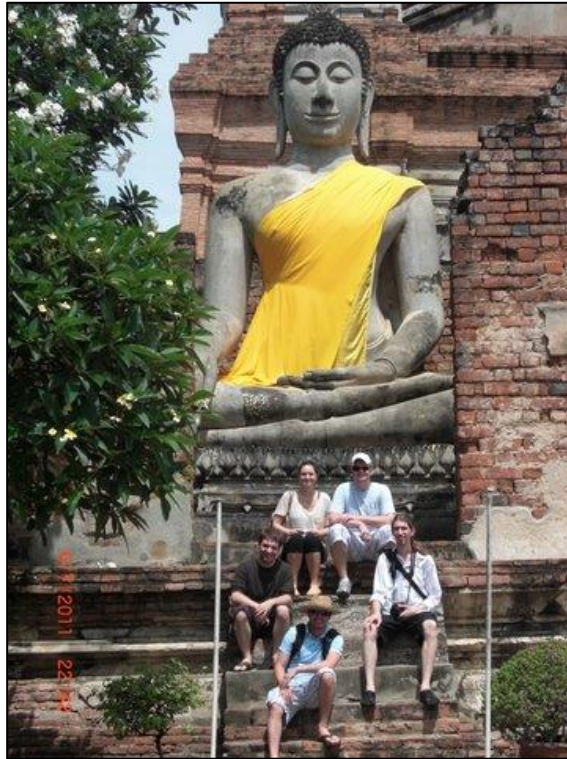


CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Study abroad with funding! NIU has launched a new engaged-learning fund for undergraduates. Summer study abroad programs, such as NIU's upcoming summer programs in Thailand and Bali (2011 Thailand participants at the ancient Siamese capital Ayutthaya pictured above), are eligible. Details below.

Fridays, FLAS, and funding

No Southeast Asian lunch will be provided at this week's Friday lecture; details below

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Burnish your resumé

Add a Southeast Asian Studies minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate certificate to an advanced degree and pull your resumé to the top of the pile. To learn more, visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at ehrenkonig@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at iloveroti@gmail.com.

1. This week's lecture: Trude Jacobsen on the *Cbpab Srei*



Jacobsen

The spring 2015 Friday lecture series kicks off at noon Friday, **Jan. 30**, with Center associate Trude Jacobsen (History), who will present "Misogyny, Malice and Male Privilege in Cambodia: Translating the *Cbpab Srei* [c. 1800]" in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. The *Cbpab Srei* ["Code of Conduct for Women"] was first written at the turn of the 19th century and is one of the most cited pieces of Cambodian traditional literature. Believed to have been written by King Ang Duong (r. 1848–1863), the *Cbpab Srei* was at least one factor ushering in a more conservative, misogynist attitude toward Cambodian women. In her lecture Jacobsen will explore questions and contexts surrounding the *Cbpab Srei*.

NOTE: There will be no Southeast Asian lunch provided this week. The Center is looking for someone (not a student or NIU staff member) to provide a simple SEA lunch for ten Friday lectures this semester. Orders are made online and paid for at the lecture (cash or checks only). If interested, please email CSEAS at cseas@niu.edu or call Office Manager Rita Miller at 753-1771. For a complete lecture schedule, see the [Center website](#).

2. Applications due this week for 2015–16 FLAS, Neher fellowships

The deadline to apply for 2015–16 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships or the 2015–16 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia is 4:30 p.m. **Feb. 1**. For FLAS fellowship information and application, go to the [funding page](#) at the CSEAS website. FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships. **Note: Students awarded a FLAS fellowship will have any financial aid they receive from NIU reduced by the dollar amount equal to the fellowship award.** U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Neher fellowship, which is funded through an NIU Foundation endowment established by the Neher. It 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. Applications and accompanying materials for both FLAS and Neher fellowships may be emailed to CSEAS Office Manager Rita Miller at ram@niu.edu or mailed to the Center at 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115.



3. Applications due this week for Philippine Fulbright-Hays study tour



Russell



Gallo-Crail

High school social studies teachers and community college instructors are invited to apply for a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad program that will take six teachers and six instructors from northern Illinois to the Philippines for a four-week study tour **June 20–July 20**. The project, led by Anthropology Professor [Susan Russell](#) in collaboration with NIU senior Tagalog instructor [Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail](#), is funded by the US Department of Education. Funding covers all participant expenses, including international air travel. **Applications are due Feb. 1**. For details, see the [program website](#) and [article](#) in *NIU Today*.

4. New NIU funding opportunity for undergraduates **NEW**

Need travel money for a conference, a stipend to work on a faculty-mentored research project or funding to help pay for a study abroad program? A new fund has been established by the Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences to provide funding for undergraduates for just such activities. Students in good academic standing may apply on their own behalf or faculty may apply on behalf of a student. Awards range from \$250 to \$2,500. The deadline to apply for summer and fall 2015 funds is **Feb. 15** and **Oct. 1** for spring 2016 funds. For details, see the [program website](#) or attend one of two information sessions: 11 a.m. **Jan. 28** in Altgeld 125 or 3:30 p.m. **Feb. 3** in DuSable 280.

5. Let Southeast Asia be your summer study abroad destination

If research, language immersion or an interest in seeing Southeast Asia in person applies, consider taking a summer study abroad program through NIU. CSEAS associates Andrea Molnar (Anthropology) and Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) are actively recruiting for their study abroad programs in Thailand and Bali respectively, with application deadlines in March and April. NIU also sponsors Summer Study Abroad in Laos with the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. Apply through NIU's Study Abroad Office in 417 Williston (email niuabroad@niu.edu or phone 815-753-0700). Some partial travel funding is available; contact the Study Abroad office for details. Program information is also available at CSEAS.

- Molnar's program, **Cultural Diversity in Thailand**, is set for **June 8–July 3**. It will introduce students to Thailand's diverse cultural groups and explore the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. **Deadline to apply: March 16**. For more information, see the program's [Facebook page](#). Scholarships available from NIU Thai Studies Committee (see below).
- Wang's program, **Experiencing the Arts in Bali**, will take students to a village location in Bali, Indonesia **July 4–25** to learn about Balinese music, dance, theater, architecture, art and crafts. For more information see the program's [Facebook page](#). **Deadline to apply: April 15**.
- NIU also sponsors [Summer Study Abroad in Laos](#) (SAIL), a five-week Lao language and culture program **June 27–July 31**, in cooperation with the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. Learn Lao language, history and culture. **Deadline to apply: April 1**.



Learn about Balinese music, dance, theatre and craft in Jui-Ching Wang's summer study abroad program in July.

6. Thai Studies Committee offers grants for Thailand study abroad program



The NIU Thai Studies Committee invites undergraduate and graduate students to apply for two \$1,500 scholarships to be applied to CSEAS associate Andrea Molnar's **June 8–July 3** study abroad program to Thailand. Submit one-page statement addressing academic interest in Thai Studies, letter of support from Molnar, letter of recommendation and either a transcript (for undergraduates) or an explanation of graduate work progress from program advisor (for graduate students). Funding is through the Thai Teaching and Research Fund administered by the NIU

Foundation. Submit application to CSEAS associate Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu by **March 16**.

7. Notes from all over: From gamelan to Borneo to SoCal **NEW**

The NIU Gamelan Ensemble will be in Peoria **Jan. 30** performing at the 2015 Illinois Music Education Conference in a demonstration clinic, "Exploring Dance and Music in Indonesia," led by CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang and gamelan instructor Ngurah Kertayuda. . . . Alum and former CSEAS assistant Matthew Ropp (BA communications, 2013), who performed with the gamelan ensemble himself as a student, has signed on for a second year as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA) in Malaysia. He will be posted as a senior ETA in SMK Usukan School in Kota Belud, Sabah, on the west coast of the island of Borneo. In addition to teaching, Ropp will also mentor new ETAs and complete a capstone project. Ropp, whose first ETA assignment in Besut, Terengganu, concludes this month, writes about his first year as an ETA in Malaysia in the current edition of *Mandala*. . . . CSEAS associate Alan Potkin will be making the rounds of Southern



Potkin

California with several lectures scheduled. He will present "The Phralak-Phralam, 'A Previous Lifetime of the Buddha': The Lao Ramayana at Vat Oub Mong and Vat Kang Tha (Vietntiane) and Vat Keng (Vang Vieng)" **Jan. 29** at the Center for Southeast Asian studies at the University of California-Berkeley and "Virtual Reality in Archiving, Interpreting and Replicating South and Southeast Asian Buddhist Artforms, Cultural Landscapes and Heritage Sites" on **Feb. 9** at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at UCLA. He will also present at the Claremont colleges.

8. Call for papers: NIU Southeast Asia Student Conference

The Southeast Asia Club invites papers for its 2015 spring student conference, which will be held Saturday, **April 25**, in Room 315 Altgeld. Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia; email niuseaclub@gmail.com. Abstracts will be accepted through **March 6**. The conference theme is "Identity Narratives" and the keynote speaker will be University of California-Berkeley historian and Cambodian specialist Penny Edwards. Awards will be given for best undergraduate and graduate papers.



Edwards

9. Teaching World Music Symposium includes SEA forum



Han

The NIU Music Building will be resonating with the sounds of world music **April 9–11** when the 2015 World Music Symposium: From the Exotic to the Global takes place. Music educators, ethnomusicologists, composers, performers and interdisciplinary scholars are invited to attend. The third day of the conference will feature a Teaching Southeast Asia Performing Arts [Forum](#) (with funding provided for community college educators to attend). The symposium, organized by CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music), honors Kuo-Huang Han, music professor emeritus and founder of the NIU Gamelan Ensemble, and marks the 40th anniversary of the world music program at NIU. The program concludes with the annual World Music concert, which will include Balinese gamelan and marching gamelan and Thai folk music, at 3 p.m. in Boutell Hall. For information, email jcwang@niu.edu or see the [symposium website](#).

10. **Save the dates: Fellowship deadlines, club mixer, and Lunar New Year**

- **Feb. 1:** Applications for 2015-16 academic-year FLAS and Neher fellowships due to CSEAS.
- **Feb. 4:** Southeast Asia Club spring mixer, 5 to 7 p.m., Cole Hall lobby. **NEW**
- **Feb. 19:** Southeast Asia Club Lunar New Year Celebration, 6 to 8 p.m., Cole Hall lobby.
- **April 9–11:** Teaching World Music Symposium, NIU School of Music.
- **April 11:** World Music Concert, 3 p.m., Boutell Hall. **NEW**
- **April 25:** Southeast Club Spring Student Conference. Theme: “Identity Narratives.” Keynote speaker: University of California-Berkeley historian Penny Edwards.
- **Through May:** “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” 50th anniversary exhibition including SEA artifacts. Admission free.

11. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs **NEW**

- **University of Washington Archeology Field School in Thailand, July 23–Aug. 21.** Four weeks of archaeological excavation and scientific analysis in peninsular Thailand. Directed by UW archaeology professor Ben Marwick. Co-sponsored by Silpakorn University and the National Science Museum of Thailand. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 6.** For details, see [program website](#) or email anmarwick@uw.edu.
- **Advanced Study of Khmer, June 15–July 24.** Ten Fulbright-Hays fellowships available to qualified applicants for six-week intensive language program at the Royal University of Phnom Penh. Administered by the University of Hawaii-Manoa. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 27.** See [program website](#) or email Chhany Sak-humphry at sak@hawaii.edu.

Note: Students 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.

12. Deadlines approach to apply for Boren awards

NIU political science PhD candidate Thomas Rhoden is spending this year in Thailand perfecting his Karen language skills courtesy of a prestigious David L. Boren fellowship, one of 106 students nationwide receiving the award for 2014–15. The Boren awards, along with the Blakemore Freeman fellowships, offer substantial opportunities to advance Southeast Asian language study.



The Boren fellowships and scholarship program, an initiative of the national Security Education program, is open to U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to hone their language skills abroad. Grants range from \$20,000 for undergraduates to \$30,000 for graduate students. The deadline to apply for Boren fellowships for undergraduates is **Jan. 27** for graduate students and **Feb. 4** for undergraduates. The Boren advisor at NIU is Study Abroad Director Anne Seitzinger; contact her at

aseitz@niu.edu. For details, see the [Boren website](#).

13. Money for study

University of Leeds (U.K.)

- **Thai Studies research scholarships:** Three scholarships (approximately \$18,000 each) offered by the university’s School of Languages, Cultures and Societies for graduate students to undertake field research in Thailand. See [website](#). **NEW**

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Khmer Language and Culture Study Program:** Six-week study abroad, June 16–July 24, at Royal University of Phnom Penh for undergraduates, post-graduates, and faculty. Funding for tuition and some program costs available for up to eight participants. Administered by the University of Hawai'i. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 27.** See [website](#).

Harvard Kennedy School

- **Indonesia Research Fellowships:** For Indonesian PhD students, post-docs, and practitioners, appointments run Aug. 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016. **Deadline to apply: March 13.** See [website](#).

Smithsonian Institution

- **Summer Institute Fellowships:** Intensive program for graduate students in cultural anthropology. June 22–July 17. Funding covers room, board, and tuition. Housing and small stipend also provided. **Deadline to apply: March 1.** See [website](#). **NEW**

Rotary International

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master's degree study offered at six universities worldwide. **Deadline to apply for 2016 fellowships: July 2015.** See [website](#).

United States-Indonesia Society

- **2015 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: Jan. 31.** See [website](#). **NEW**

14. Job/internship opportunities

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 flexible scheduling. Contact NIU alum Derek Wright at derek.wright@hess.com.tw or see the Hess [website](#) for details.

Idealist.org

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

15. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region**, Feb. 12–14, East-West Center, Honolulu. See [conference website](#).
- **Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, March 13–15, Ithaca, NY. Conference theme: “What’s Hot in Southeast Asia?” Limited travel funding available. See [conference website](#).
- **Mon Society and Culture Program**, March 18–24, Yangon, Myanmar. Sponsored by SEAMEO Regional Centre for History and Tradition. Includes five-day field trip to Mon State. For details, email seameo_chat@mptmail.net.mm.
- **Year of ASEAN: Integrating Southeast Asia**, March 20–22, Kuala Lumpur. 4th Southeast Asian Studies symposium at Sunway University. Organized by Project Southeast Asia at University of Oxford. See [conference website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies 2015**, March 26–29, Chicago. See [conference website](#).
- **Artistic Inventions: Histories, Cartographies and Politics in Asia**, March 30–31, Hong Kong Baptist University. See [conference website](#).
- **Third Hmong Consortium Conference**, April 10–11, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Theme: Hmong around the World. See [consortium website](#).
- **ISEAS Writers Workshop**, May 25–26, Singapore. Subject: Chinese natural resource extraction in Southeast Asia. Limited travel funds available. See [workshop website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia**, June 22–24, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. Theme: Asia in Motion: ideas, Institutions, Identities. See [conference website](#).
- **International Convention of Asia Scholars 9**, July 5–9, Adelaide, Australia. See [conference website](#).
- **5th International Conference on Lao Studies**, July 8–10, Thammasat University, Bangkok. See [conference website](#).
- **4th International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD)**, July 9–10, Mahidol University, Salaya, Thailand. Call for abstracts and panel proposals. **Deadline: March 30**. See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **EuroSEAS 2015**, Aug. 11–14, University of Vienna, Austria. See [conference website](#).
- **NUS/ARI Workshop: International Medical Travel and the Politics of Transnational Mobility in Asia**, Aug. 26–27, National University of Singapore Asia Research Institute. Call for papers. Partial or full travel funding available. **Deadline: March 31**. See [website](#) for details.
- **5th International Conference on Lao Studies: Lao PDR in the ASEAN Context**, July 8–10, 2016, Thammasat University, Bangkok. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Oct. 31**. See [conference website](#). **NEW**

16. Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” on display at the NIU Anthropology Museum through the 2014–15 academic year. The exhibit features items from the museum’s collection of ethnographic and archeological objects, many from SEA, chosen by members of the NIU and local communities. Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Admission free.
- “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 Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. See consulate [website](#).

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