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1. This week's lecture: *Dangdut* diplomacy **NEW**



Weintraub

University of Pittsburgh ethnomusicologist Andrew Weintraub will present “*Dangdut* Diplomacy” at noon **March 29** in Campus Life 100. Weintraub, who received his PhD from the University of California-Berkeley, will reflect on the evolving nature of *dangdut*, Indonesia’s most popular music, from a denigrated object of upper-class derision to a distinguished subject of cultural diplomacy. In addition to his scholarly endeavors, Weintraub is the founder and lead singer of the Pittsburgh-based band *Dangdut Cowboys* (check out the group on [YouTube](#)), which has just returned from a 10-day U.S. embassy-sponsored tour of three Indonesian cities. While on campus, Weintraub will also present a School of Music graduate workshop after the CSEAS lecture Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. in Room 103 Music Building and the keynote address at the Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference **March 30** (see conference details below). To order a Southeast Asian lunch at the Friday brownbag, submit an online request or cancel a previous request by 6 p.m. Wednesday at [CSEAS Brown Bag Order](#). Cost is \$5 for students and \$7 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be in cash or by check. If you order but do not attend the lecture, you are still responsible for paying unless the lunch is sold at the lecture. **You may cancel your order without penalty by 10 a.m. Thursday.** E-mail ceasbrownbag@gmail.com if you have any questions. See complete spring lecture [schedule](#).

2. *Dangdut* and panels galore at Nexus: Southeast Asia Saturday **NEW**

Keynote speaker and ethnomusicologist Andrew Weintraub will present “Indonesia, Meet the Beatles! Sound, Style, and Meaning in Indonesian Popular Music” in between panel sessions at the Southeast Asia Club’s 2019 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference this Saturday, **March 30**, in Swen Parson Hall. The conference begins with continental breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery, followed by opening remarks by SEA Club President I Younan An, CSEAS Director Eric Jones, and Dr. Iur Damos Dumoli Agusman from the Indonesia Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Panels will begin at 9:30 a.m., running two at a time in rooms 100 and 180 concurrently. The conference will break from noon to 1 p.m. with lunch provided in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery. Following Weintraub’s keynote address at 1 p.m., panels will resume until 4:30 p.m. in rooms 100 and 180. Closing ceremonies, during which certificates and awards for best papers will be presented, will begin at 4:30. For any conference questions, contact niuseaclub@gmail.com. Weintraub’s visit is co-sponsored by the NIU Graduate Colloquium and School of Music.



Conference registration and continental breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery in Swen Parson Hall. Enter gallery through east-side entrance pictured here.

3. Apply for second-round summer FLAS by March 31

CSEAS has reopened applications for additional summer 2018 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships for a second round. The [application](#) and [information](#) for the U.S. Department of Education grants are posted online. **Deadline to apply: March 31.** Summer FLAS fellowships provide for the summer study of Southeast Asian languages at any U.S. Department of Education-approved [educational institution](#), especially those in Southeast Asia, but also including the

[Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute](#) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Questions? Contact Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

4. Febrina awarded 2019–20 Dwight King scholarship **NEW**



Febrina

Anthropology graduate student Sinta Febrina has been awarded the 2019–20 Dwight Y. King Graduate Scholarship for the Study of Indonesia. Febrina received her bachelor's degree in anthropology in 1998 from Padjadjaran University in Bandung and began her graduate studies at NIU in 2017. As a graduate assistant at CSEAS, Febrina has administered the Indonesian Peningkatan Kualitas Publikasi Internasional ([PKPI](#)) for the past two years. Her research focuses on Muslim women's agency in DeKalb. The program funded by the Indonesian government brings doctoral students from Indonesian universities to NIU for a semester to work with a selected professor-mentor on developing their research projects or articles for publication. The \$1,000 King scholarship is funded through an NIU Foundation endowment established by late Political Science Professor and

CSEAS Director Emeritus Dwight King. King, who mentored many Indonesian graduate students over his years as a professor, wished to support the research efforts of international students with this scholarship.

5. Help wanted: 2019–20 Teaching Assistant for SEAS 225

CSEAS is accepting graduate student applications to be the 2019–20 teaching assistant for SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World, the center's undergraduate Southeast Asia survey course. The assistantship is a full-time (20 hours per week) position; the class is 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, location to be determined. Southeast Asia faculty in a variety of disciplines will deliver most of the lectures.



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 graduate studies (minimum two years) and must have knowledge of or experience in Southeast Asia in addition to strong organizational, written and communication skills. Previous TA experience preferable but not essential. The Center will give preference to those in the process of completing the graduate certificate in Southeast Asian studies. Position pays a monthly stipend plus full tuition waiver. CSEAS also provides office space in Pottenger House. Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang must receive all materials, including a [GA application](#), cover letter, resume, and two reference contacts by 9 a.m. **April 1**. Email to her at jcwang@niu.edu, FAX to 815-753-1776, or send by mail to CSEAS, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115.

6. Summer study abroad in Cambodia July 1–19

Learn more about Cambodian culture, history, society, and language through NIU Study Abroad this summer from **July 1–19**. Directed and led by sociologist Kathleen Westman and Sauk Valley Community College political scientist Paul Edelman, “[Cambodian Culture and Civilization](#)” will take students to the capital city of Phnom Penh for two weeks and Siem Reap, location of Angkor Wat, for one week. The Center for Khmer Studies will be the site of lectures on topics ranging from archeology and history to culture and dance. Participants will also participate in a local service-learning project as part of the program. For more information, contact Westman at kwestman911@gmail.com or Edelman at Paul.Edelman@svcc.edu. **Deadline to apply: April 1.**

7. Be a ‘home-bassador’ for spring SEA youth exchange programs **NEW**

There is still time to sign up to be homestay host in April and May for two Southeast Asia youth exchange programs coming to NIU next week for leadership development training. This engaging cultural opportunity, lasting between one week and two weeks, is open to families and individuals.

CSEAS is looking for a few more households to host pairs of high school students or adult leaders from ten Southeast Asian countries for the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ([SEAYLP](#)).

SEAYLP Homestay dates are April 13–20. Students are placed in pairs while adults in pairs or singles. Hosts 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. **Orientation for SEAYLP**

hosts is set for 7 to 8 p.m. April 11 in Room 506, Holmes Student Center (parking free in the visitor lot after 5 p.m.). See the SEAYLP [website](#) for program details and [online application](#).

For details, contact Homestay Coordinator Susan Edwards at se3279@gmail.com or SEAYLP Administrative Director Anastasia Kocher at akocher1@niu.edu.

CSEAS is also seeking hosts in April for the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), which for 15 years has brought young people and adult leaders from Mindanao in the Philippines to NIU for four weeks of leadership and conflict resolution training. As with SEAYLP, students are placed in pairs and adult leaders in pairs or singles. **PYLP homestay dates are April 21 to May 5.** It’s easy to apply [online](#)! Contact Homestay Coordinator Nancy Melms at nsteckelbergmelms@niu.edu or PYLP Administrative Director Karla Findley at kfindley1@niu.edu for details.

The U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs funds both SEAYLP and PYLP.

8. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Buddhist nationalism in Myanmar

Get your earbuds on and take a listen to CSEAS’s [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast series. In our latest conversation, host Eric Jones and NIU political scientist Andrea Radasanu talk with comparative political theorist Matthew Walton, who shares insights into his years of research into Buddhist activism in Myanmar. Our following (more than 13,500 listens since its 2016 debut) keeps



Horsing around: SEAYLP participants learn all about horses during their homestay with an area family. Read what local families have said about being a homestay host in [NIU Today](#).

growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

9. **Save the dates: Conference, workshops, cultural events** **NEW**

- **March 29:** School of Music workshop, *Dangdut* in Indonesian Popular Culture Today, led by University of Pittsburgh ethnomusicologist Andrew Weintraub, 2 to 5 p.m., Room 103 Music Building. Co-sponsored by Graduate Colloquium and CSEAS. **NEW**
- **March 30:** Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Swen Parson Hall (new location). **NEW**
- **March 31:** Deadline to apply for second round of summer FLAS awards. **NEW**
- **April 3:** CSEAS associate and Tagalog instructor Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail presents “Rebuilding the Community Spirit in the Language Training Classroom One Partner and One Group at a Time,” 12:30 to 1:20 p.m., Watson 110.
- **April 7:** Children’s story time featuring traditional folk tale and dance from Indonesia, 4 p.m., Sycamore Public Library, 103 E. State St. Led by Bahasa Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Reza Fahlevi. Snack provided.
- **April 10:** “Liberalism and Democracy in Myanmar,” book presentation by Dr. Ian Holliday, noon, Campus Life 100. Co-sponsored by CSEAS and Center for Burma Studies.
- **April 13–May 5:** Philippine Youth Leadership Program
- **April 2–26:** Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program
- **April 27:** Children’s story time featuring traditional folk tale and dance from the Philippines, 11 a.m., Malta Public Library, 203 Adams St. Led by Tagalog Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Lady Aileen Orsal.
- **April 27:** YA/Teen Southeast Asia Graphic Novel Group discussion of the 2007 graphic novel, *Burma Chronicles*, by Guy Delisle, 1 to 3 p.m., DeKalb Public Library, 309 Oak St. Led by Dr. Matt Jagel, CSEAS Outreach. Books available for checkout at the library.
- **April 30:** Children’s story time featuring traditional folk tale and dance from the Philippines, 9:30 a.m., DeKalb Public Library, 309 Oak St. Led by Tagalog Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Lady Aileen Orsal.
- **May 1:** Children’s story time featuring traditional folk tale and puppet show from Myanmar, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., DeKalb Public Library, 309 Oak St. Led by Burmese Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Khin Thu Thu Win. Snack provided.
- **May 2:** Join NIU Tagalog students and participants of the Philippine Youth Leadership Program for traditional Philippine food and cultural event known as a Boodle Fight. Noon, MLK Commons.
- **May 2:** Philippine Cultural Show, 5:30 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Center, 512 Normal Road, DeKalb. Co-hosted by the Southeast Asia Club, Philippine Student Association, CSEAS and the Asian American Resource Center. Food and entertainment.
- **May 3:** End-of-semester potluck, recognition and sarong soiree, 5:30 p.m., Eric Jones home, 720 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore.
- **May 4:** Workshop for high school, community college educators: Teaching Vietnam: Context and Perspectives on America’s War in Southeast Asia. 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., First Division Museum, [Cantigny Park](#), Wheaton. Breakfast and lunch included. First 20 to [register](#) will be eligible for mileage reimbursement.

10. Burnish your resumé 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. Visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates should contact adviser Matt Jagel at mjagel2@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

11. Money for study

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Scholar-in-Residence:** Long-term fellowship for U.S. postdoctoral Cambodia researcher. **Deadline to apply: March 31.** See [website](#).

U.S. Department of Education

- **Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award:** Funding for doctoral candidates to pursue dissertation research abroad in foreign language and area studies. **Deadline to apply: March 25.** Informational webinar video and more available on [website](#).

Open Society Foundations

- **2019–20 Scholar Awards:** Proposals invited for doctoral students and faculty from Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar. Grants for up to \$15,000 available. **Deadline to apply: March 29.** See [website](#).

ENITS/ENITAS

- **2019 scholarships:** Chulalongkorn University offers funding for graduate students and young scholars working on Thai studies or related disciplines. **Deadline to apply: March 31.** See [website](#).

Rotary International

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master's degree (up to two years) or professional development certificate studies (three months) offered through six universities worldwide. **Deadline to apply: May 31.** See [website](#).

East-West Center

- **Affiliate Scholar Program:** Short-term affiliation with the East-West Center for graduate students from around the world to pursue thesis or dissertation research in 2018. **Revolving deadlines to submit.** See [website](#).

ProFellow

- **Dissertation Research Fellowships:** Check the ProFellow [website](#) for 30 different opportunities for dissertation research funding.

12. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers **NEW**

- **Nexus: Southeast Asia, 2019 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference,** March 30, NIU Campus Life 100. Keynote speaker: Andrew Weintraub, professor, University of Pittsburg Department of Music.
- **2nd Graduate Conference in Qualitative Inquiry,** March 30, NIU Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center. Open to NIU graduate students presenting original qualitative research. See NIU Qualitative Inquiry Collaborative [website](#).
- **Midwest Political Science Association,** April 4–7, Chicago. See [website](#).
- **2nd University of Michigan Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference: (Re)Making Memory in Southeast Asia,** April 6, Ann Arbor, MI. See [website](#).
- **19th Northeastern Conference on Indonesia,** April 13, Yale University, New Haven, CT. Co-sponsored by the Yale and Cornell Indonesian forums. See [website](#).

- **6th Trans-Asia Graduate Student Conference: Within and Beyond Asia**, April 12–14, University of Wisconsin-Madison. See [website](#).
- **Passages: Locating Global Traditions in Southeast Asian Music and Performance**, April 19, Indiana University. See [conference notice](#).
- **1st International Conference on Asia Pacific Ethnology and Anthropology**, May 20–24, Yunnan University, Kunming City, China. **Deadline for abstracts for panels and papers: April 1.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **Aspirations for Change 4.0: Critical Perspectives from Southeast Asia workshop**, May 28–29, University of Zurich. See [website](#).
- **Transformation of Youth Identities in East and Southeast Asia: Public Spaces and Intimacy**, May 27–28, University Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium. See [website](#).
- **6th International Conference on Lao Studies**, June 13–15, Cornell University. Co-sponsored by Cornell and the Center for Lao Studies. See [website](#).
- **SEAMEO SPAFA International Conference on Southeast Asian Archaeology**, June 17–21, Bangkok. See [website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia**, July 1–4, Bangkok. Co-sponsored by Association for Asian Studies and Thammasat University. See [website](#).
- **International Studies Association Asia-Pacific Conference**, July 4–8, Singapore. “Asia-Pacific and World Order: Security, Economics, Identity and Beyond.” See [website](#).
- **11th Engaging with Vietnam Conference**, July 15–16, Leiden, the Netherlands. Call for proposals. **Deadline to submit: April 5.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **International Convention on Asia Scholars 11**, July 16–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. See [website](#).
- **7th International Symposium of Journal Antropologi Indonesia**, July 23–26, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. See [website](#).
- **The Vietnam War in the Pacific World**, Aug. 15–16, Macquarie University, Sydney. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: March 25.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **Anthropology of Language in Mainland Southeast Asia workshop**, Aug. 19–21, University of Sydney. Limited availability. Email to nick.enfield@sydney.edu.au. See [website](#).
- **American Political Science Association**, Aug. 29–Sept. 1, Washington, D.C. See [website](#).
- **EuroSEAS 2019**, Sept. 10–13, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. Call for papers for [panel](#): New Focus on Old Archaeology: Reassessing Controversies in Southeast Asia. **Deadline for abstracts: May 15.** Contact: Lia Genovese at trinacria_1955@yahoo.co.uk.
- **Of Peninsula and Archipelago: The Landscape of Translation in Southeast Asia**, Aug. 31–Sept. 1, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Hosted by the International Association for Translation and Intercultural Studies. **Deadline for abstracts: April 1.** See [website](#).
- **Council on Thai Studies**, Oct. 18–20, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Aug. 1.** For details, email Taylor Easum, teasum@uwsp.edu. **NEW**
- **Conference of Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies**, Power in Southeast Asia, Oct. 24–26, Montreal, Quebec. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit abstracts: April 1.** For details, email Serge Gagner, University of Sherbrooke or Erik Martinez Kuhonta, McGill University.
- **SEASIA Biennial Conference 2019**, Dec. 5–7, Academia Sinica, Taipei. Change and Resistance: Future Directions of Southeast Asia. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts and panel proposals: April 1.** See [website](#). **NEW**

13. Careers

U.S.-ASEAN Business Council

- **Membership and business development associate:** Entry-level position based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. See [job listing](#).

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Instructor:** Seeking applicants with undergraduate teaching experience for Junior Resident Fellows Program, July 1–Aug. 9. **Deadline to apply: April 30.** See [job listing](#).

El Colegio de Mexico

- **Professor, Buddhist Studies:** Full-time position funded for four years by Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation, with possibility of tenure after grant expires. Start date: August. **Deadline to apply: March 30.** For details, email direccion-ceaa@colmex.mx.

Thammasat University

- **One-year professorship:** Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology seeking PhD in anthropology, sociology or related fields. Contract extension possible. Teach one course per semester plus other academic activities. Email Deputy Dean Yukti Mukdawijitra, iamyukti@yahoo.com.

VIA

- **Global Community Fellowship:** 13-15-month program for graduating seniors (2019) and young professionals to work at NGOs, schools, universities and social enterprises in Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Monthly stipend, travel insurance, 10-day training in Thailand, midyear conference and year-end wrap-up provided; participants pay for transport to and from Asia, plus funds for food during VIA gatherings. See [website](#).

Bridge to Success

- **English Teachers in China:** Ten-month- internships and jobs for English speakers with bachelor's degree minimum. See [website](#).

Center for Strategic and International Studies

- **Internships:** Full- and part-time internships for undergraduates, advanced students and recent graduates who are interested in gaining practical experience in public policy. Based in Washington, DC. Rolling deadlines to apply. See [website](#).

Eurasia Group

- **Researcher, Political Risk Training Program:** One-year training assignment in political risk assessment with possibility of returning for second year. BA in political science, regional studies or economics with deep knowledge, some in-country experience and foreign language fluency of relevant country or sub-region. See [job listing](#).
- **Careers:** Submit your resume to be considered for other careers with Eurasia Group. See [website](#).

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 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. Explore postgraduate civil-service career paths as well. See [program website](#).

ASEAN/ASEC

- **Job listings:** Check [website](#) frequently for open positions at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC).

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 or see [website](#).

Idealist.org

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. See the [Idealist website](#).

Learn How to Become

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of meaningful volunteer and nonprofit career options and resources. See [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 [website](#).

14. Area cultural opportunities

- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum's co-curation team at 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. 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. See the consulate's [Facebook](#) page.

- Indonesian Dance of Illinois offers traditional dance and gamelan music lessons Saturdays in Evanston. See [website](#).

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