those with genuine interest in Cambodia and Southeast Asia and who may be considering graduate studies or careers in the region. Fellowship covers tuition, accommodation, local transport, study materials and some field trip expenses. Some grants available for international air fares, visas and medical insurance. **Deadline to apply: April 11.** See [program website](#).

*National University of Singapore — Stanford University*

- **Distinguished Fellowship on Contemporary Southeast Asia:** 2012–13 Lee Kong Chian fellowship open to applicants with social science or humanities backgrounds (one or two will be awarded). Fellowship will cover round-trip transportation and generous monthly stipend. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 10.** Results will be announced in March. Applications must be sent simultaneously to NUS and Stanford. For details, see the [fellowship website](#).

*Harvard Kennedy School of Government*

- **Indonesia research fellowships:** Indonesian researchers, academics, and practitioners invited to pursue independent research projects as research fellows. Appointments will run from August 2012 to July 2013. **Deadline to apply: March 15.** For details, see [program website](#).

*Center for Citizenship, Civil Society and Rule of Law*

- **Three-year doctoral fellowships:** Interdisciplinary center at University of Aberdeen welcomes students from anthropology, cultural and literary studies, history, legal theory and socio-legal studies, philosophy, politics, religious studies, sociology and theology for 2012–13 fellowships. Fellowship covers full fees and partial maintenance. **Deadline to apply: March 30.** See [center website](#).

*East-West Center*

- **Graduate degree fellowships:** Funding for graduate students to participate in residential, educational and research programs at [East-West Center](#) while pursuing degree at University of Hawaii.

## 14. Job opportunities

*U.S. State Department*

- **Student Internships Program:** Fall 2012 internships open to full- or part-time undergraduate (juniors or above) or graduate students in good standing. **Deadline to apply: March 2.** See [Student Internship Program](#) website for details. To post questions or read discussions about the program, see program's [online forum](#).

*Center for Khmer Studies*

- **Summer Junior Resident Fellowship Program instructor:** Qualified person sought to lead and to develop a syllabus for intensive six-week study program, **June 18 to Aug. 3**, for Cambodian, French and U.S. undergraduates. Ph.D. required, along with teaching and research experience in Cambodia and Southeast Asian Studies. **Deadline to apply: April 30.** Send CV and cover letter to CKS Director Michael Sullivan at [msullivan@khmerstudies.org](mailto:msullivan@khmerstudies.org).

*Kenan Institute Asia*

- **Mainland Southeast Asia consultant:** Seeking experienced professional with some experience in the region with understanding or experience of private-sector development. Some language proficiency desired (Vietnamese best, but Thai, Lao, Khmer or Burmese acceptable). Position based in Bangkok with 50 percent travel time to Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. For details and contact information, see [institute website](#).

*Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative*

- **2012 legal studies externship:** May 21–Aug. 12 program offers opportunity to work with community-based legal education clinics in local and rural communities alongside Bridges Across Borders team as well as local lawyers, legal educators, and community organizations in Southeast Asia. Some cost waivers available. **Deadline to apply: March 1.** For details, see [program website](#).

*Cornell University*

- **Assistant professor:** Humanities specialist in literature and/or religion and/or culture of one or more SEA countries wanted for Department of Asian Studies to begin July 2012. Ph.D. required. Scholars with strong record in research and publishing, in addition to interdisciplinary and comparative work, encouraged to apply. Submit cover letter, statement of research and teaching, CV, a writing sample and three letters of recommendation [online](#).

*Idealist.org*

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

## 15. Conferences and calls for papers

- **Cornell Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference**, March 2–4, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Graduate student papers welcome on any aspect of Southeast Asia for this annual spring symposium. For details, see [symposium website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference**, March 15–18, Toronto, Canada. Registration open. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **New Research in Cham Studies**, June 18–19, École française d'Extrême-Orient, Paris. Co-sponsored by the Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore. Paper proposals welcome. Some travel funds available. For details, email [nscconferences@iseas.edu.sg](mailto:nscconferences@iseas.edu.sg) (place New Research in Cham Studies in subject line).
- **Between the Mountain and the Sea: Positioning Indonesia**, July 9–10, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Fifth International Indonesia Forum, co-sponsored by Yale University and Gadjah Mada University. Call for papers. **Deadline for submission: March 31.** For details, see [conference website](#).
- **Bali in Global Asia: Between Modernization and Heritage Formation**, July 16–18, Universitas Udayana, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. Co-sponsored by Universitas Udayana, the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), and the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV). For details, see [conference website](#).
- **2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on International Relations and Development**, July 26–27, Chiang Mai, Thailand. "Towards an ASEAN Economic Community (AEC): Prospects, Challenges, and Paradoxes in Development, Governance, and Human Security." Co-

sponsored by Chiang Mai, Chulalongkorn, Mahidol and Thammasat universities. For details, see [conference website](#).

- **9th International Conference on the Philippines**, Oct. 28–30, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. **Deadline for proposals and abstracts: March 1.** Send to ICOPHIL Committee, Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1035. For details, contact [asiansc@msu.edu](mailto:asiansc@msu.edu).
- **International Cambodia Studies Conference 2012: Imagining Cambodia**, Sept. 14–16, Northern Illinois University. Individual papers and suggestions for panel speakers and themes are invited. **Deadline for abstracts March 15; deadline for papers June 15.** Details posted on [CSEAS website](#).
- **International Burma Studies Conference 2012**, Oct. 5–7, Northern Illinois University. **Proposals for papers or panels due: April 15.** Email title, abstract and all queries to [bsc2012@niu.edu](mailto:bsc2012@niu.edu). For details, see [conference website](#).
- **Fourth Annual Conference on Lao Studies**, April 19–21, 2013, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Details TBA. For information, see [conference website](#).
- **Thailand in the World: Twelfth International Conference on Thai Studies**, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. Call for papers scheduled for August 2012. To request being added to the conference email list or for other information, email [brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au](mailto:brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au). The conference website will be launched in mid-2012.

#### 16. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- “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 Sundays.
- The Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see consulate [website](#).

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