

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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*Summer 2013 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellow Julien Ehrenkoenig (MA candidate, anthropology) visits Taman Sri, a former royal garden of the Sultanate of Yogyakarta in Indonesia.*

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### 1. This week's lecture: Summer 2013 FLAS fellows share their experiences

The Center's weekly lectures resume at noon Friday, **Jan. 24**, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building, with a panel of summer 2013 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellows sharing their experiences studying language in-country. 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](mailto:seabrownbag@gmail.com). See the entire [fall lecture series schedule](#) on the Center website.

### 2. Apply for academic-year FLAS and Neher fellowships by Feb. 1



**Feb. 1** is the deadline to apply for the 2014–15 academic-year Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships, a program for Southeast language study funded by the U.S. Department of Education Title VI program, and the 2014–15 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. Information and forms to apply are posted on the [funding page](#) at the CSEAS website. Academic-year FLAS fellowships are open to undergraduate and graduate students and provide a stipend and tuition-fee waiver. U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the 2014–15 Neher fellowship, which is funded by a generous NIU Foundation endowment provided by Clark and Arlene Neher. 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. Applications for both FLAS and Neher fellowships should be submitted to CSEAS Office Manager Nancy Schuneman at [cseas@niu.edu](mailto:cseas@niu.edu). **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. Yale scholar James C. Scott to keynote SEA Club spring conference; call for abstracts



Scott

Noted Yale scholar James C. Scott, author of *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia* (Yale Press, 2009), will be the keynote speaker for the Southeast Asia Club's 2014 Southeast Asia Student [Conference](#). 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. Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia. **Deadline for abstracts is Feb. 15; papers are due March 15.** Send abstracts and questions to [niuseaclub@gmail.com](mailto:niuseaclub@gmail.com). Monetary awards will be given for the best undergraduate and graduate papers. 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 to all participants. Scott's appearance is co-sponsored by the NIU Graduate Colloquium and the Department of Political Science.

### 4. What's your motivation? Learn how to express it effectively

For students applying for a fellowship, scholarship or graduate school, a clearly written, compelling statement of purpose can count as much as a stellar GPA. Learn how to craft a good

one at a Statement of Purpose workshop from 1 to 2:30 p.m. **Jan. 24**, in Room 110 Campus Life Building. You'll learn important elements to include and review excellent examples. Bring three printed copies of your own statement to be critiqued by faculty volunteers. The workshop is sponsored by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies and will be led by Assistant Center Director Eric Jones. The workshop is free and open to all. Please email [cseas@niu.edu](mailto:cseas@niu.edu) if you have any questions; put SOP Workshop in the subject line. **NEW**

## 5. 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.

- [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.
- [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.
- [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.
- [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.

## 6. Center receives new SEAYLP grant

CSEAS received word earlier this month from the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs that the federally funded Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP), which ran at NIU from 2009 to 2012, will return to campus **April 3–25**, this time with youth representatives from ten Southeast Asian countries participating in the program (Brunei, Burma/Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam). The Center received a \$490,000 grant to administer the program,



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which immerses participants in leadership training, community action and cultural awareness. For many of the participants, who are selected in-country through U.S. embassies, the program is the first occasion to meet their counterparts from other Southeast Asian nations. NIU alumna Maria “Rai” Nihei (MA history, 2011), who worked as a student with all six previous SEAYLP sessions held at NIU, is the administrative director of the program. For this session, area high school students are invited to apply to join SEAYLP participants in a three-day Global Youth Leadership Camp **April 17–19**. Local host families are being sought to host participants for one week (**April 6–13**) during their time in DeKalb. For more on applying to the youth leadership camp, hosting participants and other program details, see the [SEAYLP](#) website. **NEW**

### 7. One more week to add spring SEA courses

There are still spots available for spring Southeast Asian Studies courses, including the Center’s Southeast Asia survey course, ILAS 225, and Catherine Raymond’s art history class, ARTH 456/657, Fashion, Gender, and Ethnicity in Southeast Asian Art. Raymond’s course, which meets from 9:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Tuesdays, explores how fashion, gender, ethnicity are expressed in the multi-ethnic cultures of Burma/Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The following courses are also offered for spring: under Anthropology, Judy Ledgerwood will teach ANTH 302/790, Asian American Cultures, and Andrea Molnar will teach ANTH 421/521, Social Organization, and ANTH 426/526, Political Anthropology. In History, Eric Jones will teach HIST 343/HIST 736J, History of Southeast Asia since Ca. 1800, and HIST 447, History of Burma. In Political Science, Michael Buehler will teach Origins of Political Order. Tharaphi Than will teach FLST 482, Censorship and Literature: State and Society in Authoritarian Countries; and Ngurah Kertayuda will teach gamelan in MUSE 370/670. Kelly Champion is offering FCNS 384, Asian American Families. See [spring schedule](#) on the Center website.



*Gamelan instructor Pak Ngurah Kertayuda says a blessing before the group’s open-house performance in December. (Photo / CSEAS)*

### 8. 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](mailto:jlamb@niu.edu); graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at [ejones@niu.edu](mailto:ejones@niu.edu).

### 9. **Save the dates:** Video series, spring workshops, student conference

- **Jan. 28:** Noon to 12:50 p.m. Asian American Center’s new Insight! YouTube Video Series exploring Asian American identity issues begins with [“Identity Crisis: Who am I](#)

[really?"](#) Discussion follows video. Bring your own lunch; instant soup also available at the center. RSVP by **Jan. 24** to [mbringas@niu.edu](mailto:mbringas@niu.edu) or [hillary940820@gmail.com](mailto:hillary940820@gmail.com). Series continues on the last Tuesday of the month through April. **NEW**

- **March 14:** One-day workshop for graduate students, Publishing with an Academic Press, led by NIU Press Director Linda Manning, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Founders Library 297. Details [here](#). **NEW**
- **March 22:** Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates: Burma (Myanmar) workshop for college-level educators, 9 to 4:30, NIU-Naperville. See Center [website](#) for details. **NEW**
- **April 3–25:** NIU welcomes the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ([SEAYLP](#)), welcoming youth from 10 Southeast Asian countries. Opportunities for area households to host students or adult leaders **April 6–13**. Contact [edenius@niu.edu](mailto:edenius@niu.edu). **NEW**
- **April 5:** Spring student conference organized by the Southeast Asia Club. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Altgeld Room 315.

## 10. Catching up with Center associates **NEW**

\* Kheang Un (Political Science) has an [article](#) in the newest issue of the *Journal of Asian Studies*, "The Khmer Rouge Tribunal: A Politically Compromised Search for Justice" (*JAS* 72.4: 783–92).



Kirker-Priest

\* NIU Anthropology Museum Director Jennifer Kirker-Priest, a new member of the CSEAS Council, has garnered a \$6,000 Preservation Assistance Grant for the museum from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The new funding will go toward conservation training for museum staff, supplies to improve textile storage and environmental monitoring equipment. The grant was among seven awarded to Illinois institutions, three of which were awarded to NIU. For more details, see [NIU Today](#).

\* Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) has a special report, "Competitive Elections and Ethnic and Religious Politics in a Transforming Malaysia," in the latest issue of [Berita](#), which is published by the Association of Asian Studies' Malaysia/Singapore/Brunei Studies Group.

\* Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond (Art History) will be presenting at Northwestern and the University of Michigan for two very different audiences. On Jan. 22, she and Burma Interest Group-NIU vice president Thomas Rhoden (PhD candidate, political science), will give a background lecture to Northwestern University School of Law students. On Feb. 1, the two will travel to Ann Arbor, Mich., where they will give two presentations at a Myanmar symposium sponsored by the University of Michigan's International Economic Development Program. Raymond will present "The Political Economy of Art, Tourism and Burmese Heritage" and Rhoden will present "Human Security In and Across Myanmar's Borders."

## 11. Notes from all over: From Ithaca to Sydney and Kuala Lumpur **NEW**

\* Congratulations to FLAS fellows Tiffanisha Williams (MA candidate, political science) and Thomas Rhoden (PhD candidate, political science), who head out this spring to present papers at two conferences on opposite sides of the world. Williams will travel to Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, in late February to present "Re-Imagining State Formation and Political Legitimacy: Founders Cult Ideology in Southeast Asia" at the 2014 Cornell Southeast Asian Studies Program Graduate Conference. Rhoden is headed to Australia in April to present "Oligarchy in Thailand" at the 12th International Conference on Thai Studies **April 22–24** at the University of

Sydney. Also presenting in Sydney will be CSEAS Associate Andrea Katalin Molnar (anthropology), adjunct Alan Potkin, along with a host of NIU alumni including Paul Chambers (PhD political science, 2003), Robert Dayley (PhD political science, 1997), Poonnatree Jiaviriyaboonya (MA anthropology, 2012), M.I. Pinitbhand Paribatra (PhD political science, 2013), Jacob Ricks (MA political science, 2007), and Napisa Waitoolkiat (PhD political science, 2005). The journal *Democratization* has also just published Rhoden's [article](#), "The Liberal in Liberal Democracy," in its Vol. 20, No. 7 issue.

\* Azriansyah Agoes (MA candidate, political science) has published a review of *Islam in Indonesia: Contrasting Images and Interpretations* by Kees van Dijk and Jajat Burhanuddin in *The German Journal on Contemporary Asia* [No. 129](#) (October 2013).



**Ropp on the scene in Malaysia**

\* Matthew Ropp (BA communication, 2013) is going through Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA) orientation in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, until **Jan. 22** when he and his 100-strong cohort disperse into their state placements for further training. Ropp will be teaching at a secondary school in Jerteh, Terengganu, a rural, coastal town near the state's Perhentian Islands. "My best experience thus far has been joining the throng at the Batu Caves where devotees and spectators congregate

yearly in the hundreds of thousands to celebrate the Hindu holiday Thaipusam," Ropp says.

\* There's still time to purchase the NIU Phi Beta Delta international honor society's 2014 wall calendar, "Faces of the World." Illustrated with photographs taken by NIU students, calendars are \$15; see order form [here](#).

## **12. Apply by Jan. 22 for U.S.-funded exchange to East Timor**

Applications are open until **Jan. 22** for a federally funded exchange program to Timor-Leste (East Timor) through the 2014–15 J. William Fulbright-Hillary Rodham Clinton Fellowship offered by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Formerly the Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship, the program provides opportunities for U.S. citizens to serve in professional placements in a foreign government ministry or institution in partner governments. Fulbright-Clinton fellowships also include an independent academic study/research component, but the goal of their professional placements is to build fellows' knowledge and skills, provide support to partner country institutions, and promote long-term ties between the U.S. and the partner country. For details, see the [Fulbright website](#).

## **13. Applications open for Indonesian language and culture program**

The American Councils for International Education is accepting applications to its [Indonesian Overseas Program](#) for fall semester 2014 and the 2014–15 academic year. The program offers intensive training in Indonesian language and culture at the University of Malang located in Malang, the second largest city in Java. Participants receive academic credit (approximately 15/semester) through Bryn Mawr College. The deadline for both the **Aug. 25–Dec. 19, 2014** and the **Aug. 25, 2014–mid-May 2015** programs is **March 15**. NIU students are encouraged to inquire at the NIU Study Abroad Office for financial aid, scholarship opportunities and academic-credit acceptance eligibility. These and other services (including health insurance) are provided by Study Abroad for an extra fee, starting at \$750 for the semester program. The cost is \$12,000 for the semester program and \$22,500 for the academic-year program.

#### 14. Calls for journal articles, chapters

- Mark your calendar for the 2014 Council on Thai Studies (COTS) annual meeting, which has been set for **Oct. 17–19** at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. **Deadline for abstracts is July 31.** For details, see posted information [here](#). **NEW**
- The Center for Southeast Asian Studies at University of Hawaii-Manoa is looking for articles for its next issue of *Explorations*, a peer-reviewed graduate student journal of Southeast Asian studies. The theme is “Destabilizing Centers and Peripheries: Re-Examining Approaches to the Study of Southeast Asia.” **Deadline for submission is Feb. 14.** For details, see the journal [website](#). **NEW**
- Chulalongkorn University Press is calling for chapters for a prospective reference textbook on “greening” agriculture and food security in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Economic Community (which will be known as the AEC when it launches in 2015). The working title of the book is *ASEAN Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Agrarian Reform in a Green Economy: Critical Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. **Deadline for first drafts is Feb. 21.** For details, email Wayne Nelles, adjunct professor of Chulalongkorn’s Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, at [wayne.nelles@viu.ca](mailto:wayne.nelles@viu.ca). **NEW**

#### 15. Money for study

##### *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: February 28.** See [website](#). **NEW**

##### *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](#). **NEW**

##### *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](mailto:m.verweij@jacobs-university.de) **NEW**

##### *Boren Awards*

- **Foreign language study grants:** Applications open for 2014–15 Boren scholarships (for undergraduates) and fellowships (for graduate students) are on the [Boren website](#). Undergraduate awards up to \$20,000 for an academic year’s study abroad; \$30,000 awards for graduate students. For application help, see Anne Seitzinger at Study Abroad, 417 Williston Hall (email [aseitz@niu.edu](mailto:aseitz@niu.edu)). **Graduate fellowship applications due Jan. 28; 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. **NEW**

## 16. Job/internships opportunities

*Royal Netherlands Academy for Arts & Sciences*

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

*Eurasia Group*

- **Political risk analyst (Southeast Asia):** In-country experience (priority Thailand-Philippines) desired for position in New York or Washington, D.C. See [job posting](#).
- **Political risk training program:** For new graduates, research position provides one-year of full-time employment with possibility of extending contract two years. BA in political science, regional studies or economics required in addition to deep knowledge and language fluency of related country or sub-region. See [jobs page](#).

*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](#).

## 17. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **2013 Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, Feb. 28–March 2, Ithaca, New York. Conference 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](#).
- **20<sup>th</sup> National Conference of Asian Studies Development Program**, March 13–15, Houston. See [conference website](#).
- **5<sup>th</sup> 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](#).
- **25<sup>th</sup> 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](#). **NEW**
- **2014 Philippine Political Science Association International Conference**, April 10–11, University of the Philippines Visayas, Iloilo City, Philippines. Conference theme: “Gazing Out: Locating Asia in the Philippine Political Worldview.” See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **Thailand in the World: 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Thai Studies**, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. See [conference website](#).

- **3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Leadership and Learning in the Asian Society**, May 12–14, University Sains Malaysia, Pulau Penang. See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)**, June 10–21, Lexington, Ky. See [conference website](#).
- **Workshop**, “Local, National and Transnational Modes of Belonging in Indonesia and Beyond,” July 20–26, Kleinwalsertal, Germany. Organized by anthropologists from Australian National University and Goethe-University Frankfurt. PhD candidates and early career researchers invited to submit paper abstracts by **Jan. 25**. Send short letter outlining reasons for wishing to attend, paper title, 250-word abstract, institutional affiliation and short bio sketch to Birgit Braeuchler ([birgitbraeuchler@gmx.net](mailto:birgitbraeuchler@gmx.net)) and Kristina Grossmann ([rossarigo@gmx.net](mailto:rossarigo@gmx.net)). Contact either for more details. **NEW**

#### 18. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- “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 that were 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 on weekends. Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance is offered 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. For details, see consulate [website](#).

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