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1. Spring lecture series starts Jan. 25 at NIU Art Museum **NEW**



Raymond

Bonne année à tous! To kick off the spring Friday lecture series, Center for Burma Studies Director and Art History Professor Catherine Raymond is presenting a special lecture and lunch at noon Friday, **Jan. 25**, in the NIU Art Museum. Raymond will present “Visions from Another World: Forgotten Treasures in the Burma Art Collection at NIU,” elaborating on her ongoing research and aspects of the exhibition, *Vanishing Art from Myanmar: Buddhist Reverse Glass Painting Traditions*, on display at the museum through **Feb. 15**. All are invited to a lunch of French cuisine and a personal tour of the exhibit by Raymond. Lunch is free, but please sign up for by 6 p.m. Wednesday, **Jan. 23**, online at [CSEAS Brown Bag Order](#). Any questions, contact CSEAS at 815-753-1901. See complete spring lecture [schedule](#).

2. Call for papers: Deadline Feb. 8 to submit for spring conference



Weintraub

The Southeast Asia Club invites papers for its 2019 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference—Nexus: Southeast Asia—which is set for Saturday, **March 30**, in Campus Life 100. Papers may be submitted from any discipline on a topic pertaining to Southeast Asia; **Abstracts due Feb. 8; final papers due March 1**. Email inquiries or abstracts to niuseaclub@gmail.com (please put student conference in the subject). Best paper awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers. The keynote speaker will be ethnomusicologist Andrew Weintraub (PhD University of California-Berkeley), professor in the University of Pittsburgh’s Department of Music specializing in the music of Southeast Asia, specifically Indonesian performing arts and more broadly in ethnomusicology and cultural theory. He is also the founder and lead singer of the Pittsburgh-based band Dangdut Cowboys, which plays *dangdut*, an Indonesian folk/pop music genre. The NIU Graduate Colloquium and School of Music are co-sponsoring Weintraub’s visit to NIU.

3. Still time to register for spring courses

ANTH 408, Peoples and Cultures of Mainland Southeast Asia, has been added to the spring SEA [course list](#). CSEAS associate Tharaphi Than (World Languages and Cultures) will be teaching the class, which will meet 6 to 8:40 p.m. Tuesdays in Stevens 173.

New on the spring SEA course list are two online classes. CSEAS Director Eric Jones reprises his online course, HIST 480/580, Spies, Lies and Secret Wars: CIA in the World, and China’s Xiamen University guest professor Xu Ke returns after last summer’s on-site short course to teach SEAS 490/690, Regional Security Issues: China and Southeast Asia (also cross-listed as POLS 395). Dr. Xu Ke, associate professor in the School of International Relations at Xiamen, will teach from China for most of the semester with two face-to-face meetings on campus **April 25** and **May 2**.

All five SEA language and literature classes continue: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai. The Center’s undergraduate SEA survey class, SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (instructor of record Jui-Ching Wang, teaching assistant Azri Agoes), is offered from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in DuSable 148.

Other spring courses include:

- ANTH 426/526 Political Anthropology (Andrea Molnar)

- ARTH 457/657 Religion, Conflict and Environment in Classical and Contemporary Southeast Asian Art (Catherine Raymond)
- FLBU 400 Special Topics in Burmese Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture (Tharaphi Than)
- FLIN 400 Special Topics in Indonesian Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture (Rahmi Aoyama)
- FLTH 400 Special Topics in Thai Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture (Kanjana Thepboriruk)
- HIST 760 Gender & Sexuality (Trude Jacobsen)
- POLS 667: Seminar: Literature review on problems of political development and social modernization in developing nations (Kikue Hamayotsu)
- MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I (Alex Yoffe).

All courses may be applied toward SEA Studies minors/contract majors or graduate certificates.

4. Module 2 open for distance Burmese class

The second module for Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than's beginning Burmese as a non-credit [distance class](#) has been scheduled for **Jan. 24 to March 28**. Completion of modules 1 and 2 is the equivalent of one-year beginning Burmese taught at NIU. After taking both modules, community college students who intend to transfer to NIU are eligible to apply for Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships through CSEAS. For details, contact Than at tthan@niu.edu or CSEAS at cseas@niu.edu.

5. Special graduate seminar on Buddhist politics set for Feb. 8 **NEW**



Walton

University of Toronto political scientist Matthew Walton will conduct a short graduate seminar, "Human Nature and Buddhist Politics in the *Aggañña Sutta*: Contrasting Interpretations from Burma and Thailand," from 9:30 to 11 a.m. **Feb. 8** in Campus Life 100. The seminar precedes his CSEAS Friday brownbag lecture, which will take place in the same location at noon. Walton's seminar will explore what Peter Jackson has called the "interpretive plasticity" of Buddhist concepts by examining the ways in which two Buddhist thinkers from Burma and Thailand have interpreted and drawn upon a particular Theravada Buddhist text to defend divergent political systems and ideologies. In preparation, students will be asked to read the *Aggañña Sutta*, a short talk by Buddhadasa and a short excerpt from an essay by Aung San prior to the seminar. For details and to RSVP (required), contact Political Science Professor Andrea Radasanu at aradasanu@niu.edu. The seminar is co-sponsored by the Tocqueville Forum in Political Science and CSEAS.

6. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Check out our newest podcast **NEW**

Get those earbuds on and take a listen to CSEAS's [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast series (more than 10,500 listens since its debut in September 2016). In our latest conversation, host Eric Jones talks to historian Vicente Rafael, Costigan Endowed Professor at the University of Washington, about "The Trauma of Witnessing: Photographing the Philippine Drug War." Rafael is studying the role of photojournalism as an act of witnessing the Duterte regime's war on drugs in the Philippines. Our following keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

7. Be a 'home-bassador' for spring SEA youth exchange programs **NEW**

CSEAS is actively seeking homestay hosts in April for two Southeast Asia youth exchange programs that have brought talented students and young adults to NIU for leadership development training for 15 years. This engaging cultural opportunity, lasting between one week and two weeks, is open to families and individuals.

CSEAS is looking for 30 households to host 50 high school students and 10 adult leaders from ten Southeast Asian countries for the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ([SEAYLP](#)). Homestay dates are **April 13–20**.

Students are placed in pairs while adults may be placed in pairs or as singles. Hosts provide a bed for each participant, breakfast each day and most dinners, all meals during any weekend days at home, and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. See the SEAYLP [website](#) for program details and online

application. For more information, contact Host Family Susan Edwards at se3279@gmail.com or SEAYLP Administrative Director Anastasia Kocher at akocher1@niu.edu.

CSEAS is also seeking host families in April for the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), which for 15 years has brought young people and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and surrounding provinces in the Philippines to NIU for four weeks of leadership and conflict resolution training. As with SEAYLP, students are placed in pairs and adult leaders in pairs or as singles. PYLP homestay dates for PYLP are **April 7–21**. See the PYLP [website](#) or contact PYLP Administrative Director Karla Findley at kfindley1@niu.edu for details.

The U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs funds both SEAYLP and PYLP.



Horsing around: SEAYLP participants learn all about horses during their homestay with an area family. Read what local families have said about being a homestay host in [NIU Today](#).

8. **Save the dates:** Grad seminar, student conference **NEW**

- **Feb. 1:** Deadline to apply for 2019–20 FLAS fellowships
- **Feb. 8:** Abstracts due for spring student conference
- **Feb. 8:** Graduate seminar on Buddhist politics and human nature with political scientist Matthew Walton, University of Toronto, 9:30-11 a.m., Campus Life 100. **NEW**
- **March 1:** Final papers due for spring student conference
- **March 30:** Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference
- **April 1–28:** Philippine Youth Leadership Program
- **April 2–26:** Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program

9. Apply for 2019–20 FLAS fellowships by Feb. 1

The deadline to apply for academic-year 2019–20 FLAS fellowships is **Feb. 1**. The [application](#) and all [information](#) on both summer and academic-year FLAS awards are posted online. The U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships funds FLAS fellowships. Questions? Contact Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu. What's it like to be a FLAS fellow? See [article](#) in the NIU Newsroom.

10. Study Indonesian, other SEA languages through Boren awards

The [Indonesian Flagship Language Initiative](#), begun in 2017, is a fully funded David L. Boren language-study scholarship aimed specifically at increasing the number of Indonesian-speakers in the U.S. This summer/fall program is open to U.S. citizens who are either beginning Indonesian language instruction or who have already begun study. It begins with an eight-week Indonesian language program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's [Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute](#), followed by a fall program in Indonesia at the State University of Malang administered by the American Councils for International Education. Awardees are encouraged to request funding to stay in Indonesia after the fall language program is complete and participate in study abroad programs they identify on their own. Both undergraduates and graduate students are encouraged to [apply](#) (**Feb. 7 deadline for undergrads, Jan. 30 deadline for graduate students**). Boren graduate fellowships and undergraduate scholarships offer fully funded opportunities to study other SEA languages as well. Deadlines to [apply](#) are same as above. The Boren advisor at NIU is Study Abroad Director Anne Seitzinger; contact her at aseitz@niu.edu.

11. Advanced language programs offer more funded chances to study abroad **NEW**

Studying a Southeast Asian language in-country: Highly desirable. Studying a Southeast Asian language fully or partially funded: Priceless. These programs offer varying levels of funding and the chance to learn overseas:

- **United States-Indonesia Society scholarships:** Applications open for U.S. juniors, seniors or graduate students, ages 18-30, to apply for **May 23–Aug. 1** summer language and culture program in Indonesia. Applicants pay \$2,000 toward program fees and transportation to and from Indonesia; all other fees covered by USINDO. See USINDO [website](#). **Deadline to apply: Feb. 8.**
- **Advanced Study of Khmer (ASK):** Intensive six-week program **June 10–August 2** in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, Cambodia. Coordinated through University of Hawai'i-Manoa in collaboration with the Center for Khmer Studies and the Institute of Foreign Languages in Cambodia. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28.** Partial [funding](#) available. See [ASK website](#).

12. Apply online for graduate conference travel

The Graduate School is inviting degree-seeking graduate students in good academic standing to submit [travel grant](#) proposals for the 2018–19 academic year. Students invited to present results of their original research or creative activity at a professional may submit a proposal for matching funding through their department to the Graduate School; students must secure \$200 to \$500 in department or college funding in order to secure the matching funds from the Graduate School. Apply online by **March 15**.

13. Burnish your resumé with Southeast Asian Studies

Add a Southeast Asian Studies minor to a bachelor's degree or a graduate certificate to an advanced degree and pull your resumé to the top of the pile. Visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates should contact adviser Colleen Gray at cgray3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

14. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts

- Northern Illinois University Press is seeking quality scholarly, accessible book-length manuscripts in Southeast Asian Studies to consider for publication. Address inquiries to Kenton Clymer, editor, Southeast Asian Series, NIU Press, at kclymer@niu.edu.
- The *Regional Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* is soliciting critical and scholarly work in the humanities and social sciences by Southeast Asia-based scholars for 2019. Send abstracts on or before **Dec. 30** to editorialassistant@rjseas.org. See [website](#).

15. Money for study **NEW**

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- **2019 scholarships:** Chulalongkorn University offers funding for graduate students and young scholars working on Thai studies or related disciplines. **Deadline to apply: March 31.** See [website](#). **NEW**

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Junior Resident Fellows Program: July 1–Aug. 9.** Open to U.S., French and Cambodian undergraduates or recent graduates. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **Khmer Language and Culture Study: June 10–Aug. 2.** Open to U.S. undergraduates, graduate students, post-grad researchers and faculty with two years of Khmer study. In collaboration with [University Hawai'i-Manoa](#); Fulbright-Hays funding available for 12 students. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28.** See [website](#). **NEW**

USINDO

- **United States-Indonesia Society scholarships:** Applications open for U.S. juniors, seniors or graduate students, ages 18-30, to apply for **May 23–Aug. 1** summer language and culture program in Indonesia. Applicants pay \$2,000 toward program fees and transportation to and from Indonesia; all other fees covered by USINDO. Program details available at CSEAS or on USINDO [website](#). **Deadline to apply: Feb. 8.**

Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)

- **2018–19 fellowships:** Funding to conduct research in Indonesia and Cambodia. Supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Open to American doctoral students and scholars and international students who have lived minimum of three years in the U.S. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 24.** See [website](#).

Rotary International

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master's degree (up to two years) or professional development certificate studies (three months) offered through six universities worldwide. **Deadline to apply: May 31.** See [website](#).

East-West Center

- **Affiliate Scholar Program:** Short-term affiliation with the East-West Center for graduate students from around the world to pursue thesis or dissertation research in 2018. **Revolving deadlines to submit.** See [website](#).

ProFellow

- **Dissertation Research Fellowships:** Check the ProFellow [website](#) for 30 different opportunities for dissertation research funding.

16. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers **NEW**

- **CALA 2019: Revitalization and Representation,** Jan. 23–26, Siem Reap, Cambodia. Conference on Asian Linguistic Anthropology. See [website](#).

- **18th East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific**, Feb. 12–14, Honolulu. See [website](#).
- **21st Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, March 8–10, Ithaca, NY. Theme: Conformities and Interruptions in Southeast Asia. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **16th Urban Culture Forum: Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in an Urbanizing World**, March 12–13, Bangkok. See [website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 21–24, Denver. CO. See [website](#).
- **Nexus: Southeast Asia, 2019 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference**, March 30, NIU Campus Life 100. Call for papers. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 8**. Submit to niuseaclub@gmail.com. Keynote speaker: Andrew Weintraub, professor, University of Pittsburg Department of Music. **NEW**
- **2nd Graduate Conference in Qualitative Inquiry, March 30, NIU Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center**. Open to NIU graduate students presenting original qualitative research. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 28**. See NIU Qualitative Inquiry Collaborative [website](#). **NEW**
- **Midwest Political Science Association**, April 4–7, Chicago. See [website](#).
- **2nd University of Michigan Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference, (Re)Making Memory in Southeast Asia**, April 6, Ann Arbor, MI. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **6th International Conference on Lao Studies**, June 13–15, Cornell University. Co-sponsored by Cornell and the Center for Lao Studies. **Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 31**. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **SEAMEO SPAFA International Conference on Southeast Asian Archaeology**, June 17–21, Bangkok. See [website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia**, July 1–4, Bangkok. Co-sponsored by Association for Asian Studies and Thammasat University. See [website](#).
- **International Convention on Asia Scholars 11**, July 16–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. See [website](#).
- **American Political Science Association**, Aug. 29–Sept. 1, Washington, D.C. See [website](#).
- **Conference of Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies, Power in Southeast Asia**, Oct. 24–26, Montreal, Quebec. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit abstracts: April 1**. For details, email Serge Gragner, University of Sherbrooke or Erik Martinez Kuhonta, McGill University. **NEW**

17. Careers **NEW**

College of Lake County

- **Anthropology instructor**: Full-time faculty member sought for Business and Social Sciences Division in Grayslake, Ill. Position to start Aug. 12. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 8**. See [website](#). **NEW**

University of California-Berkeley

- **Assistant professor, Southeast Asian Studies**: Modern or Pre-Modern specialist to work in Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies. Start date: July 1. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 25**. See [website](#). **NEW**

El Colegio de Mexico

- **Professor, Buddhist Studies**: Full-time position funded for four years by Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation, with possibility of tenure after grant expires. Start date: August. **Deadline to apply: March 30**. For details, email direccion-ceaa@colmex.mx. **NEW**

Thammasat University

- **One-year professorship:** Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology seeking PhD in anthropology, sociology or related fields. Contract extension possible. Teach one course per semester plus other academic activities. For details, contact Deputy Dean Yukti Mukdawijitra, iamyukti@yahoo.com.

VIA

- **Global Community Fellowship:** 13-15-month program for graduating seniors (2019) and young professionals to work at NGOs, schools, universities and social enterprises in Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Monthly stipend, travel insurance, 10-day training in Thailand, midyear conference and year-end wrap-up provided (and housing in some locations); participants pay for transport to and from Asia, plus funds for food during VIA gatherings. See [website](#).

Bridge to Success

- **English Teachers in China:** Ten-month- internships and jobs for English speakers with bachelor's degree minimum. See [website](#).

Center for Strategic and International Studies

- **Internships:** Full- and part-time internships for undergraduates, advanced students and recent graduates who are interested in gaining practical experience in public policy. Based in Washington, DC. Rolling deadlines to apply. See [website](#).

Eurasia Group

- **Researcher, Political Risk Training Program:** One-year training assignment in political risk assessment with possibility of returning for second year. BA in political science, regional studies or economics with deep knowledge, some in-country experience and foreign language fluency of relevant country or sub-region. See [job listing](#).
- **Careers:** Submit your resume to be considered for other careers with Eurasia Group. See [website](#).

Globaljobs.org

- **Job/internship opportunities:** Turn area studies into an internship or a career. See job listings at NGOs, think tanks, government, and private-sector employers. See [website](#).

Chinese Mutual Aid Association

- **Interns:** Pan-Asian social service organization accepting candidates for interns for business development, grant writing and workforce development and outreach liaison duties. Contact Michelle White at michellew@chinesemutualaid.org or 773-784-2900. See [website](#).

US Department of State

- **Student internship program:** Internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students at Washington headquarters and US embassies, consulates and missions worldwide. Explore postgraduate civil-service career paths as well. See [program website](#).

ASEAN/ASEC

- **Job listings:** Check [website](#) frequently for open positions at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC).

Asia Society

- **Career opportunities:** Internships and jobs posted regularly on [website](#).

Association of Southeast Asian Nations

- Jobs listed under [Opportunities](#) tab of ASEAN website.

Devex: Do Good. Do It Well

- International aid and development jobs in 1,000 agencies, companies and NGOs in 100 countries. See [website](#).

DevMetJOBS.org

- International development jobs and consulting opportunities. See [website](#).

Hess International Educational Group

- **Teach English across Asia:** Taiwan-based organization offers free training, benefits, and flex scheduling. Email NIU alum Derek Wright at derek.wright@hess.com.tw or see [website](#).

Idealist.org

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

Learn How to Become

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of meaningful volunteer and nonprofit career options and resources. See [website](#).

ReliefWeb

- Specialized digital service of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs that posts jobs regularly. See [website](#).

World Health Organization

- Global health agency in the United Nations system encourages online applications for potential employment. See [website](#).

18. Area cultural opportunities

- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum's co-curation team at cocuration.philippines@fieldmuseum.org. To learn more about the museum's Philippines work, see the co-curation team's [newsletter](#).
- Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago offers classes in Thai language, dance and music among other programs. Phone 312-725-0640.
- "Remembering the Killing Fields" exhibit 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 Saturday classes: Indonesian language classes at 10:30 a.m. (intermediate) and 1 p.m. (children's class); Indonesian traditional dance, 2 to 4 p.m.; and Javanese gamelan, 4 to 6 p.m. All classes held at the Indonesian Cultural Center, 711 W. Grand Avenue. Call 312-920-1880, ext. 104/105, or email icc@indonesiachicago.org. See the consulate's [Facebook](#) page.
- Indonesian Dance of Illinois offers traditional dance and gamelan music lessons Saturdays in Evanston, IL. See [website](#).

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