

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Conference keynote speaker Barbara Watson Andaya in the Larantuka district in Indonesia. Andaya will give several presentations while at NIU this week and next.

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### 1. Southeast Asia Club hosts annual student conference Saturday

“Sex and Violence in Southeast Asia: Examining Power Dynamics” is the theme of this year’s Southeast Asia Club annual student conference on Saturday, **March 20**, at NIU’s Altgeld Hall. The conference, which will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 315 of Altgeld, will explore power dynamics in Southeast Asia from the perspective of gender roles, sex, and violence. Giving the keynote address at 1:30 p.m. in Room 315 will be Barbara Watson-Andaya, director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Hawaii-Manoa and most recently the author of *The Flaming Womb: Repositioning Women in Early Modern Southeast Asia* (University of Hawaii Press, 2008). For conference details, e-mail [seclubniu@yahoo.com](mailto:seclubniu@yahoo.com).



### 2. Barbara Watson Andaya to be featured speaker at weekly center lecture, NIU forum



**Andaya**

In addition to keynoting the Southeast Asia Club’s annual conference on Saturday, Barbara Watson Andaya will make two other NIU appearances. At noon Friday, **March 19**, she will present “Christianity, Religion, and Identity in a Muslim Environment: Mother Maria, Queen of Larantuka (Indonesia)” at the center’s weekly lecture in Room 110, Campus Life Building. For a Thai lunch, call 815-753-1771 or e-mail [cseas@niu.edu](mailto:cseas@niu.edu) by noon Thursday. Lunches are \$4 for students, \$5 for others. She will also be the featured speaker at a forum on early modern Southeast Asia from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, **March 23**, in the Heritage Room in the Holmes Student Center. Forum participants will be center director Jim Collins and assistant history professors Trude Jacobsen and Eric Jones. The forum, sponsored by CSEAS and the History Department, is free and open to the public. For more information, e-mail [cseas@niu.edu](mailto:cseas@niu.edu). For directions and parking, see the NIU [website](#).

### 3. Jacobsen and Andaya to present at ‘Asia Rising’ symposium this week



**Jacobsen**

The center is co-sponsoring Asia Rising, a symposium set for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 16 and 17, at the College of DuPage’s Jack H. Turner Conference in Glen Ellyn. Assistant NIU history professor Trude Jacobsen will present “Riding a Buffalo to Cross a Muddy Field: Heuristic Approaches to Feminism in Cambodia” at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. Barbara Watson Andaya, who will come to NIU later in the week, will present “Women and Islam in Southeast Asia” earlier at 9:30 a.m. The symposium is hosted by the [Asia Committee of College of DuPage](#) and sponsored by the [COD International Education office](#). In addition to scholarly

presentations, the two-day event will feature music, films and a fashion show with COD students. All events are free and open to the public. For details, see the [News and Events](#) page on the CSEAS website.

#### 4. Outreach heads downstate to GlobalFest in Normal, Ill.

Center outreach coordinator Julia Lamb and this year's NIU Fulbright foreign language teaching assistants Wara Chansin (Thai), Raden Maesaroh (Indonesia), Aileen Farida Mohd. Adam (Malay), and Anito Librando (Tagalog) spent **March 12-13** downstate in Normal, Ill., at GlobalFest 2010, a statewide international educational event for more than 1,000 middle and high school students and teachers. The four FLTAs were there to teach introductory language-immersion classes on both days while Lamb set up a Southeast Asia craft booth for Fest attendees to make paper *krathong* (lotus blossoms floats) from Thailand, *sarimanok* (legendary bird of the Maranao people) mobiles from the Philippines, and paper shadow puppets from Indonesia. This is the seventh year the center has participated in the event, which offers language workshops, interactive cultural activities and performances, the Global Connections Quiz Bowl, and country exhibits. GlobalFest is sponsored by the Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Rotary International, and the national resource centers for area studies at the University of Illinois.



2008-09 Indonesian FLTA Sylvia Ginting, right, helps at the center's Southeast Asia craft table at last year's GlobalFest.

#### 5. Seeking host families for Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program

Got an extra bedroom in the house? The center is actively looking for area families to act as hosts April 11–22 for twenty-five high school students and five adult leaders from Burma, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand participating in the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). Students will be placed in pairs and adults may be placed as singles. Contact NIU host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 (e-mail [lshive@niu.edu](mailto:lshive@niu.edu)) or see the [SEAYLP](#) website for host family application forms and information.



#### 6. Deadline extended, location changed for Ramayana conference

The deadline for presentation proposals has been extended to **April 30** for the Third International Ramayana Conference, which is now scheduled for Sept. 18–19 at NIU's DeKalb campus. The two-day event, co-sponsored by the center and the University of Illinois Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and the International

Ramayana Institute of North America, will include a teacher workshop. For details, see the [conference website](#).

### 7. Deadlines to study abroad in SEA: March 15 for Malaysia, April 1 for Cambodia

The deadlines for traveling to Malaysia with assistant history professor Eric Jones and to Cambodia with anthropology professor Judy Ledgerwood are coming up: Monday, **March 15** (extended from March 1), for the Malaysia program and **April 1** for the Cambodia field school. Both are NIU Study Abroad courses offering credit for both graduate and undergraduate students. For information and applications, contact the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; call 815-753-0304; or e-mail [niuabroad@niu.edu](mailto:niuabroad@niu.edu).



*Jones and his 2007 group tour a Portuguese ship in Melaka, Malaysia.*

- **History and Culture of Malaysia and Borneo, May 9–28, Kuala Lumpur:** Three-week [program](#) beginning in Kuala Lumpur led by assistant history professor Eric Jones. Students will visit nature reserves, historical sites, religious centers, and rural areas throughout Malaysia and Brunei. Three credit hours. Open to graduate and undergraduate students. For a video about the program, including images from the 2007 trip, see Jones's video on [YouTube](#). **Deadline to apply: March 15.**
- **Cambodia Field School, July 15–Aug. 15, Phnom Penh:** Four-week [ethnographic field school](#) led by anthropology professor Judy Ledgerwood. Students will study Cambodian culture, religion, and various field-study



*Ledgerwood in Cambodian village in 2007.*

methods, including surveys, interviews, and participant observation. A collaborative project with the Royal University of Fine Arts in Phnom Penh. Three or six credit hours. Open to graduate or or six or six credit hours. Open to graduate or advanced undergraduate students. **Deadline to apply: April 1.**

#### **8. Movie night: Free showing of *New Year Baby* this week**

For 25 years, Cambodian-American Socheata Poeuv never knew that her parents had survived the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia and that she had been born in a Thai refugee camp just before her parents fled to begin a new life in the United States. Soon after her parents shared the family secret over a Christmas holiday, Socheata began work on a documentary tracing her parents' and extended family's traumatic experience in Cambodia. Her film, [\*New Year Baby\*](#), was released in 2007 to international praise. It will be shown at 9 p.m. Monday, **March 15**, at 228 DuSable Hall. NIU's chapter of STAND, a national student-led anti-genocide coalition, will show *New Year Baby* at 9 p.m. Monday, **March 15**, at 228 DuSable Hall. Admission is free.

#### **9. PYLP program looking for host families**

NIU's International Training Office 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 for six weeks to participate in the seventh Philippine Youth Leadership Program ([PYLP](#)). The program runs **April 17–May 22**; the home-stay segment is **May 2–15**. Students will be placed in pairs and adults may be placed as singles. For details, contact coordinator

(and past host) Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or e-mail [lshive@niu.edu](mailto:lshive@niu.edu), or see the [PYLP](#) website for host family application forms and information.

#### **10. See the world: Student Fulbright workshop set for March 31**

Finishing your bachelor's degree? Want to teach English in Indonesia? How about enrolling in a master's degree program in Malaysia? Do you need to conduct your dissertation research, or just a post-master's research project, in Cambodia or the Philippines? The U.S. State Department's Student Fulbright Program, which is coordinated by the Institute of International Education (IIE), allows students to teach English abroad for a year or to conduct postgraduate dissertation research. Recent NIU Fulbrighters to Southeast Asia include Michael Hawkins, who went to the Philippines in 2007–08 and now teaches history at Grand Valley State University in Michigan, and Paul Chambers, who went to Thailand from 2001–02 and is now a senior research affiliate at Payap University in Chiang Mai. Not only do Fulbright students return to the U.S. with a significant understanding of the people and culture of their host country, says Associate Provost for International Programs Deborah Pierce, they have access to U.S. embassy events, programs, and contacts that can be "life-changing." Interested students can learn more at 2 p.m. Wednesday, **March 31**, at a student Fulbright workshop in the Heritage Room at the Holmes Student Center. Featured speakers will be Lauren Hansen,

current Fulbrighter in Germany, and IIE representative Megan Spillman. There will be a faculty workshop the following day from 2 to 3:30 in the Heritage Room.

### 11. Working for world peace: Apply for a Rotary Peace Fellowship

Rotary is one of the world's largest humanitarian service organizations and every year selects 100 Rotary Peace Fellows to study peace and conflict resolution at its seven



Jenn Weidman, right, recently welcomed NIU language professor John Hartmann to the Rotary Center in Bangkok.

partner universities around the world. These include Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok where NIU anthropology graduate and center graduate alumna Jenn Weidman is deputy director of the program there. The Rotary Peace Fellowship program offers the opportunity to study peace building, conflict resolution and mediation at one of the seven schools and the choice of either a three-month certificate course or a master's degree program. Applicants are encouraged to apply through their local Rotary clubs. For details, see the Rotary [website](#). This year's applications are due **July 1**.

### 12. Apply for summer language study at SEASSI by April 16

Graduate and undergraduate students are invited to apply by **April 16** for the June 14–Aug. 6 Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Partial tuition scholarships are available for the intensive eight-week Southeast Asia language program offering Burmese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Javanese, Khmer, Lao, Thai, and Vietnamese. Students may apply online at the [program website](#). For details, e-mail [seassi@intl-institute.wisc.edu](mailto:seassi@intl-institute.wisc.edu) or call 608-263-1755.

### 13. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies program

- **USINDO Summer Language Program in Indonesia, June 4–Aug. 13:** Ten-week intensive language study of Bahasa Indonesian. Students live with host families and participate in cultural workshops, such as cooking, martial arts, and gamelan. **Application deadline: March 31.** To apply, call the NIU Study Abroad Office at 815-753-0304 or e-mail [niuabroad@niu.edu](mailto:niuabroad@niu.edu). For program details, see the U.S.-Indonesia Society [website](#). **NOTE: Students interested in 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 protections.**

### 14. Area Southeast Asia cultural events

- The Chicago-based Friends of the Gamelan will present a spring concert of traditional and contemporary Javanese gamelan music, led by Joko Sutrisno,

- artistic director of the Sumunar Gamelan Ensemble of Minneapolis, at 6 p.m. Sunday, **April 25**, at the Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn, Chicago. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For details, e-mail [info@chicagogamelan.org](mailto:info@chicagogamelan.org) or see the group's [website](#). In January, Sutrisono co-taught a month-long class on Indonesian music and culture at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., with NIU graduate student Sean Dolan.
- The Indonesian Consulate 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 History Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The music program runs from 10 a.m. to noon; the dance program from 1 to 3 p.m. For details, call Anneth Houy at 773-878-7090. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and on weekends by appointment.

*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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