

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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*The Burma Interest Group hosts University of Sydney anthropologist Jane Ferguson Monday, March 30, who will present “Spirits, Ghosts, and Aviation in Burmese Folklore.” Details below. Above, hot air balloon hovers over the temples of Bagan*

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### Burnish your resumé

Add a Southeast Asian Studies minor to an undergraduate 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).

### 1. No lecture this week: Susan Russell (Anthropology) April 3



Russell

Anthropology Professor Susan Russell will present “Clan Politics and Crime: Challenges for the Bangasamoro Region’s Transition to a Post-Conflict Zone” at noon Friday, **April 3**, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. There will be no Indonesian lunches **April 3**. Lunches resume **April 10**. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at [CSEAS Brown Bag 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 (cash preferred).

For lunch details or questions, e-mail [seabrownbag@gmail.com](mailto:seabrownbag@gmail.com). For complete spring schedule, see [Center website](#).

### 2. Connect the career dots: Two Alumni Connects next week **NEW**

The Center hosts two Alumni Connects the week of **March 30**. Come visit via Skype **April 1** with Colette Morgan (BA political science, 2011, with a SEAS minor) of US-ASEAN Business Council, Washington, DC, noon, Room 337, Founders Library. Morgan, who took Malay while a student at NIU, is a senior manager for membership, Malaysia and special projects. While completing her master’s degree in international relations at the University of Chicago, she held a full-time internship at the Asia Society in Washington, where she conducted research and analysis on US-Southeast Asia relations. After the Friday lecture



Morgan

**April 3**, head over to Pottenger House to chat from 1 to 2 p.m. with Punchada “Art” Sirivunnabood (PhD political science, 2010) of Mahidol University in Bangkok and consultant for the Thai ministries of Defense and Foreign Affairs.

### 3. Spirits in the air: Australian anthropologist to speak March 30



Ferguson

University of Sydney anthropologist Jane M. Ferguson will present “Spirits, Ghosts, and Aviation in Burmese Folklore” at 5:30 p.m. **March 30** in Room 211 Jack Arends Hall (School of Art). Ferguson has conducted field work in Myanmar/Burma, Northern Thailand, and the Shan borderlands, writing about insurgency, ethno-nationalism, popular music, Burmese cinema, and ghosts in airports. Her lecture is sponsored by the Burma Interest Group and co-sponsored by the Center for Burma Studies and CSEAS. The lecture is free and open to the public.

### 4. Help wanted: Seeking graduate assistant for SEAS 225

CSEAS is accepting graduate student applications for the SEAS 225 for the 2014–15 academic year. The assistantship is a full-time (20 hours per week) position coordinating the Center’s Southeast Asia survey course, which is taught 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Most lectures are given by 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 studies (minimum two years) in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and must have



knowledge of or experience in Southeast Asia in addition to strong organizational, written and communication skills. Previous TA experience is preferable but not essential. Preference will be given to those completing the graduate certificate in Southeast Asian studies. Position pays \$1,180 per month plus full tuition waiver. All materials, including a graduate assistantship application, cover letter, resume, and two reference contacts, must be received by Office Manager Rita Miller by 4:30 p.m. **April 15**. Send to CSEAS, Northern Illinois University, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115, email to Miller at [ram@niu.edu](mailto:ram@niu.edu), or FAX to 815-753-1776.

##### 5. Notes from all over: SEAYLP, Fulbright-Hays, and speaking engagements



*Making their lists and checking them twice are, from left, SEAYLP team members Anel Carrera, Colleen Gray, Nancy Schuneman, and Rachael Skog. Sp*

The Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ([SEAYLP](#)) team, led by administrative director Maria Nihei, is putting the final touches on the **April 1–26** session. The program's 50 high school students and 7 adult leaders from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar/Burma, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam arrive at NIU **April 1**. SEAYLP is funded by the US Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs . . . A dozen educators from area high schools and community colleges will be at NIU **April 10–11** for two days of orientation to this summer's four-

week [Fulbright-Hays](#) Group Projects Abroad to the Philippines. In addition to meeting each other, participants will be introduced to the history and culture of the Philippines, basics of Tagalog, teaching about human rights, travel considerations, among other subjects. Leading the sessions will be project directors Susan Russell and Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail, and guest speakers CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones, JD Bowers (Honors), Alecia Santuzzi (Psychology) and Cynthia Paralejas. . . . Krista Albers (MA candidate, history) traveled to Blacksburg, VA to present "Combat Crop Dusting: Shaping Defoliation Policy in Vietnam, 1961–63," **March 21** at Virginia Tech's Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives in History Graduate Conference. . . . former NIU political scientist Michael Buehler (now at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London) is in Chicago this week to present "Democratization of Policy Making in Indonesia: Emerging Actors and Complexities" **March 29** at the Association of Asian Studies annual conference and at the Buffet Institute at Northwestern **March 30** to present "Islamic Laws in Indonesia."

##### 6. Summer study abroad in Bali, Thailand and beyond

There is still time to sign up for summer study abroad programs with CSEAS associates Andrea Molnar (Anthropology) and Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music), who are actively recruiting for their study abroad programs in Thailand and Bali. NIU also sponsors Summer Study Abroad in Laos with the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. Apply [online](#) or through NIU's Study Abroad Office in 417 Williston (email [niuabroad@niu.edu](mailto:niuabroad@niu.edu) or phone 815-753-0700). Some partial travel funding is available; contact the Study Abroad office. **Deadline to apply for the [Study Abroad Travel Grant](#) is April 1**. Program information is also available at CSEAS.



- **Explore cultural diversity in Thailand**



NIU Study Abroad in Thailand, 2011

Anthropology professor Andrea Molnar will reprise her 2011 program, [Cultural Diversity in Thailand, June 8–July 3](#). Molnar’s program will introduce students to Thailand’s diverse cultural groups and explore the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. The course uses a **political anthropology perspective while focusing on cultural** issues and their historical background. **Deadline to apply: March 31**. Also, see the program’s [Facebook page](#). Two \$1,500 scholarships are available from the NIU Thai Studies Committee. Submit one-page statement of interest, letter of support from Molnar, letter of recommendation, and either a transcript (for

undergraduates) or an explanation of graduate work progress from program advisor (for graduate students). Grant funded by the NIU Thai Teaching and Research Fund. Email Chalermsee Olson at [eteolson@niu.edu](mailto:eteolson@niu.edu).

- **Experience Balinese music, dance and culture in Indonesia**

For the second year, music professor Jui-Ching Wang will take students to a village location in Bali, Indonesia to learn about Balinese music, dance, theater, architecture, art and crafts in her program [Experiencing the Arts in Bali, July 4–25](#). Students will live in a traditional village compound and participate in festivals to celebrate the anniversary of the local temples. “The ceremonial nature of the arts reflects the multiple layers of religious practices and philosophies embedded in Balinese society,” Wang says. For details, see the program’s [Facebook page](#). **Deadline to apply: April 15**.



NIU Study Abroad in Bali, 2014

- **Learn Lao language and culture in Laos**

NIU also sponsors [Summer Study Abroad in Laos](#) (SAIL), a five-week Lao language and culture program **June 27–July 31** in cooperation with the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. Based in Vientiane, Laos, the program offers students language and cultural lessons as well as exposure to Lao history and culture. **Deadline to apply: April 1**.

## 7. Berkeley historian to keynote Spring Student Conference

University of California-Berkeley historian and Cambodian specialist [Penny Edwards](#), author of *Cambodge: The Cultivation of a Nation (1860–1945)* (University of Hawai’i Press, 2007) will give the keynote address at the Southeast Asia Club’s 2015 spring student conference Saturday, **April 25**. The conference begins at 9 a.m. in Room 315 Altgeld. The conference theme is “Identity Narratives.” Awards will be given for best undergraduate and graduate papers.



Edwards

## 8. Distance-taught Vietnamese to be offered in fall 2015

After successfully piloting distance-taught Vietnamese this year, NIU will be offering Vietnamese via distance learning with the University of Wisconsin-Madison next year. The course, FLST 103-104, will be taught by a UW-Madison instructor, but NIU students will

receive credit from NIU. Interested students should contact CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood at 815-753-1771 or by email at [cseas@niu.edu](mailto:cseas@niu.edu) (please put Vietnamese in the subject line).

### 9. April World Music Symposium includes SEA forum, music concert



Han

The NIU Music Building will be resonating with the sounds of world music **April 9–11** when the 2015 World Music Symposium: From the Exotic to the Global takes place. Music educators, ethnomusicologists, composers, performers and interdisciplinary scholars are invited to attend. The third day of the conference will feature a Teaching Southeast Asia Performing Arts [Forum](#) (with funding provided for community college educators to attend). The symposium, organized by CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music), honors Kuo-Huang Han, music professor emeritus and founder of the NIU Gamelan Ensemble, and marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the world music program at NIU. The program concludes with the annual World Music concert, which will include Balinese gamelan, marching gamelan, Thai folk music and the NIU Chamber Choir performing an Indonesian folk song, at 3 p.m. in Boutell Hall. For information, email [jcwang@niu.edu](mailto:jcwang@niu.edu) or see the [symposium website](#).

### 10. **Save the dates:** Alumni Connects, world music, student conference

- **April 1: Alumni Connect** via Skype with Colette Morgan (BA political science, 2011) of US-ASEAN Business Council, Washington, DC, Noon, Room 337, Founders Library.
- **April 3: Alumni Connect** with Punchada “Art” Sirivunnabood (PhD political science, 2010) of Mahidol University, Consultant for Thai ministries of Defense and Foreign Affairs, 1–2 p.m., Pottenger House.
- **April 7:** Explore your artistic side and make watercolor batik with the Southeast Asia Club from 5 to 6 p.m. at “Taste of Asia,” the Asian American Center’s weekly Ohana! event at the Capitol Room of the Holmes Student Center
- **April 9–11:** Teaching World Music Symposium, NIU School of Music.
- **April 11:** Teaching Southeast Asia Performing Arts Forum, 8:30 a.m. to noon, followed by World Music Concert, 3 p.m., Boutell Hall.
- **April 13:** The Wonders of Southeast Asia at Sycamore Library Children’s Department, 4 p.m. Costumes, culture, crafts and more with SEAYLP and SEA Club.
- **April 25:** Southeast Club Spring Student Conference. Theme: “Identity Narratives.” Keynote speaker: University of California-Berkeley historian Penny Edwards.
- **Through May:** “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition including SEA artifacts. Admission free.

### 11. Southeast Asia Research Group to hold April meeting in Chicago

The Southeast Asia Research Group, established in 2013 to highlight promising Southeast Asia political research by rising social scientists at the forefront of Southeast Asian Studies, will hold its third annual meeting **April 24–25** hosted by the University of Chicago at Club Quarters, 75 E. Wacker Drive, in Chicago. The program will feature presentations by the group’s 2015 [Young Southeast Asia Fellows](#). Registration is \$75, which covers all activities and meals on Friday and Saturday. **Registration deadline: March 25.** For more information on the group and its fellowship program, see the SEAREG [website](#).

## 12. Money for study

### *USINDO*

- **US-Indonesia Society Summer Language Study, June 2–July 25.** Ten-week intensive program at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta. Admissions based on availability of program funding. **Deadline to apply: March 31.** For details, see [website](#). Students taking language or area studies abroad through non-NIU programs are advised to work through NIU's Study Abroad office, 417 Williston Hall. Receive NIU credit and possibly have NIU financial aid apply.

### *NIU*

- **Undergraduate Student Engagement Fund:** Need travel money for a conference, a stipend to work on a faculty-mentored research project, or funding to help pay for a study abroad program? The Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences is now providing funding for undergrads. Students in good academic standing may apply on their own behalf or faculty may apply on behalf of a student. Awards range from \$250 to \$2,500. Deadline for spring 2016 funds is **Oct. 1**. See [program website](#).

### *McGill University*

- **Dissertation workshop:** Institute for the Study of International Development invites applications from advanced PhD students. All areas of development studies welcome including political science, economics, anthropology, sociology, geography and history. Funding for accepted students. Email Director Philip Oxhorn at [Philip.oxhorn@mcgill.ca](mailto:Philip.oxhorn@mcgill.ca).

### *University of Leeds (U.K.)*

- **Thai Studies research scholarships:** Three scholarships (approximately \$18,000 each) offered by the university's School of Languages, Cultures and Societies for graduate students to undertake field research in Thailand. **Deadline to apply: June 26.** See [website](#).

### *Rotary International*

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master's degree study offered at six universities worldwide. **Deadline to apply for 2016 fellowships: July 2015.** See [website](#).

## 13. Job/internship opportunities

### *VietAID*

- **Executive Director:** Vietnamese American Initiative for Development in Boston. **Deadline to apply: March 31.** For details, see [VietAID website](#).

### *US Department of State*

- **Fall 2015 Student Internship Program:** 10-week unpaid internships for undergraduate and graduate students at Washington headquarters and US embassies, consulates and missions worldwide. See [program website](#).

### *USINDO*

- **Program Associate/Editor/Executive Assistant:** Full-time position with US-Indonesia Society in Washington DC. For information, email [dmerrill@usindo.org](mailto:dmerrill@usindo.org) or call 202-232-1400. Position posted on USINDO [website](#).

### *Room to Read*

- **Positions open:** San Francisco-based organization that helps develop literacy skills among primary and secondary school students. Asia Regional Director (based in Asia) and Country Operations for Southeast Asia (based in Cambodia, Laos or Vietnam). 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](#).

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

- **Association for Asian Studies 2015**, March 26–29, Chicago. See [conference website](#).
- **Artistic Inventions: Histories, Cartographies and Politics in Asia**, March 30–31, Hong Kong Baptist University. See [conference website](#).
- **Third Hmong Consortium Conference**, April 10–11, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Theme: Hmong around the World. See [consortium website](#).
- **70 Years and Counting: Emerging Voices in the Indonesian Landscape**, April 10–11, Yale University. Hosted by Yale Indonesia Forum and Cornell Indonesian Association. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: March 21.** See [conference website](#).
- **Hmong National Development Conference**, April 17–19, Crowne Plaza Intercontinental, St. Paul, MN. See [conference website](#).
- **ISEAS Writers Workshop**, May 25–26, Singapore. Subject: Chinese natural resource extraction in Southeast Asia. Limited travel funds available. See [workshop website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia**, June 22–24, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. Theme: Asia in Motion: ideas, Institutions, Identities. See [conference website](#).
- **The Emergence of Theravada Buddhism in Cambodia: Southeast Asian Perspectives**, July 3, SOAS University of London. See [symposium website](#).
- **International Convention of Asia Scholars 9**, July 5–9, Adelaide, Australia. See [conference website](#).
- **4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD)**, July 9–10, Mahidol University, Salaya, Thailand. Call for abstracts and panel proposals. **Deadline: March 30.** See [conference website](#).
- **International Conference on Burma/Myanmar Studies**, July 24–25, Chiang Mai University, Thailand. Call for abstracts and panel proposals. **Deadline: April 15.** See [conference website](#).



- EuroSEAS 2015, Aug. 11–14, University of Vienna, Austria. See [conference website](#).
- NUS/ARI Workshop: **International Medical Travel and the Politics of Transnational Mobility in Asia**, Aug. 26–27, National University of Singapore Asia Research Institute. Call for papers. Partial or full travel funding available. **Deadline: March 31**. See [website](#).
- **Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Oct. 16–18, Washington University, St. Louis. Call for papers. **Deadline for proposals: May 31**. Register by **Aug. 31**. See [conference website](#).
- **Language, Power and Identity in Asia: Creating and Crossing Language Boundaries**, March 14–16, 2016, National Museum of Antiquities, Leiden, Netherlands. Organized by International Institute for Asian Studies in collaboration with [LeidenGlobal](#) and the Language Museum (Leiden). Call for papers. **Deadline for proposals: May 15**. See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Lao Studies: Lao PDR in the ASEAN Context**, July 8–10, 2016, Thammasat University, Bangkok. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Oct. 31**. See [conference website](#).

### 15. Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- 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.
- “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” on display at the NIU Anthropology Museum through the 2014–15 academic year. Exhibit features items from the museum’s collection of ethnographic and archeological objects, many from SEA. Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Admission free.
- “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. For info, call 312-920-1880, ext. 104/105, or email [icc@indonesiachicago.org](mailto:icc@indonesiachicago.org). Also see the consulate’s [Facebook](#) page. **NEW**

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