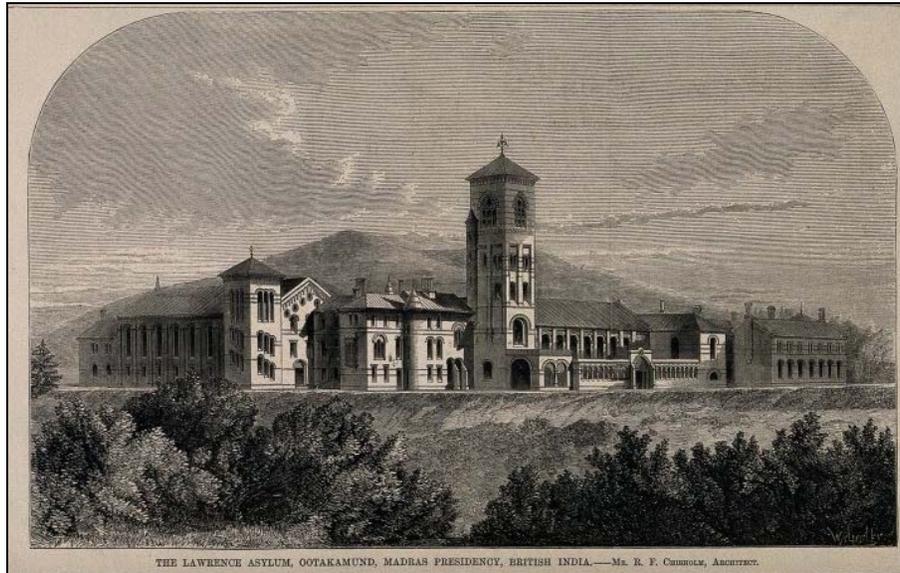


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During the Victorian era, mentally ill expatriates in the British colonies could find themselves in an asylum like this one in India. Assistant history professor Trude Jacobsen explores the case of one Sherlock Hare in British Burma at this week's center lecture.

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1. This week's CSEAS lecture: Trude Jacobsen on mental health in British Burma



Trude Jacobsen

Assistant NIU history professor and center associate Trude Jacobsen will present "The Curious Case of Sherlock Hare: Race, Class, and Mental Health in British Burma" at this week's center lecture from noon to 12:50 p.m. Friday, **March 4**, in Room 110 in the Campus Life Building. In 1891, British entrepreneur Sherlock Hare was classified a "criminal lunatic" and removed from British Burma. The circumstances of his removal eventually led to an inquiry into the entire procedure for European persons deemed criminally insane in the colonies. The story of Hare's arrest, evaluation, incarceration, and subsequent remand to England reveals not only a great deal about Victorian perspectives toward mental health, Jacobsen says, but also the relevance of race and class in the treatment of afflicted persons in the colonies. **Bring your lunch and feed your mind.**

2. Undergraduate FLAS grant deadline extended to March 10

Undergraduates studying a Southeast Asia language at NIU now have until Thursday, **March 10**, to apply for the 2011–12 [Foreign Language and Area Studies \(FLAS\) fellowships](#). These U.S. Department of Education-funded fellowships are available for U.S. citizens and permanent residents working toward acquiring competency in one of six languages taught on campus: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Malay, Tagalog, and Thai. For details and application forms, see the [center website](#) or call 815-753-1771. Any student who has completed the first year of any Southeast Asian language is eligible to apply.

3. Summer FLAS grant applications due this week

Tuesday's the day to apply a summer [Foreign Language and Area Studies \(FLAS\) grant](#), which provides for Southeast Asian language study at approved institutions in the U.S. (see **item 11 below**) or in Southeast Asia. The program is open to both undergraduate and graduate students; deadline to apply is Tuesday, **March 1**. For FLAS information and applications as well as a list of approved overseas programs, see the [center website](#).

4. Hartmann to discuss folk epidemiology in Laotian palm leaf manuscripts



John Hartmann

Language professor and center associate John Hartmann will co-present "Folk Epidemiology Recorded in Palm Leaf Texts" with Bethany Elkington (University of Illinois-Chicago) in a lunchtime lecture at the Division of International Programs' [Brown Bag Series](#) at noon Thursday, **March 3**, in 300 Faraday West. Hartmann and Elkington will discuss recent efforts by linguistic experts to scan centuries-old palm leaf manuscripts in the National Library of Laos in an effort to find and preserve knowledge of traditional medicine, historical medical records, and folk beliefs. Most of the 7,000 manuscripts examined were kept in Buddhist monasteries and detail diseases, symptoms, and remedies.

5. Get your paper on: Abstracts due this week for SEA Club student conference

Students who want to share the results of their Southeast Asia research will have the chance to do so Saturday, **April 23**, at the Southeast Asia Club's annual spring student conference.

The conference theme is “Resistance Movements and Democratization in Southeast Asia.” University of Chicago historian Mark Bradley, a specialist in postcolonial Southeast Asia and twentieth-century U.S. international history, will give the keynote address. A cash prize will be awarded to the best undergraduate and graduate papers. Abstracts will be accepted until Monday, **Feb. 28**, with final papers due **March 23**. Send to Robert Kollas at rkollas@niu.edu. More details are available on the [conference website](#).

6. Summer study abroad in SEA through NIU: Malaysia/Brunei, Thailand



On the waterfront in Thailand (photo by Andrea Molnar)

NIU is offering two opportunities to study abroad in Southeast Asia this summer with NIU faculty members and center associates. Andrea Molnar, associate professor (anthropology), is leading a group to Thailand to explore cultural diversity while associate professor Eric Jones (history) will take students to Malaysia and

Brunei. Both are NIU study abroad programs offering course credit for graduate and undergraduate students. For information about programs, financial aid, travel grants, scholarships, and applications, contact the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. **Deadline to apply for summer study abroad travel grants: May 6.**

- **Study Abroad Malaysia/Brunei: History and Culture of Southeast Asia, May 15–June 3:** Three-week program led by associate history professor Eric Jones incorporates a home-stay experience with significant time spent in Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Penang, the jungles of Sarawak and Borneo, and the Islamic center of Brunei. Financial aid available to qualified applicants. For more details, see Jones’s video on [YouTube](#) and [application](#) information. **Deadline to apply: March 15.**
- **Cultural Diversity in Thailand, May 30–June 25:** Three-week program led by associate anthropology professor Andrea Molnar focuses on cultural diversity in Thailand and the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. The course introduces students to the culture and diversity of cultural groups in Thailand, the existing power relations between dominant and minority groups, and the practical implications of these relations in everyday Thai life. Program includes lectures, briefings, field trips, and visits to Thai sites including temples, museums, the Royal Palace, markets, and beaches. On field visits, NIU students will be paired with Thai students. Financial aid available to qualified applicants. For more details, see [application](#) information. **Deadline to apply: April 15.**

7. House to house: Seeking host families for SEAYLP

NIU and the center are looking for a few more local households to act as hosts **April 10–22** for twenty-two high school students and four adult leaders from Burma, Indonesia, 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 one free weekend (**April 16–17**), and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. For details, contact NIU host family coordinator (and past host) Leslie Shive at 815-753-

9546 or e-mail lshive@niu.edu. For details about the SEAYLP program, see the [center website](#).

Top 10 reasons to be a host family

10. You can experience a different country without getting on a plane
9. It beats watching "Law and Order" reruns
8. You'll be able to pick out Southeast Asia on a map
7. Your kids may start answering you in Khmer or Malay or Vietnamese
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. Your house will be all ready for company
2. Your family portrait could replace the flying cornucob as the international symbol of DeKalb County
1. Your family will make friendships of a lifetime

8. Lifetime Learning Institute to hold Burma study group this spring

NIU's [Lifelong Learning Institute](#) is offering a Wednesday study group beginning **March 16** to learn about the history, culture, geography, politics, international relations, and everyday life in Burma/Myanmar from faculty associates of NIU's centers for Burma Studies and Southeast Asian Studies. Former CSEAS associate Arlene Neher is convening the group with Center for Burma Studies director Catherine Raymond, professor Kenton Clymer (history), and emeritus faculty Richard Cooler, Clark Neher, and George Spencer plus several international students from Burma. The study group will meet 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays **March 16 to May 4**. For details, contact the institute at 815-753-5200 or LASEP@niu.edu.

9. International Training Office seeking host families for PYLP program

NIU's International Training Office (ITO) is looking for area families to act as hosts in May for twenty-two Muslim and non-Muslim youth and four adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao who are coming to NIU in April to participate in the eighth Philippine Youth Leadership Program ([PYLP](#)), directed by center associates Susan Russell (anthropology) and Lina Davide-Ong (ITO). The six-week program runs **April 16–May 21**; the home-stay segment is **May 1–14**. Contact host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or e-mail lshive@niu.edu.

10. **Save the dates:** Club meetings, student conference, culture night, Khmer studies

- **Feb. 28:** Next meeting of the Southeast Asia Club, 6 to 7 p.m., Room 480, DuSable Hall. Subsequent meetings will be held at the same time and location on **March 21**, **April 4**, and **April 18**.



- **April 15:** Southeast Asia Club spring culture night at Wirtz Hall, time and location to be announced.
- **April 23:** [Southeast Asia Club](#)'s annual spring [student conference](#) on Southeast Asia at NIU. This year's topic: "Resistance Movements and Democratization in Southeast Asia." Abstracts accepted until **Feb. 28**; final papers due **March 23**.
- **April 29–30:** Third Annual Khmer Studies Forum at Ohio University Center, sponsored by Center for Southeast Asian Studies there. See Conferences below for details.

11. SEASSI applications available online; deadline this week

Applicants for this summer's Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute ([SEASSI](#)), set for June 13–Aug. 5, can do the paperwork online to apply. The eight-week intensive Southeast Asia language course held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is open to undergraduates, graduate students, and professionals. Burmese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Javanese, Khmer, Lao, Thai, and Vietnamese are taught. NIU students who wish to apply for a summer FLAS fellowship for SEASSI must submit applications to CSEAS by [March 1](#). Tuition scholarship applications from SEASSI are due **April 15**. For details on SEASSI, e-mail seassi@intl-institute.wisc.edu.

12. A place to publish: Two German journals seeking submissions



Heidelberg University's Cluster of Excellence "Asia and Europe in a Global Context: Shifting Asymmetries and Cultural Flows" has launched a new academic open-access e-journal, [Transcultural Studies](#). The biannual journal is committed to promoting the knowledge and research of transculturality in all disciplines, and open to junior and senior scholars. [The Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs](#), an internationally refereed journal published by the GIGA Institute of Asian Studies in Hamburg, Germany, is also seeking submissions, particularly from junior scholars. The journal publishes articles on contemporary Southeast Asian studies in the following fields: economics, education, environment, international relations, politics, and law. Articles must be submitted in English, and should be theoretically grounded and empirically sound.

13. Overseas summer language, exchange, internship, and area studies programs

- **Indonesia Arts and Culture Scholarship Program:** Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs is offering three-month scholarships to U.S. students who want to learn more about Indonesian arts and culture in one of five Indonesian cities: Bandar Lampung, Bandung, Denpasar, Solo, and Surabaya. Scholarships are offered for three months, April 25 to July 29, and include travel, tuition, health insurance, accommodations, and monthly allowance. Applications must be endorsed by the Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago. **Deadline to apply: March 10.** For details, e-mail information@indonesiachicago.org or see the [program website](#).
- **USINDO Summer Language Studies Program:** Ten-week program to study Indonesian language and culture at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, for U.S. graduate or undergraduate students. This program, sponsored by the U.S.-Indonesia Society, includes language and culture classes, lectures, field trips,

and a home stay. **Deadline to apply: March 1.** Call Widia Listyowulan at 202-232-5376 or see [program website](#).

- **Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative (BABSEA CLE)** is currently accepting applications for its 2011 May-August Legal Studies Internship Program. The BABSEA CLE Legal Studies Internship Program offers an opportunity to make a real contribution to assisting others in overcoming the hardships and legal inequity in Southeast Asia while being involved in a remarkable experience of living and working in the region. The deadline for applications is **March 1, 2011**. Late applications may still be considered depending on circumstance and available space in program. For more information on the BABSEA CLE International Legal Studies Internship Program please visit http://www.babseacle.org/legal_studies_internship_program or contact BABSEA CLE Director, Ms Wendy Morrish at wmorrish@babseacle.org. **NEW**
- **Advanced Study of Khmer (ASK) Summer Abroad Program, June 13–Aug. 5**
The Advanced Study of Khmer (ASK) Summer Abroad Program offers intensive eight-week training in Khmer language and culture for third-year students in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28.** Administered by University of Hawaii Khmer language program; funded by U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright-Hays, and Group Projects. For details, see [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 liability and insurance protections.

14. Conferences and calls for papers

- **AAS-ICAS Joint Conference**, March 31–April 3, Honolulu, Hawaii. Association of Asian Studies and International Convention of Asia Scholars annual meeting. See list of [Southeast Asia panels](#), the [entire conference program](#) and other details on the [conference website](#).
- **3rd Annual Khmer Studies Forum**, April 29–30, Athens, Ohio. Sponsored by Ohio University Center for Southeast Asian Studies. Free. For details, see [conference website](#). For transportation and accommodation information, e-mail cseas@ohio.edu or Sinoun Kim at sinounkim@gmail.com. **NEW**
- **Transforming Cambodia Studies: Social Change and Cultural Transitions Since 1979**, July 7–9, Siem Reap, Cambodia. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 28;** scholars will be informed of acceptance by early April. For details, see the [conference website](#) or e-mail conference@khmerstudies.org.
- **Visions of the Future, 11th International Conference on Thai Studies**, July 26–28, Bangkok. Abstracts are still being requested for papers for this conference hosted by Mahidol University and the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia. For details, e-mail thaistudies2011@gmail.com.
- **ASEASUK Conference**, Sept. 9–11, Magdalene College, Cambridge. Papers being sought by Malay/Indonesian manuscript studies panel on all aspects of the study of the writing traditions of maritime Southeast Asia. **Deadline for abstracts: March 30.** Contact Annabel.Gallop@bl.uk.

- **Enriching Future Generations: Education Promoting Indonesian Self-Development**, June 28–29, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Fourth international Indonesia forum co-sponsored by Yale and Yogyakarta State universities. **Deadline for abstracts: March 31.** Send to Frank Dhont, Yale University, at frank.dhont@yale.edu. See [conference website](#).
- **Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Oct. 28–30, St. Paul, MN. Annual conference at Macalester College invites submissions pertaining to Asia and its subregions from all academic disciplines. **Deadline for abstracts: June 1.** For details, see the [conference website](#). **NEW**

15. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- The Chicago-based [Friends of the Gamelan](#) will present an evening of traditional and contemporary Javanese gamelan music, led by artistic director Joko Sutrisno of Minneapolis, at 6 p.m. Sunday, **May 1**, at Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn, Chicago. The group also offers beginning gamelan lessons and a performance ensemble. Contact info@chicagogamelan.org.
- The [Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute](#) is a non-profit group dedicated to the education, preservation, and promotion of Thai culture and fine arts in the Chicago area through classes and performances. The group is located in the Boys and Girls Club, 3400 S. Emerald St., Chicago. For details, call 312-725-0640 or write Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute, 1960 Oak Knoll Drive, Lake Forest, IL 60045.
- The Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see the consulate [website](#).
- The [Cambodian Association of Illinois](#) holds **free traditional Cambodian music and dance lessons** Sundays at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and on weekends by appointment.



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