

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Three NIU students with contract majors in Southeast Asian Studies are preparing to graduate in May. They are, from left, Emily Kruse, Joslyn Nielsen, and Alyssa DeLuca. (CSEAS photo)

Welcome back to spring at the center

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1. This week's CSEAS lecture: Historian Michael Hawkins on the 1906 Bud Dajo massacre

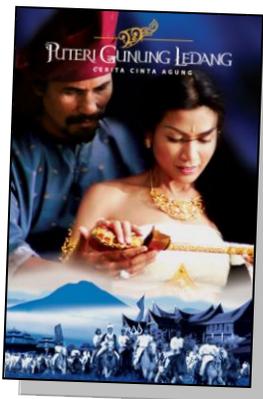


Michael Hawkins

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. "My presentation examines the delicate ideological maneuverings that shaped American colonial constructions of savagery, civility and gender in the wake of the Bud Dajo Massacre in the Philippines' Muslim South in 1906,"

says Hawkins. "It looks particularly at shifting notions of femininity and masculinity as these related to episodes of violence and colonial control . . . [I conclude] that, while the Bud Dajo Massacre was a terrible black mark on the American military's record in Mindanao and Sulu, colonial officials ultimately used the event to positively affirm existing discourses of power and justification, which helped to sustain and guide military rule in the Muslim South for another seven years." **Bring your lunch and feed your mind.**

2. 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.

3. Study abroad in Thailand this summer; deadline to apply April 15

There is still time to apply for associate anthropology professor Andrea Molnar's four-week summer study abroad program in Thailand for graduate and undergraduate students. The **May 30–June 25** program will focus 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



Buddhist temple in Thailand. (photo courtesy Andrea Molnar)

dominant and minority groups, and the practical implications of these relations in everyday Thai life," Molnar says. The 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. The deadline to apply for the program is **April 15**; financial aid is available to qualified applicants. For information about the program, financial aid, travel grants, scholarships, and applications, contact the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. To learn more about studying abroad, Study Abroad 101, a one-stop short workshop, is offered at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Study Abroad Office. [Study abroad travel grants](#) are available; the deadline to apply for these is **May 6**.

4. Final papers due Wednesday for April 23 student conference



Mark Bradley

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. 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 Wednesday, **March 23**; send to Robert Kollas at rkollas@niu.edu. For details, see [conference website](#).

5. Seeking a few more host families for SEAYLP

NIU is still looking for two or three local households to act as hosts **April 10–22** for two male high school students and two adult male leaders participating in the center's Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ([SEAYLP](#)). Twenty-two students and four adult leaders from Burma, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand will be involved in the upcoming spring session. 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.

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 cornucopia as the international symbol of DeKalb County
1. Your family will make friendships of a lifetime

6. On the road in Malaysia: CSEAS assists planning for intensive Malay summer program



CSEAS Director Jim Collins wraps up training session with UMP students. (CSEAS photo)

During a trip to Malaysia earlier this month, CSEAS Director Jim Collins spent four days at the Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) in Kuala Lumpur to help with preparations for NIU-UMP's new summer program in intensive Malay, which will be held at UMP **June 1 to July 12**. Collins met with the language program coordinator and her UMP team, and assisted in interviewing twenty-six applicants for the

program's undergraduate teaching assistant position, later conducting a training workshop for seventeen of them. Collins also toured UMP's language lab, designated classrooms, faculty housing, and sports facilities. UMP Vice Chancellor Daing Nasir also met with Collins to discuss the summer language program and other plans for collaboration.

7. Cambodian 'harem' in the French Protectorate subject of history lecture this week



Trude Jacobsen

Center associate and assistant history professor Trude Jacobsen will present "Divergent Perspectives on the Cambodian 'harem' in the French Protectorate (1864–1945)" from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, **March 24**, in 338 Graham Hall. A pre-circulated paper is available from the history department's Amanda Littauer at alittauer@niu.edu, though it is not necessary to review it before the talk.

8. Art historian Richard Cooler leads Lifetime Learning Institute Burma group this week

NIU art historian emeritus and former Center for Burma Studies director Richard Cooler will discuss Burma history, art, and culture at this week's Wednesday Burma study group offered by NIU's [Lifelong Learning Institute](#). The study group will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. **March 23** in the Sky Room in the Holmes Student Center. Former CSEAS associate Arlene Neher is convening the group to learn about the history, culture, geography, politics, international relations, and everyday life in Burma with current Center for Burma Studies Director and art historian Catherine Raymond, history professor Kenton Clymer, and emeritus faculty 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**. Suggested readings include Donald Stadtner's *Sacred Sites of Burma*, George Orwell's *Burmese Days*, Emma Larkin's *Finding George Orwell in Burma*, and Aung San Suu Kyi's *Letters from Burma*. For details, contact the institute at 815-753-5200 or 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.

10. Job opportunities and money for study

University of Wisconsin/Madison

- [Senior Lecturer in Southeast Asian History](#). Three days a week during fall semester of 2011–12 academic year. Master's degree required; all but dissertation preferred.

Application due: April 1.

University of British Columbia, Vancouver

- [Lecturer in Indonesian Language and Culture](#). 12-month position teaching language and culture courses beginning July 1. **Applications reviewed starting March 31.**

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.

11. 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. For details, see [conference website](#). For transportation and accommodation information, e-mail cseas@ohio.edu or Sinoun Kim at sinounkim@gmail.com.
- **Visions of the Future, 11th International Conference on Thai Studies**, July 26–28, Bangkok. Hosted by Mahidol University and the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia. For details, e-mail 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.
- **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. 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](#).

12. 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.

- 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

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