

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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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: Reviving performing arts in Cambodia **NEW**



Siebrits

Helene Siebrits, associate professor of theater at Ohio University, will present “An Artistic Odyssey: A Look at the Role of One Family in the Revival of the Performing Arts in Cambodia since the Fall of the Khmer Rouge” at noon Friday, **March 11**, in Room 100 Campus Life. Siebrits has worked professionally in film, theatre, opera and dance for a number of years, including productions with renowned director Peter Sellars. In 2013, she received a fellowship from the US Institute of Theatre Technology to support her research on Cambodian performing arts, which relates closely to her work with Sellars and the Amrita Dance Group of Phnom Penh. Siebrits received her MFA from the University of California Los Angeles. She heads the costume program at Ohio. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at [CSEAS Brown Bag 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. For lunch details, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. Center associates update: A Luce grant for Hao Phan **NEW**

* Congratulations to Hao Phan, curator of the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection at Founders Library, who will be traveling to Myanmar this summer courtesy of a \$112,000 Henry Luce Foundation grant to conduct two librarian-training workshops at Yangon University and Yadanabon University. This is the second round of Luce Foundation funding, shared by NIU, Arizona State University and the University of Washington, to assist Myanmar in building its university library capacity. In 2014, a pilot program including Rutgers University, brought Burmese librarians to the US for training at all four institutions, including 10 days at NIU. The new program will involve conducting 10-day workshops in Myanmar in 2016 and bringing three visiting librarians to NIU in 2017, said Hao Phan, who has traveled to Myanmar previously for the Southeast Asia Digital Library Project and to purchase books.



Hart Collection curator Hao Phan, left, talks with CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones, recording an interview March 3 for the Center's soon-to-be-launched podcast series, Southeast Asia Crossroads. In addition to being a trained librarian, Hao is also a poet. Born in Vietnam and immigrated to the US in 1991, Hao is the author of two published collections of poetry in Vietnamese among other works. Learn more when Southeast Asia Crossroads debuts this spring.

3. Help wanted: Seeking graduate assistant for SEAS 225

CSEAS is accepting graduate student applications to be the Teaching Assistant for the center's undergraduate Southeast Asia survey course, SEAS 225, for the 2016–17 academic year. The assistantship is a full-time (20 hours per week) position; the class is taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Most lectures will be given by NIU's 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 preferable but not essential. Preference will be given to those in the process of completing the graduate certificate in Southeast Asian studies. Position pays monthly stipend 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. **Tuesday, March 15**. Send to CSEAS, Northern Illinois University, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115, email to ram@niu.edu, or FAX to 815-753-1776.

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

CSEAS and the NIU International Training Office (ITO) are actively seeking host families for two spring Southeast Asia exchange programs sponsored by the US State Department. CSEAS is looking for 25 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 the **April 5–30** session of the US State Department's Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ([SEAYLP](#)). 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, 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. **Applications due by March 18**. For details, contact host family coordinator Liz Denius at 815-753-1901 or email edenius@niu.edu.



And the dog makes six: Host family Russell and Erika Bishop of Sycamore, and their son Scot, with their SEAYLP 2015 participants Daniel Ho from Singapore, left, and Van Choen from Cambodia.

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.

5. Religious minorities in Asia workshop set for 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](#).

6. Say it with 'Sawaaddee': FLTAs conclude February afterschool program **NEW**

Flag quizzes, Burmese toys and marionettes, Thai *krathong* and Indonesian puppets were just some of the things twenty-five students at Lincoln Elementary School in DeKalb learned about Southeast Asia in their afterschool program in February. CSEAS and Foreign



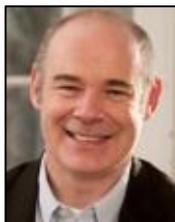
From left in back row, FLTAs Thandar Swe, Wina Tirtapradja, Piansin Pinchai and Marie Decano take a class picture with the Lincoln Elementary afterschool program students.

Language Teaching Assistants Wina Tirtapradja (Indonesian), Thandar Swe (Burmese) (FLTAs, Marie Gianina Concepcion Decano (Tagalog) and Piansin Pinchai (Thai) went to Lincoln every Wednesday afternoon as part of CSEAS's K–12 outreach initiative. In between the FLTAs' planned activities, students had plenty of questions, Marie Decano said. "Although we did a bit of the language, my focus was on culture," she said. "A part of the students seemed very curious about what it's like to be a grade school student in the Philippines—what students wear to school, how many students are in a class, how most students have to commute to go to school. They were particularly puzzled about the absence of free school buses."

7. Student researchers sought for Karen oral history project

The Pick Museum of Anthropology is seeking undergraduate students to join a research team as full-time paid interns working on an oral history project documenting the experiences of Burmese Karen refugees living in northern Illinois. Students must live on campus during the **June 13–Aug. 5** program. Contact Rachel Drochter at rdrochter@niu.edu or call 815-753-2011.

8. Student scholars represent! Spring student conference March 26



McCargo

The Southeast Asia Club's 2016 spring Southeast Asia Student [conference](#) will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 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.

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 2016 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 150–250 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. Accepted participants and panel organizers will be notified on or before **May 15**. For details, see the [conference website](#). Abstract deadline and conference details for the COTS meeting to be announced.

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 (put Vietnamese in the subject line).

11. The match game: Apply for CSEAS match to Graduate School travel funding

CSEAS will match up to \$250 in Graduate School travel grants for students traveling to out-of-town (or out-of-country) conferences to present. If you will be receiving Graduate School travel funding, contact CSEAS Office Manager Rita Miller about the CSEAS match. If you are considering applying (next 2015–16 deadline is **March 21**), you must have completed one year of school with 3.5 GPA or above. See Graduate School [website](#) for details on its travel funding; submit applications to Dean, Graduate School, 223 Adams Hall.

12. **Save the dates:** Spring events coming up

- **March 18:** Host-family applications due for Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program. Email edenius@niu.edu for details.
- **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. **NEW**
- **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.

13. 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.

14. Applications open for summer study abroad in Laos

The Center for Lao Studies for five-week [Study Abroad in Laos \(SAIL\)](#) program, which will be held in Vientiane, Laos from **June 27–31** and offers up to 10 hours of NIU credit. During the five-week program, students will take language and cultural lessons at the Lao-American College with private

instruction by professors from the National University of Laos.

Classroom time is split between language lessons and a newly updated Lao History



NIU alum Andrew Duangdara, back row third from right, participated in the 2013 SAIL program.

and Culture course. Participants have the opportunity to augment their academics with cultural trips throughout the area and volunteering with various organizations. As part of this summer's SAIL program, participants will be able to join the 5th International Conference on Lao Studies **July 8–10** at Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand. Cost is \$2,760. Scholarships of up to \$500 are [available](#). **Deadline for funding: March 15. Deadline for program: April 1.**

15. 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; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at iloveroti@gmail.com.

16. Money for study

NIU

- **Student Engagement Fund grants:** Grants available to undergraduate students for research or service, including study abroad, conference travel and mentored research or service learning projects. Guidelines are available [online](#). **Deadline for fall 2016: March 15.**
- **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.

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](#). **NEW**

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](#).

17. 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 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 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](#).

18. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **Cornell University Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, March 11–13, Ithaca, NY. Conference theme: (Re)creating Currents in Southeast Asia. See [conference website](#).
- **Language, Power and Identity in Asia: Creating and Crossing Language Boundaries**, March 14–16, National Museum of Antiquities, Leiden, Netherlands. Organized by International Institute for Asian Studies in collaboration with [LeidenGlobal](#) and the Language Museum (Leiden). See [conference website](#).
- **6th International Conference on Hmong Studies**, March 18–19, Concordia University, St. Paul. Contact Lee Pao Xiong at Center for Hmong Studies at xiong@csp.edu.
- **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](#).
- **5th Southeast Asian Studies Symposium**, April 14–16, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford. Theme: Human and Environmental Welfare in Southeast Asia. See [conference website](#).
- **1st 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.
- **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](#).
- **1st 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. See [conference website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia**, June 24–27, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan. See [conference website](#).
- **5th 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. Details TBA.

19. Area cultural opportunities

- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum’s co-curation team to make arrangements at co-curation.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. Also see the consulate’s [Facebook](#) page.

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