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Weather or not: A typical Illinois winter storm on Feb. 7 did not deter Thai Ambassador Chaiyong Satjipanon, left, from a visit to NIU, where he met with officials, faculty and staff at a reception in the Holmes Student Center. During the visit, the ambassador talked with College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean Christopher McCord, center, and Chicago Consul General of Thailand Songphol Sukchan, whose son is an NIU student. See details below.

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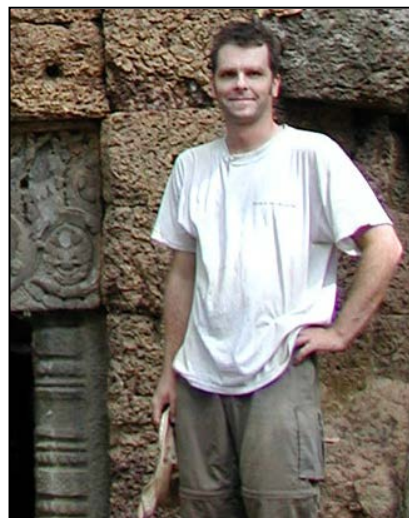


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1. This week's lecture: UIC anthropologist on tracking the rise of Angkor

University of Illinois-Chicago anthropologist Mitch Hendrickson will present "Tracking the Rise of Angkor from the Edge of Empire: Recent Investigations by the Industries of Angkor Project at Preah Khan of Kompong Svay (Preah Khan), Cambodia" at noon **Friday, Feb. 22**, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. Over the past four years, the Industries of Angkor Project (INDAP) has investigated the settlement, industrial and environmental histories of the remote Angkorian center of Preah Khan of Kompong Svay. Previous historical interpretations of Preah Khan have relied on a single architectural survey conducted in the early 20th century. Re-mapping and surveys of the water infrastructure, temple and settlement distribution within the enclosure are providing new insight into the development of Preah Khan. "Our work," Hendrickson says, "has identified the potential role of the Kuay, an ethnic minority who produced traditional bloomery iron until the mid-twentieth century, in the expansion of the Khmer empire during the tenth to thirteenth centuries." To order an Indonesian lunch, please 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 details, e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. See [spring lecture schedule](#) on CSEAS website.



Mitch Hendrickson

2. Thai ambassador visits NIU, hosts U.S. Thai teachers at Chicago meeting

The snow was coming down so hard late afternoon on Thursday, **Feb. 7**, that the Division of International Programs and CSEAS were checking O'Hare flight arrival or cancellation times every ten minutes. The new Ambassador of Thailand to the United States, His Excellency Chaiyong Satjipanon, was scheduled to fly into Chicago and drive directly to NIU with a delegation including Chicago Consul General of Thailand, the Honorable Songphol Sukchan, for a reception at the Holmes Student Center. The ambassador wanted to make the trip in order to meet senior NIU officials, Thai Studies faculty, students, and CSEAS associates before leaving for Chicago for a Thai teaching summit. The University Suite was set up with a podium, refreshments, and tables,



With Associate Provost for International Programs Deborah Pierce looking on, Thai Ambassador Chaiyong Satjipanon, center, meets political science professor emeritus M. Ladd Thomas, right, a Thai specialist who helped found the Council of Thai Studies conference at NIU in 1972. Both men are alumni of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. (Photo / Media Services)

ready to go; students and faculty made their way to the Holmes Center through deepening slushy snow. Despite the worsening weather, the cars carrying the ambassador and his party pulled up at the door nearly on time.

At the reception, Assistant Provost for International Programs Deborah Pierce and CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood welcomed the ambassador and those attending. Anne Kaplan, Vice President for Administration and University Outreach, spoke for the university. “We are honored to welcome His Excellency today. Our relationship to the Kingdom of Thailand goes back a long way,” Kaplan said, mentioning emeritus political science professors M. Ladd Thomas and Clark Neher, and Arlene Neher, all of whom were there to meet the Thai delegation. “We recognize and honor a continuation of this longstanding relationship. We have seven active MOUs with Thai universities; twelve students, ten graduate and two undergraduate; and seven faculty focused on Thai Studies,” she said, adding that senior NIU leadership recognized the significance of having Thai Studies at NIU. Ambassador Satijpanon was gracious in his remarks. “It is a great honor to represent our delegation from Washington, D.C., and in Chicago. I hope this is not my first and last trip to Illinois. One or two hours here is not enough,” he said. The ambassador added that 2013 marked 180 years of U.S.-Thai relations (the first treaty between the two countries was signed in 1833). “It is an opportunity to strengthen bilateral relations,” he said, “and working together for peace and prosperity not just in Southeast Asia but the world as a whole.”

The NIU visit preceded the Royal Thai Embassy’s two-day Thai language-teaching conference, “Development and Promotion of Thai Language Studies in the United States,” which was attended by Thai instructors from around the country, including CSEAS associate and Thai language professor John Hartmann. Hartmann presented “Going Global with Two Tongues: The Thai Language Program at NIU” at one of the seminars during the conference.



CSEAS associate John Hartmann, left, presents at the Royal Thai Embassy’s Thai language conference in Chicago. (Photo / Thai Consulate Chicago)

3. A week of 50th Anniversary activities ahead

- **March 1:** London School of Economics and Political Science professor John Sidel presents 50th Anniversary Spring Lecture, “Republicanism, Communism, Islam: Cosmopolitan Origins of Revolution in Southeast Asia,” 4 p.m., Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center.
- **March 1:** CSEAS faculty-student-alumni anniversary gathering, 5:30 p.m., Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center.
- **March 2:** Exhibit talk by professor emeritus Richard Cooler, curator of “Rarely Seen Southeast Asia: Art, Artifact, Ephemera,” 10 a.m., Anthropology Museum, Cole Hall. Morning refreshments provided. On display through **May 15**.
- **March 2:** [*A Celebration of Southeast Asian Performing Arts*](#), 8 p.m., Boutell Memorial Concert Hall, followed by dessert.

- **March 4:** Opening of “50 Years of CSEAS and the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection” exhibit, Founders Memorial Library, 4 p.m. Light refreshments. On display through **March 31**.
- **March 4:** Meet-the-Artist session with Malaysian world pop singer-songwriter Amirah Ali, 8 p.m., School of Music Recital Hall.
- **March 5:** CSEAS Anniversary Open House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. Refreshments and remembrances.
- **March 6:** Anniversary Film Series, *The Lady* (Burma, 2011), 6 p.m. Room 110, Art Building. Hosted by Southeast Asia Club; co-sponsored by NIU Burma Interest Group.

See [CSEAS website](#) for all 2012–13 anniversary events and click through 50 years of CSEAS history on an interactive timeline posted on the home page.

4. Ten receive summer 2013 FLAS fellowships

CSEAS announces that two undergraduate and eight graduate students have received summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships. All will be headed off to Southeast Asia for summer language study after spring semester concludes in May. Scott Abel (PhD candidate, History), Ryan Broce (MA candidate, History) and Matt Ropp (Communications) will study Malay in Pahang, Malaysia. Katrina Chludzinski (MA/PhD candidate, History), Nicole Loring (MA/PhD candidate, Political Science) and Thomas Rhoden (PhD candidate, Political Science) will study Burmese in Yangon, Myanmar. Greg Kramer (student at large/MA candidate, Political Science) and Tiffanisha Williams (MA/PhD candidate, Political Science) will study Indonesian in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Robert Bulanda (MA candidate, Anthropology) will study Tagalog in Quezon City in the Philippines and Ron Leonhardt (History/Southeast Asian Studies) will study Khmer in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Best wishes to all for a successful FLAS experience. FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

5. February deadlines loom for Thai Studies awards

- **Original paper:** The Thai Studies Committee at NIU is offering a \$300 prize for an original research paper by an NIU student dealing with any aspect of Thai Studies. The prize will be awarded at the Southeast Asia Club’s spring student conference **April 13**. **Deadline to submit: Feb. 28.** Submissions should be sent as a PDF or Word document to CSEAS associate Grant Olson (foreign languages and literatures) at golson@niu.edu.
- **Advanced Thai language study:** The Thai Studies Committee will award two undergraduate 2013–14 academic-year scholarships of \$500 per semester, funded by the Royal Thai government’s Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund at NIU. Eligible undergraduates must be successfully pursuing studies in Thai language, culture, history or politics. Advanced Thai language study is required. Applicants should submit one-page statement of interest, recommendations from Thai language instructor and another faculty member, and a transcript. **Deadline to apply: April 5.** Email CSEAS associate Chalermsee Olson (Founders Library) at eteolson@niu.edu.
- **Faculty and student research travel:** Faculty and students are invited to apply for grants supporting projects and initiatives involving research and training in Thai Studies. Applications should include a concise description of the project’s purpose, a budget, and ways in which the funds would be used to advance Thai Studies. Applications will be accepted **Feb. 28** and **Sept. 30**. Email Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu

6. UM political scientist to keynote April 13 spring student conference

Abstracts are in and the game is on for the Southeast Asia Club's spring 2013 student conference Saturday, **April 13**. The conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 315 Altgeld Hall. The theme of this year's conference is "Growth and Development." The conference keynote speaker will be University of Michigan political scientist and Michigan Center for Southeast Asian Studies Director Allen Hicken (PhD, University of California-San Diego, 2002). Hicken's research interests are political party systems in developing democracies, particularly in Thailand and the Philippines. Best paper monetary awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers. The Thai Studies Committee will also present a monetary award for best Thai Studies paper. For conference details, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.



Allen Hicken

7. Summer Study Abroad in SEA: Cultural anthropology field methods in Cambodia



Ledgerwood

CSEAS Director **Judy Ledgerwood** (anthropology) will lead a four-week ethnographic field school this summer in Cambodia from **June 15 to July 13**. Focusing on the rebirth of Cambodian Buddhism, participants will study Cambodian culture, religion, and various field-study methods, including surveys, interviews and observation. A collaborative project with the Royal University of Fine Arts (RUFA) in Phnom Penh, the field school is open to both RUFA and American students from NIU and other U.S. institutions. Advanced undergraduate students or graduate students

from all majors and colleges are welcome to apply. More details and online link to apply are available through [NIU Study Abroad](#). **Deadline to apply: April 1**. Three to six hours of undergraduate or graduate credit will be awarded for satisfactory participation in the program. For details, email Ledgerwood at jledgerw@niu.edu. For information and applications, contact the Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. Learn more about studying abroad at Study Abroad 101, a one-time session that meets at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays in 417 Williston.



8. Finding money to study abroad

Interested in studying abroad but don't have the funding to do so? There are several avenues available through NIU's [Study Abroad](#) Office, such as the Provost's Travel Grant for Study Abroad. Provost travel grants range from \$500 to \$1,000. **Deadline to apply: April 1**. For details, email niuabroad@niu.edu or call Study Abroad at 753-0700. **NEW** The Phi Kappa Phi Honor

Society also offers \$1,000 grants to study abroad. To apply, go to the [society website](#) for an online application. **Applications due: April 1.** Winners will be announced June 1.

9. Summer Study Abroad in SEA: Health, environment, and culture project in Indonesia



Shibata

CSEAS affiliate Tomoyuki Shibata, assistant professor in NIU's Public Health Program and the Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability & Energy, is leading [Global Health, Environments, and Cultures in Indonesia](#), a three-week program to South Sulawesi, Indonesia **June 2–22**. Participants will have to opportunity to establish their own academic goals while investigating the effects of different Indonesian environments (natural, living, and working) on human health. The program is being offered in collaboration with Hasanuddin University in Makassar. An introductory class for program participants is

scheduled for **March 1. Deadline to apply: March 1.** Undergraduate and graduate students from all majors and colleges are welcome to apply. Three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit will be awarded for satisfactory participation in the program. For details, see the program's Facebook page at NIU Study Abroad in Indonesia, check out its [YouTube video](#), or email Shibata at tshibata@niu.edu. For information and applications, contact the Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu.



10. Burnish your resumé: Sign up for a SEA Studies minor or graduate concentration



Elise Waite and Matt Ropp, both Southeast Asian Studies minors, visit with incoming freshman Logan Quest from Rochelle High School at NIU's Admitted Student Day Feb. 18. Waite and Ropp discussed their experiences as international studies students with Quest and fellow members of Rochelle's International Club on Feb. 20, accompanied by Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb. (Photo / CSEAS)

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. In a global marketplace, an internationally focused area of study can open more doors. 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 Trude Jacobsen at tjacobsen1@niu.edu.

11. Study at the International Criminal Court this summer

NIU Honors Program is offering an engaged-learning opportunity **June 2–14** to study international justice, conflict resolution, genocide studies, and history at The Hague in Amsterdam with CSEAS affiliate and history professor J.D. Bowers and professors from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. Provost Summer Travel Grants (up to \$2,000 for Honors students; \$1,000 for others) available; **deadline to apply: April 1**. See the [program website](#).

12. Area CSEAS conferences coming up in spring

- **Ohio University, Athens, OH:** Ohio University's Center for Southeast Asian Studies will host "Identity," the 5th annual Khmer Studies Forum **March 15–17**. See [conference web page](#) for details.
- **University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI:** UW-Madison's Center for Southeast Asian Studies will co-host the 4th International Conference on Lao Studies **April 19–21** with the Center for Lao Studies, San Francisco. See [conference website](#) or call 608-263-1755.

13. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs

- **Khmer Summer Abroad Program, June 24–Aug. 2**
Deadline to apply for the [Khmer Language and Culture](#) Summer Abroad Program offered by the University of Hawaii-Manoa is **April 6**. See program website or email Chhany Sak-humphry at sak@hawaii.edu. No direct funding available, but students may apply for [Gilman](#) and [Blakemore](#) scholarships.
- **Summer Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), June 21–July 31**
The San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies administers five-week study abroad program based at the Lao-American College with private instruction from the national University of Laos. **Deadline to apply: April 1**. For details, see [program website](#).

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 protection.

14. Money for study

American Institute for Indonesian Studies

- **Research grants:** \$5,750 grants available for graduate and postdoctoral students pursuing research in Indonesia. Program funded by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Forms are available at [AIFIS website](#).

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Undergraduate fellowships:** Six-week summer junior resident fellowships in Siem Reap, Cambodia, June 24–Aug. 2. Partial stipend (\$800) offered. **Deadline to apply: April 1**. See [CKS](#) website for details.

East-West Center, Hawaii

- **Graduate degree fellowships:** Funding for graduate students to participate in residential, educational and research programs for 2013 at [East-West Center](#) while pursuing degree at University of Hawaii.

University of Leeds

- **Post-graduate Thai Studies research scholarships:** Funded by Royal Thai Embassy, London, for three 2013–14 scholarships at Leeds School of Modern Languages and

Cultures with six months of field work in Thailand. Begins October 2013. **Deadline to apply: July 1.** For details, see [Leeds website](#).

University of Michigan

- **Four-week library fellowship for Southeast Asian scholars:** Provides reimbursement for international airfare, research funds, stipends and housing for students affiliated with an education institution in Southeast Asia and pursuing research relevant to Southeast Asian Studies. Offered by University of Michigan CSEAS and Library. **Deadline to apply: May 31.** For details, see [UM-CSEAS website](#).

15. Job opportunities

USAID

- **International Programs Fellowship:** Two-year appointment at USAID's Population Reference Bureau beginning in summer 2013. Intended for bachelor's degree graduate (by June 2013). **Deadline to apply: Feb. 25.** For details, see [USAID website](#).

Idealist.org

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

16. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **15th Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference**, March 1–3, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **2nd Southeast Asian Studies Symposium**, March 9–10, University of Oxford, U.K. See [conference website](#) for details.
- **5th Khmer Studies Forum**, March 15–17, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. For details, see [center website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 21–24, San Diego, CA. See [conference website](#).
- **10th Northeast Conference on Indonesian Studies**, March 29–30, Yale University. Yale Indonesia Forum (YIF) and Cornell Indonesian Association invite submissions from graduate and undergraduate students. Workshop with invited scholars on first day; student conference on second day. Conference theme: "Social Dynamics of Sustainable Development in Indonesia." **Abstract deadline: Feb. 22.** YIF will provide one night's accommodation in New Haven for presenters. For details, see [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **UCLA Indonesian Studies Conference**, April 13–14, Los Angeles, CA. Theme: Critical Histories of Activism: Indonesia's New Order and its Legacies. Participants with accepted papers will receive funding for transport and hotel accommodations. For details, email cseas@international.ucla.edu.
- **4th International Conference on Lao Studies**, April 19–21, University of Wisconsin-Madison. See [conference website](#) or call 608-263-1755.
- **(Re)Constructions: Researching and Rethinking Asia**, April 26–27, York University, Toronto Canada. York Centre for Asian Research Graduate Student Conference. Call for papers. See [conference website](#).
- **5th South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion Conference**, May 16–19, Manila, the Philippines. Theme: Healing, Belief Systems, Cultures and Religions of South and Southeast Asia. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **8th International Convention for Asia Scholars (ICAS)**, June 24–27, Macao. See [conference website](#).

- **7th European Association of European Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) Conference**, July 2–5, School of Social and Political Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal. For details, see [EuroSEAS website](#).
- **International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD)**, Aug. 22–23, Bangkok. Two-day conference at Chulalongkorn University. Theme: Beyond Borders: Building a Regional Commons in Southeast Asia. Call for papers on development, international relations and human rights in SEA. **Abstracts due: March 1**. Details forthcoming on [conference website](#) or email info@icird.org.
- **Inter-Asian Connections IV**, Oct. 2–5, Istanbul. For details, see [conference website](#) or email interasia@ssr.org.
- **Council on Thai Studies**, Oct. 18–19, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Call for papers. Send brief abstracts including contact information and institutional affiliation to golson@niu.edu. **Deadline for abstracts: July 1; deadline to register: Sept. 20.** **NEW**
- **Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies**, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. To request being added to the conference email list or for other information, email brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au.

17. 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.
- The Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see consulate [website](#).
- Chicago Friends of the Gamelan spring concert, featuring traditional and contemporary Javanese gamelan pieces, will be held **May 4**, Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. Time TBA. For details, see Friends [website](#).

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