

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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*“From City to Village: Urbanization and Southeast Asia” is the theme of this week’s spring student conference starting at 8:30 Saturday, March 26, in Room 100 Campus Life. Details below. (Bangkok photo / Archinet)*

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### Go green!

*There’s money for study out there*

A paid year in Indonesia? A six-week fellowship in Siem Reap, Cambodia? Advanced immersion language training? Find funding for research, fellowships, language study, conference travel, and more in our Money for Study listings below. New USINDO program posted this week. **Deadlines to apply coming up in March, April, May.**

### 1. This week's lecture: Thailand's constitutional court **NEW**

University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo will present "(Un)Happy Stories from Thailand's Constitutional Court" at noon Friday, **March 25**, in Room 100 Campus Life. McCargo will also be the keynote speaker at the Southeast Asia Club's Spring Student Conference this Saturday, **March 26**. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at [CSEAS Brown Bag Order](mailto:cseasbrownbag@gmail.com). 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](mailto:cseasbrownbag@gmail.com).



McCargo

### 2. Student scholars represent! Spring conference Saturday

The Southeast Asia Club's 2016 spring Southeast Asia Student [conference](#) will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to Saturday, **March 26**, in Room 100 Campus Life. The conference theme is "From City to Village: Urbanization & Southeast Asia." Papers may be submitted by graduate and undergraduate students on related topics or any relevant to the region. The conference keynote speaker will be University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo, who will present "The State of Southeast Asian Politics: Trends & Futures."

### 3. Palm (Turm)oil: Multimedia event to highlight Indonesian deforestation

The negative effects of plantation-style palm oil production in Indonesia and elsewhere will be the topic of a multimedia event from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, **March 23** in Cole Hall, sponsored by the NIU Anthropology Club, the Southeast Asia Club, Green Paws, Committee for the Preservation of Wildlife and the NIU Student Association. *Sumatra Burning*, a 2015 documentary about palm oil production, will be screened, the NIU Gamelan Ensemble will perform, and there will be Indonesian and other Southeast Asian refreshments. Each organization will have a table where they will have information about their organization as well as a poster about an aspect of the palm oil issue related to their clubs' areas of interest.



### 4. Rethinking Asian studies: Philippe Peycam lecture



Peycam

Philippe Peycam, director of the International Institute of Asian Studies, will present "Rethinking Asian Studies in the Global Perspective" at noon Wednesday, **March 30**, in Room 100 Campus Life. His lecture is co-sponsored by the Division of Research and Innovation, the Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, the Center for Burma Studies and CSEAS.

### 5. Center associates update: Kenton Clymer



Clymer

\* Kenton Clymer (History) is speaking Monday, **March 21** at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC. He is presenting "A Delicate Relationship: The United States and Burma/Myanmar since 1945," the subject of his most recent book by the same title (Cornell University Press, 2006) to the SAIS Burma Study Group. Clymer will also be presenting Thursday, **March 24**, at George Washington University.

## 6. SEAYLP and PYLP want you: Be a host family for spring SEA exchange programs

What does it mean stay with an American host family? The Center's Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) team has put together a [video](#) that says it all. CSEAS and the NIU International Training Office (ITO) are actively seeking host families for both [SEAYLP](#) and the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), two US State Department programs.

CSEAS is looking for 13 families to act as hosts **April 9–17** for pairs of high school students or an adult leader from 10 Southeast Asian countries participating in ([SEAYLP](#)). Host families provide a bed for each participant, breakfast each day and most dinners, all meals during any weekend days at home, and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. Host family orientation is scheduled for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, **April 4**, in the Holmes Student Center. Host family applications may be submitted online; see the right column on the SEAYLP website. **Application deadline has been extended to March 25.** For details, contact host family coordinator Liz Denius at 815-753-1901 or email [edenius@niu.edu](mailto:edenius@niu.edu).

ITO is also seeking host families in April for the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), which brings young people and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and surrounding provinces in the Philippines to NIU for four weeks under the auspices of the International Training Office and direction of anthropologist Susan Russell and ITO Director Lina Ong. The home stay dates for PYLP are **April 17–30**. Contact NIU home stay coordinator Leslie Shive for details at [lshive@niu.edu](mailto:lshive@niu.edu).

### Top 10 reasons to be a host family

10. You can experience a different country without getting on an airplane
9. It beats watching "Survivor" reruns
8. You'll be able to pick out Southeast Asia on a map
7. Your kids may start answering you in Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Lao, Malay, Thai, Tagalog 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. It's a good excuse for spring cleaning
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**

## 7. CIA in the World course offered for summer

HIST 480/580, Spies, Lies and Secret Wars: CIA in the World will be offered this summer as a fully online course for undergraduate and graduate students, taught by CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones (History). "Perhaps no other institution is so heavily mythologized in the popular consciousness than the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States," Jones writes in the course description. The course will examine the CIA from both an American and global historical points of view, using a case study approach with secondary readings drawing from critical historiography and primary research materials sampled from declassified, leaked and otherwise open archival sources. The course will be open for registration in early April, Jones said.

## 8. CSEAS to host religious minorities in Asia workshop April 9

CSEAS will host the workshop, "Religious Minorities and Pluralism in Asia," from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. **April 9** in the Heritage Room at the Holmes Student Center. The workshop, led by CSEAS associate Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) and Chiara Formichi from Cornell University, will address historical, legal, political and social issues facing minority communities in religiously divided societies across Asia. Jacques Bertrand of the University of Toronto will give the keynote



address at 9:30 a.m. with the first session following at 10:30 and the second session after lunch at 2 p.m. See more details [here](#).

### 9. Burma Studies, Thai Studies conferences set for October at NIU

Scholars from around the world will convene at NIU **Oct. 7–9** for the 2016 International Burma Studies Conference and **Oct. 28–29** for the Council on Thai Studies (COTS) 2016 meeting.

- The Burma conference invites proposals for individual papers or entire panels. **Deadline to submit proposals: April 15.** Prospective participants must submit a title and 150- to 250-word abstract via attached Word document or pasted into an email (include name, affiliation, and contact information). Panel organizers should submit abstracts and participant information. Email to [burmastudies2016@gmail.com](mailto:burmastudies2016@gmail.com). Accepted participants and panel organizers will be notified on or before **May 15**. For details, see the [conference website](#).
- COTS invites presentation abstracts from scholars, students and community advocates. **Deadline to submit proposals: July 1.** For details, see [conference information](#).

### 10. Distance Vietnamese to be added to fall 2016 SEA language lineup

Beginning Vietnamese will be added to NIU's SEA language and literature lineup in fall 2016. FLST 103-104 will be offered as a distance-learning course through the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It will be taught by a UW instructor but NIU students will receive credit from NIU. If interested, contact CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood at 815-753-1771 or by email at [cseas@niu.edu](mailto:cseas@niu.edu) (put Vietnamese in the subject line).

### 11. **Save the dates:** Spring events coming up **NEW**

- **March 25:** Host-family applications due for Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program. Email [edenius@niu.edu](mailto:edenius@niu.edu) for details.
- **March 25:** 1 p.m. Altgeld 100. "Prestigious Scholarships 101," presented by Anna Quider, NIU Director of Federal Relations. Learn how to connect with the best of the best. **NEW**
- **March 26:** Southeast Asia Club spring student conference, From City to Village: Urbanization and SEA. Keynote speaker: University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo.
- **April 9:** "Religious Minorities and Pluralism in Asia" workshop, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Heritage Room, Holmes Student Center. Keynote address (9:30 a.m.) by Dr. Jacques Bertrand, University of Toronto.
- **April 13:** Indonesian teaching assistant Rahmi Hartati will demonstrate how to make *nasi kuning*, Indonesian yellow rice, from noon to 1 p.m. in DuSable 328 for the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures brown bag lunch series.
- **April 24:** SEAYLP Culture Night show, 4 p.m., Sandburg Auditorium, Holmes Student Center. Free. **NEW**
- **Through May:** New Year's Festivals in Mainland SEA exhibit at Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, fourth floor, Founders Memorial Library.
- **Through May:** Storytelling: Hmong American Voices exhibit at Pick Museum of Anthropology at NIU.

### 12. Public health research opportunity in Indonesia or Myanmar

Tomoyuki Shibata (Public Health), executive director of the [Global Environmental Health Lab](#), is making plans to take students this summer to Myanmar (mid-June to mid-July) and Indonesia (mid-July to mid-August) to participate in [field research projects](#) involving water quality and public

health. For details on costs, college credits and other information about the projects, email Shibata at [tshibata@niu.edu](mailto:tshibata@niu.edu).

### 13. Burnish your resume 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 Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at [ehrenkonig@niu.edu](mailto:ehrenkonig@niu.edu); graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at [iloveroti@gmail.com](mailto:iloveroti@gmail.com).

### 14. Money for study **NEW**

*NIU*

- **Graduate School Travel Grants:** Students invited to submit proposals for 2015–16. **Next deadline to apply: March 21.** One year of school completed with 3.5 GPA or above. See [website](#) for details. Submit applications to Dean, Graduate School, 223 Adams Hall. Matching funds available through CSEAS.
- **Graduate School Travel to Conduct Research Grants:** Students in good standing invited to submit proposals for research travel planned for May 15 to Sept. 1, 2016. Grants up to \$500 will be awarded. Must have approved thesis or dissertation committee on file (PhD students must have passed comprehensive examinations). **Applications due to the Graduate School: April 1** (departments earlier; contact for deadline). Email Dana Hughes at [dhughes@niu.edu](mailto:dhughes@niu.edu).

*Southeast Asia Research Group*

- **Pre-dissertation fellowship:** Award up to \$6,000 funded by the Henry Luce Foundation to social science PhD students who must travel to Southeast Asia to develop research proposal. Deadline to apply: May 1. Contact Renata Kwon at [r.kwon@duke.edu](mailto:r.kwon@duke.edu). **NEW**

*USINDO*

- **Summer studies program:** Partially subsidized nine-week intensive Indonesian language program for graduate students or undergraduate juniors and seniors in Yogyakarta **May 26–July 22**. Cost of the program is \$2,000, which includes tuition, housing, visa, health insurance, airfare, field trips, cultural activities and volunteer opportunities. **Deadline to apply: March 31.** For details, see [website](#).

*Center for Khmer Studies*

- **Junior Resident Fellowships:** CKS and the American Research Center in Cambodia offers six-week fellowships to five US, five Cambodian, and five French undergraduate students July 1–Aug. 10 in Siem Reap. **Deadline to apply: April 1.** For details, see [website](#).

*US Department of Education*

- **Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad:** Six- to 12-month month fellowships for PhD students in foreign languages and area studies, FY 2016. Apply by late spring (check [website](#) for application availability and other info).

*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 2017–18 fellowships now available. **Deadline to submit through local Rotary district: May 31.** See [website](#).

## 15. Job/internship 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](mailto: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. 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](mailto: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](#).

*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](#).

## 16. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops **NEW**

- **Southeast Asia Club Spring Southeast Asia Student Conference**, March 26, DeKalb, IL. Call for papers. Conference theme: From City to Village: Urbanization & Southeast Asia. Keynote speaker: Political scientist Duncan McCargo, University of Leeds. See conference [info](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 31–April 3, Seattle. See [conference website](#).
- **5<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Studies Symposium**, April 14–16, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford. Theme: Human and Environmental Welfare in Southeast Asia. See [conference website](#).

- **1<sup>st</sup> Graduate Student Conference for Southeast Asia Research**, April 14–15, University of British Columbia. Some travel subsidies available. For details, email [csear.grad@gmail.com](mailto:csear.grad@gmail.com).
- **American Anthropological Association Central States Anthropological Society Meeting**, April 21–23, Kansas City, MO. See [conference website](#).
- **UC Berkeley-UCLA Southeast Asian Studies Conference**, April 22–23, Berkeley, CA. Theme: Making Southeast Asian Cultures: From Region to World. See [conference website](#).
- **Heritage as Aid and Diplomacy in Asia**, May 26–28, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands. See [conference website](#).
- **4<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asia Research Group annual meeting**, June 3-4, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Small travel grants available for graduate students to attend. For info, see [website](#).
- **NEW**
- **1<sup>st</sup> International Graduate Symposium on Thai Studies**, June 16–17, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Organized by Thai Studies Center and Research Section. Call for papers. **Abstracts due: April 18**. Email to [thaistudies.grad.symposium@gmail.com](mailto:thaistudies.grad.symposium@gmail.com). See [conference website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia**, June 24–27, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan. See [conference website](#).
- **5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Lao Studies: Lao PDR in the ASEAN Context**, July 8–10, Thammasat University, Bangkok. See [conference website](#).
- **International Burma Studies Conference**, Oct. 9–16, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Call for papers and panels. **Abstracts and proposals due: April 15**. For information, see [website](#).
- **Council on Thai Studies 2016**, Oct. 28–29, Northern Illinois University. Call for papers forthcoming. Abstracts due July 1. See details [here](#).

#### 17. Area cultural opportunities **NEW**

- Dengue Fever on tour, 7:30 p.m., **April 24**, Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave., Chicago. See [website](#). **NEW**
- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum's co-curation team to make arrangements at [cocuration.philippines@fieldmuseum.org](mailto: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](mailto:icc@indonesiachicago.org). Also see the consulate's [Facebook](#) page.

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