

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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*Boh Tea Plantation in the Cameron Highlands, Malaysia. This week is the deadline for registering for NIU's Malaysia/Brunei summer study abroad program. See item 4 below. (photo courtesy Eric Jones)*

## Deadlines, kudos, movie nights, and more

*No Friday lecture, but center open this week during NIU's March 14–18 spring break*

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### SEA ✨ FYI

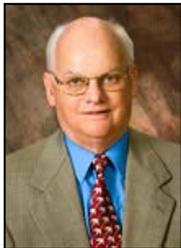
Of the eleven countries of Southeast Asia, four make the list of the world's top 10 users of social media: Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Malaysia. Indonesia has the world's second highest number of Facebook users, after the United States.

### 1. Next CSEAS lecture: Historian Michael Hawkins to speak March 25

Michael Hawkins, assistant history professor at Creighton University, will present "Managing a Massacre: Savagery, Civility, and Gender in Moro Province in the Wake of Bud Dajo" at next week's center lecture from noon to 12:50 p.m. Friday, **March 25**, in Room 110, Campus Life Building. **Bring your lunch and feed your mind.**

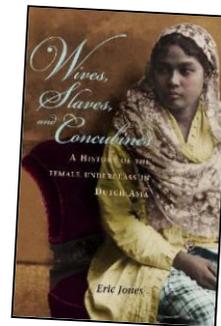
### 2. Kudos: Center associates John Hartmann, Eric Jones

\* Congratulations to Presidential Teaching Professor **John Hartmann**, who will receive one of the three 2011 NIU Board of Trustees Professorship Awards on April 21 at a 3 p.m. ceremony in Altgeld Auditorium. "This is a tremendous honor and truly well-deserved," said Foreign Languages and Literatures Department chair Katharine Barbe. Established in 2007, the Trustees Award recognizes faculty with a consistent record of excellence in teaching, scholarship or artistry, service and outreach, and academic leadership, have earned a national/international reputation for professional achievements, and are deemed likely to make continued contributions in higher education.



**John Hartmann**

\* NIU Press shares the word that associate history professor **Eric Jones'** book, *Wives, Slaves and Concubines: A History of the Female Underclass in Dutch Asia* (NIU Press, 2010), is being considered for the 2011 Frederick Douglass Book Prize, which published the book last fall. The \$25,000 annual **Douglass prize** honors the most outstanding nonfiction book published in English on the subject of slavery and/or abolition and antislavery movements. It is awarded by Yale University's Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition. Jones's book is the second in the NIU Press's new Southeast Asian Studies, a CSEAS collaborative effort.



### 3. Deadline for NIU Malaysia/Brunei study abroad this week



**Brunei market (photo courtesy Eric Jones)**

NIU is offering two opportunities to study abroad in Southeast Asia this summer with NIU faculty members and center associates. Andrea Molnar, associate professor (anthropology), is leading a group to Thailand to explore cultural diversity while associate professor Eric Jones (history) will take students to Malaysia and Brunei. Both are NIU study abroad programs offering course credit for graduate and undergraduate students. For information about programs, financial aid, travel grants, scholarships, and applications, contact the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail [niuabroad@niu.edu](mailto:niuabroad@niu.edu). Study Abroad 101, a workshop on the ins and outs of studying abroad, is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. in 417 Williston. **Deadline to apply for summer study abroad travel grants is May 6.**

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



**4. Center visitor:** Professor Chenyang Li, second from left, director of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies at Yunnan University in China, made connections with the center during his visit to NIU on March 7. Li is on a three-week tour of the U.S. through the State Department’s International Visitors Program. While on campus, he met with history professor Kenton Clymer, left, and, third from left on, Associate Provost for International Programs Deb Pierce; assistant CSEAS Director Kheang Un, art history professor and Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond, and CSEAS Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb. “We appreciate the chance to make connections in the world of Southeast Asian Studies with colleagues in other nations like Director Li,” Pierce said. (photo courtesy Deb Pierce)

#### **5. Spring with Southeast Asia Club: See a movie, get some culture, do some good**

The Southeast Asia Club will kick off a month of spring activities Monday, **March 21**, with its next meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m., followed by Noodle and Movie Night, in Room 480, DuSable Hall. On Friday, **March 25**, the club and the center will co-host Malaysian Movie Night with a screening of the 2004 [musical](#) *Puteri Gunung Ledang* from 6 to 8 p.m. in the same location. All are welcome. *Jum tengok wayang!* On Saturday, **March 26**, the club heads to Chicago for Taste of the Philippines. Other spring events planned include Southeast Asia Culture Night on **April 15**, a service project on [NIU Cares Day](#) **April 16** (sign up on the website and select the Southeast Asia Club team), the annual [student conference](#) on **April 23** (see item below), and a [Hope Haven](#) service project, date to be determined. The next club meetings are **April 4** and **18**. For details on any of these upcoming events, e-mail [niuseaclub@gmail.com](mailto:niuseaclub@gmail.com).

## 6. Democratization in Southeast Asia: SEA Club student conference April 23

Students who want to share the results of their Southeast Asia research will have the chance to do so Saturday, **April 23**, at the Southeast Asia Club's annual spring student conference. The conference theme is "Resistance Movements and Democratization in Southeast Asia." University of Chicago historian Mark Bradley, a specialist in postcolonial Southeast Asia and twentieth-century U.S. international history, will give the keynote address. A cash prize will be awarded to the best undergraduate and graduate papers. Final papers are due **March 23**; send to Robert Kollas at [rkollas@niu.edu](mailto:rkollas@niu.edu). For details, see [conference website](#).

## 7. House to house: Seeking host families for SEAYLP

NIU and the center are still looking for a few more local households to act as hosts **April 10–22** for twenty-two high school students and four adult leaders from Burma, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand

participating in the spring session of the center's Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP).

Homes are needed for several boy students and several adult leaders.

Students are placed in pairs and adults may be placed as singles.

Host families provide a bed for each participant, breakfast each day and most dinners, meals during one free weekend (**April 16–17**), and transportation to and from classes at NIU. For details, contact NIU host

family coordinator (and past host) Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or e-mail [lshive@niu.edu](mailto:lshive@niu.edu). For details about the SEAYLP program, see the [center website](#).

### Top 10 reasons to be a host family

10. You can experience a different country without getting on a plane
9. It beats watching "Law and Order" reruns
8. You'll be able to pick out Southeast Asia on a map
7. Your kids may start answering you in Khmer or Malay or Vietnamese
6. You could become an expert at making sticky rice
5. It's something different to write about on Facebook
4. You'll be the envy of family and friends
3. Your house will be all ready for company
2. Your family portrait could replace the flying corn cob as the international symbol of DeKalb County
1. **Your family will make friendships of a lifetime**

## 8. Lifetime Learning Institute to start Burma study-group series March 16

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

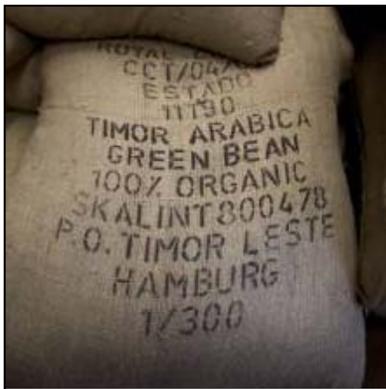
## 9. International Training Office seeking host families for PYLP program

NIU's International Training Office (ITO) is looking for area families to act as hosts in May for twenty-two Muslim and non-Muslim youth and four adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao who are coming to NIU in April to participate in the eighth Philippine



Youth Leadership Program ([PYLP](#)), directed by center associates Susan Russell (anthropology) and Lina Davide-Ong (ITO). The six-week program runs **April 16–May 21**; the home-stay segment is **May 1–14**. Contact host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or e-mail [lshive@niu.edu](mailto:lshive@niu.edu).

### 10. Interest brewing: Learn more about East Timor



East Timor coffee ready for shipment to Europe. (TLSA photo)

Want to know more about East Timor? The website of the [Timor-Leste Studies Association](#), established in 2007 and now affiliated with the Asian Studies Association of Australia, is a good place to start. “If you have a thirst to know more about Timor-Leste, this website can link you to people and websites which may be useful if you are planning your first or your fiftieth trip to Timor,” the group says on its home page. TLSA is hosting a conference, *Communicating New Research on Timor-Leste*, from **June 30 to July 1** in Baucau. Papers are still being sought. For conference details (in English, Tetum, Portuguese, and Indonesian) and more, see the TLSA website.

### 11. Job opportunities and money for study

*Indonesian Studies / Germany*

- [Assistant professorship in Southeast Asian Studies](#) at University of Frankfurt. Six-year appointment, non-tenure track. **Deadline to apply: March 31.**
- Professorship in Austronesian Studies at University of Hamburg. Lifetime appointment, tenure track. **Deadline to apply: April 7.**

*East-West Center / Hawaii*

- [Graduate Degree Fellowship](#). Master’s and doctoral funding for graduate students to participate in center’s educational and research programs while pursuing advanced degree at University of Hawaii.

### 12. Conferences and calls for papers

- **AAS-ICAS Joint Conference**, March 31–April 3, Honolulu, Hawaii. Association of Asian Studies and International Convention of Asia Scholars annual meeting. See list of [Southeast Asia panels](#), the [entire conference program](#) and other details on the [conference website](#).
- **3rd Annual Khmer Studies Forum**, April 29–30, Athens, Ohio. Sponsored by Ohio University Center for Southeast Asian Studies. Free. **Deadline for abstracts: March 15.** For details, see [conference website](#). For transportation and accommodation information, e-mail [cseas@ohio.edu](mailto:cseas@ohio.edu) or Sinoun Kim at [sinounkim@gmail.com](mailto:sinounkim@gmail.com).
- **Visions of the Future, 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Thai Studies**, July 26–28, Bangkok. Abstracts are still being requested for papers for this conference hosted by Mahidol University and the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia. For details, e-mail [thaistudies2011@gmail.com](mailto:thaistudies2011@gmail.com).
- **ASEASUK Conference**, Sept. 9–11, Magdalene College, Cambridge. Papers being sought by Malay/Indonesian manuscript studies panel on all aspects of the study of

the writing traditions of maritime Southeast Asia. **Deadline for abstracts: March 30.** Contact [Annabel.Gallop@bl.uk](mailto:Annabel.Gallop@bl.uk).

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

### 13. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

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



### CSEAS Quick Links

[CSEAS Calendar](#)

[Southeast Asia Club](#)

*If you are a person with a disability who may need assistance at any center-sponsored event, contact office manager Nancy Schuneman at 815-753-1771 or [nschunem@niu.edu](mailto:nschunem@niu.edu). If you no longer wish to receive this bulletin, please reply to this e-mail with a request to remove your name. Thank you.*

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