

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Summer 2016 and 2016–17 FLAS fellows, from left, Karla Findley, JoAnn LoSavio, Rachael Skog, Andrew Waite, Cecelie Keys, Mao Lee, Rachel Jacob and Sanah Baig (not pictured, Samuel Bunting, Michael Gryzbowski, Raychel Taylor, Cole Fraser and Margaret Miller). This week's the deadline to apply for academic-year Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships. (Photo by Scott Walstrom / NIU Creative Services)

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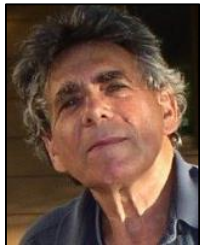
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1. This week's lecture: Hydropower on the Mekong **NEW**



Potkin

CSEAS adjunct Alan Potkin will present "Aesthetics Issues at the Don Sahong Hydropower Project" at noon Friday, **Feb. 3**, in Campus Life 100. The [Don Sahong](#) project, located in southern Laos, is one of 11 controversial planned hydropower projects on the lower Mekong. Potkin, who studies the environmental impact of dam construction on Mekong fisheries, will be traveling to the region for research in advance of presenting at a **March 16–18** Global Research Institute [conference](#) on the lower Mekong at the Royal University of Phnom Penh. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at [Lecture 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 cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. Apply for 2017–18 FLAS and Neher fellowships by Feb. 1

Students have until Wednesday, Feb. 1, to apply for Center fellowships. [Undergraduates](#) and [graduate students](#) are eligible to apply for the 2017–18 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship. The online [application](#) and information are posted on the [Student 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: In accordance with NIU policy, students awarded a FLAS fellowship will have any other financial aid they receive reduced by the dollar amount equal to the fellowship award. U.S. and international graduate students are also invited to apply for the 2017–18 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. The fellowship includes a tuition waiver and a \$4,000 stipend. Students must be in good standing with NIU and be at an advanced stage in their program, either master's or doctoral, and be planning field or archival research in SEA studies. The online [application](#) and information are posted on the Center's [Student Funding](#) page.

What's it like to be a FLAS fellow? See "Students Parlay Southeast Asian Studies into Scholarships, Travel, Leg Up in Job Market," in the [NIU Newsroom](#)

3. Get your paper on for spring 2017 SEA student conference



Doner

The Southeast Asia Club invites papers for its 2017 spring student conference, which will be held Saturday, **April 1**, in Campus Life 100. Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia; email niuseaclub@gmail.com. **Deadline to submit abstracts: Feb. 10.** Final papers are due Friday, **March 8**. The keynote speaker will be Emory University political scientist Richard Doner, a specialist in the political economy of economic development in Southeast Asia. Best paper awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers.

4. Help wanted: Seeking 2017–18 TA for SEAS 225 **NEW**

CSEAS is accepting graduate student applications to be the Teaching Assistant for SEAS 225, the center's undergraduate Southeast Asia survey course, for the 2017–18 academic year. The assistantship is a full-time (20 hours per week) position; the class is taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Most lectures will be given by NIU's Southeast Asia faculty in a variety of disciplines. Specific duties include: Develop course syllabus and assessment modules;

grade all exams, papers and assignments; keep office hours for student tutoring and guidance on lecture materials; post course material on Blackboard; teach some classes, including overview lectures and presentations relevant to his/her discipline and research interests. Applicants should be advanced in their graduate studies (minimum two years) and must have knowledge of or experience in Southeast Asia, in addition to strong organizational, written and communication skills. Previous TA experience preferable but not essential. Preference will be given to those in the process of completing the graduate certificate in Southeast Asian studies. Position pays monthly stipend plus full tuition waiver. All materials, including a graduate assistantship application, cover letter, resume, and two reference contacts, must be received by Office Manager Lisa Heal by 9 a.m. **Monday, March 13.** Email to lheal@niu.edu or FAX to 815-753-1776 or send by post to CSEAS, Northern Illinois University, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115.

5. Center associates update: Brainstorming a new teaching model



Than

✱ Tharaphi Than (Foreign Languages and Literatures) was in Myanmar over semester break to organize a regional meeting with Burmese, Thai and Bangladeshi academics, writers and independent researchers to brainstorm collaborative research and projects for the Leiden University-based International Institute for Asian Studies' Humanities Across Borders: Asia and Africa in the World initiative. The four-year project, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, is bringing together more than 20 Asian, African, European and North American universities to collaborate on "the co-creation of a new humanistic pedagogical model," according to the IAS [website](#).

6. Study abroad in SEA: Apply by March 1 for Indonesia program



Hamayotsu

Interested in gaining firsthand field and living experience next summer in Indonesia, the largest Muslim-majority democracy in the world? Faculty associate Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) is leading [Democracy and Cultural Diversity in Indonesia](#) **May 21–June 4** in Yogyakarta, Central Java. The program focuses on Indonesian politics, religious and ethnic diversity and conflict, and a rapidly changing Southeast Asian society. Yogyakarta is a vibrant hub of culture, arts, education and industry where students can observe how Indonesia's diversity informs its social, political and economic development. Participants will live at [Gadjah Mada University](#) and participate in daily activities and field trips. Participants can earn up to six hours of graduate or undergraduate credit (undergraduate credit can be applied to CSEAS's minor in Southeast Asian studies). The cost is \$3,250 (not including airfare). **Deadline to apply: March 1.** NIU offers limited funding opportunities, including the Provost Travel Grant (contact the NIU Study Abroad office) and other options, such as USOAR, listed in Money for Study below. For details, contact Hamayotsu at khamayotsu@niu.edu or [NIU Study Abroad](#) at 815-753-0700.

NIU Study Abroad also offers the opportunity to study Laotian history, language and culture through the five-week [SAIL](#) program offered by the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies in San Francisco. The program will be held **June 27–July 31** in Vientiane, Laos, based at the Lao-American College, the first private college and only school founded by a US citizen in the Laos. Participants can earn up to 10 hours of undergraduate credit. Cost is \$2,960 (\$3,785 with college credit). **Deadline to apply: April 3.** Some scholarship funding available from SAIL (funding application deadline is **March 15**) in addition to some NIU funding.

7. Advanced language programs offer funded chances to study abroad

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

- **David L. Boren Program:** David L. Boren fellowships and scholarships, 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 2017 Boren fellowships is **Jan. 31** for graduate students and **Feb. 9** for undergraduates. The Boren advisor at NIU is Study Abroad Director Anne Seitzinger; contact her at aseitz@niu.edu. For details, see [Boren website](#). Center GA Thomas Rhoden (POLS Ph.D. candidate) is a recently returned Boren fellow; contact him through CSEAS, 815-753-1771.
- **US-INDO Summer Studies Program:** Intensive 10-week language and cultural studies program **May 25–Aug. 3** in Yogyakarta is sponsored by the US-Indonesia Society with support from the Freeman Foundation. The 2017 program includes a 10-day break to accommodate the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Fitr. Cost of the program for participants is \$2,000 with all other costs covered. **Deadline to apply: March 31** (acceptance by **April 30**). For details, see [USINDO website](#).
- **Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian (COTI):** Intensive six-week program **June 15–Aug. 9** at Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana, in Salatiga, Central Java, for intermediate Bahasa students. Coordinated through Cornell University. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 10** (acceptance by **Feb. 24**). Students may apply for Fulbright-Hays funding (see Indonesian instructor Rahmi Aoyama). Summer FLAS funding may also apply. For details, see [COTI website](#).
- **Advanced Study of Khmer (ASK):** Intensive six-week program **July 20–July 29** in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Coordinated through University of Hawai'i-Manoa. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28**. Partial [funding](#) available. For program details, see [ASK website](#).



8. The match game: Apply for CSEAS match to Graduate School travel funding

CSEAS will match up to \$250 in Graduate School travel grants for students traveling to out-of-town (or out-of-country) conferences during 2016–17 to present. If you will be receiving Graduate School travel funding, contact CSEAS Office Manager Lisa Heal (lheal@niu.edu) about the CSEAS match. If you are considering applying (**deadline to apply: March 20**), you must have completed one year of school with 3.5 GPA or above. See Graduate School [website](#) for details on its travel funding; submit applications to Dean, Graduate School, 223 Adams Hall.

9. Thailand refugee issues topic of new Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast



Sebro

Miami University political scientist Tani Sebro discusses Thailand refugee issues on the latest [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast with CSEAS Assistant Director and regular moderator Eric Jones and CSEAS associate and Thai specialist Kanjana Thepboriruk (Foreign Languages and Literatures). Other podcasts feature conversations with University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo, NIU art historian Catherine Raymond (with graduate assistant Carmin Berchiolly), Kent State University historian Shane Strate, historian Philippe Peycam, director of the International Institute of Asian Studies in Leiden, Vietnamese-American poet and

Grinnell University professor Hai Dang Phan, and St. Mary's College global studies professor Laura Elder. Since the [series' inception](#) in September 2016, Crossroads podcasts have been downloaded 658 times with listeners in 26 countries, Thailand having the most listeners after the U.S.

10. 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. To learn more, visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with adviser Collen Gray at cgray3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at iloveroti@gmail.com.

11. Save the dates: FLAS deadlines, call for spring conference papers **NEW**

- **Feb. 1:** Academic-year FLAS and Neher fellowship applications due
- **Feb. 10:** Abstracts due for SEA Club Spring Student Conference
- **March 3:** CSEAS affiliate Melissa Lenczewski (Geology) discusses science research opportunities in Myanmar, 4 p.m., Davis 308. **NEW**
- **April 1:** SEA Club spring student conference, Campus Life 100.
- **April 5–28:** Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ([SEAYLP](#)) at NIU. Host families being sought for homestay portion of the program, **April 8–16**. See SEAYLP website to apply or contact administrative director Maria "Rai" Nihei at CSEAS, 815-753-6956.

12. Money for study **NEW**

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- **SROP grants:** Summer Research Opportunities Program funds eight weeks of support for students to engage in full-time faculty-mentored research during the summer (40 hours per week). Participants receive housing, meals and a stipend. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 19.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **SEF grants:** Student Engagement Fund support undergraduate projects for summer and fall 2017, including mentored student research, faculty-led study abroad programs and conference or competition travel. **Deadline to apply: March 15.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **USOAR grants:** Undergraduate Special Opportunities in Artistry and Research program funds student-generated research or artistry projects on campus, elsewhere in the US or abroad, up to \$2,500. Open to all colleges, majors and backgrounds. Proposal guidelines are available [online](#). Students have between **Jan. 1** and **Dec. 31, 2017** to complete their projects, and must present a poster at the annual Undergraduate Research and Artistry Day in April. **Deadline for spring 2017: Feb. 10.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **Graduate School Travel Grants:** Students are invited to submit proposals for 2016–17. **Deadline to apply: March 20.** One year of school completed with 3.5 GPA or above. See [website](#) for details. Submit applications to Dean, Graduate School, 223 Adams Hall. CSEAS will do a department match. Contact Director Judy Ledgerwood at jledgerw@niu.edu.

NIU Alumni Association

- **Annual Merit Scholarship:** \$2,500 awarded to full-time undergraduates with a minimum GPA of 3.0 from all colleges that they've attended. Applicants must be currently enrolled, transferring to NIU or entering as an undergraduate with some college work completed. Visit myniu.com to learn more. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 31.** To apply, go to new

[AcademicWorks](#) website and complete general application. Then click on the [NIU Alumni Association Merit Scholarship link](#) to complete letter of recommendation.

Indonesia Ministry of Education

- **Darmasiswa Indonesian Scholarship:** Funded opportunity to study Bahasa, art and culture in Indonesia. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 9.** See [website](#). **NEW**

U.S. Department of State

- **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program:** Undergraduate scholarships for Pell Grant recipients for study-abroad and international internship programs during summer 2017 or the 2017–18 academic year. **Deadline to apply: March 7.** Contact Anne Seitzinger at NIU Study Abroad, aseitz@niu.edu. For information about the program, see [website](#).

Fulbright-Hays

- **Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowships:** Applications now available for 18-month program for doctoral candidates to conduct full-time dissertation research. **Deadline to apply: March 14.** See [website](#).

Chulalongkorn University

- **ENITS/ENITAS Scholarships:** Graduate funding for research related to Thai Studies (ENITS) or research related to the ASEAN region (ENITAS). Recipients required to present research and preliminary results in May 2017 at Institute of Thai Studies in Bangkok. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28.** See [website](#).

Rotary International

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master's degree study offered at six universities worldwide, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US. **Applications for 2018–19 fellowships must be submitted to applicants' local Rotary district by May 31.** See [website](#).

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

- **On Borders and Borderlands: Negotiating the 'Margins' under Globalization,** Feb. 7–8, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India. See [details](#).
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia-Pacific Region,** Feb. 16–18, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. Some travel funding available. See [website](#).
- **Vietnam and Korea as 'Longue Duree' Subjects: Negotiating Tributary and Colonial Positions,** March 3–4, Vietnam National University, Hanoi. Two-part international conference coordinated by International Institute for Asian Studies and others. See [website](#).
- **19th Graduate Student Conference, Crossings in Southeast Asia,** March 10–12, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. See [website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies (AAS),** March 16–19, Toronto. Registration open. See [website](#).
- **Spring Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference,** April 1, Northern Illinois University. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 10.** For details, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.
- **Symposium on Gender and Sexuality in Southeast Asia,** April 1, Ingraham Hall, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Research Group (SEARG). Details pending. Email seargmadison@gmail.com.
- **Global Asias 4,** March 21–April 1, Penn State University. All conference participants will receive one-year subscription to the journal *Verge: Studies in Global Asias*. See [website](#).
- **Asian Review, Political Ideologies in Southeast Asia,** May or June 2017, Chulalongkorn University, Institute of Asian Studies, Bangkok. Call for papers and workshop. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 20.** Some travel funding available. See [website](#).

- **Rethinking Area Studies Through the Modern Asian Novel**, June 11–July 8, University of Michigan. National Endowment for the Humanities summer institute for college and university educators. **Application deadline: March 1.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **AAS-in-Asia: Asia in Motion**, June 24–27, Korea University, Seoul. See [website](#).
- **SSEASR Conference on ASEAN Region by End of 21st Century**, July 10–13, Ho Chi Minh City University of Social Sciences and Humanities and Vietnam Buddhist University, Ho Chi Minh City. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit: April 15.** See [website](#).
- **13th International Conference on Thai Studies**, July 15–18, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Theme: Globalized Thailand? Connectivity, Conflict and Conundrums of Thai Studies. See [website](#).
- **International Convention of Asia Scholars**, July 20–23, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Co-sponsored by International Institute for Asian Studies and Chiang Mai University. Some funding available. See [website](#).
- **Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies**, July 24–28, National University of Singapore. Sponsored by Asia Research Institute. Full or partial funding available. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: March 3.** See [website](#).
- **International Conference on South China Sea: Emerging Scenario**, July 24–26, Tirupati, India. Sponsored by UGC Centre for Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies at Sri Venkateswara University. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 31.** See [website](#).
- **International Symposium on Gender in Southeast Asian Art Histories**, Oct. 11–13, University of Sydney, Australia. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 28.** See [website](#).
- **Asia Research Institute**, Nov. 9–10, National University of Singapore. Topic: Labor Market Uncertainties for Youth and Young Adults. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: March 8.** See [website](#).

14. Career opportunities

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](#).

Room to Read

- **Positions open:** San Francisco-based organization that helps develop literacy skills among primary and secondary school students. See [website](#).

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 [WHO website](#).

15. 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. See [website](#) for details or 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. Also see the consulate's [Facebook](#) page.

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