

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of March 9, 2015



The Southeast Asia Club contributed time and bowling talent March 7 to the super hero-themed Bowl for Kids Sake, a fundraiser for the Family Service Agency's Big Brother/Big Sister program. It is one of the club's two fundraisers this spring. Details below.

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

1. Next week's lecture: Political scientist Kosal Path **NEW**



Path

Brooklyn College political scientist Kosal Path will present "The Khmer Rouge Practice of Thought Reform in Cambodia 1975-78" at noon Friday, **March 20**, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Path, a survivor of the Cambodian Genocide, served as a researcher for the Cambodian Genocide Program at Yale University and the Documentation Center of Cambodia from 1995 to 2000. Prior to coming to Brooklyn College he taught international relations at the University of Southern California from 2009 to 2011. His current research interests are transitional justice in post-genocide Cambodia and the Chinese-Vietnam split during the Cold War. 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. For complete spring schedule, see [Center website](#).

2. Get thee to Southeast Asia: Summer study abroad!

Interested in learning more about Southeast Asia, immersing yourself in a language or getting study-abroad college credit? CSEAS associates Andrea Molnar (Anthropology) and Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) are actively recruiting for their study abroad programs in Thailand and Bali, with application deadlines for Molnar's program early next week (**March 16**). 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 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.



NIU Study Abroad in Thailand, 2011

Explore cultural diversity in Thailand

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 16.** Also, see the program's [Facebook page](#). Scholarships available from NIU Thai Studies Committee (see item 9 below).

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.**

3. Connect the career dots: Alumni Connect March 18 **NEW**



Worsham

Alumni Connect is an informal opportunity for current students to chat with CSEAS alumni about how translating Southeast Asian studies into a meaningful career. Come visit via Skype with the Center's next Alumni Connect, [Lyndy Worsham](#) (MA political science, 2005), at noon **March 18** in Room 337 Founders Library. Worsham, a Washington, DC-based USAID contractor for demographic and health surveys, is a cartographer certified in Geographic Information Systems. Before her recent return to the US, she coordinated information gathering on refugees and internally displaced persons in Thailand and Myanmar for more than a decade, teaching mapping and data management skills to community-based ethnic organizations in the region. (For more about that project, see Worsham's essay in the 2011 [Mandala](#).)

Two more Alumni Connect sessions have been scheduled for spring:

- **April 1:** Via Skype with Colette Morgan (BA political science, 2011) of US-ASEAN Business Council, Washington, DC., noon, Room 337, Founders Library
- **April 3:** On-campus chat with Punchada "Art" Sirivunnabood (PhD political science, 2010) of Mahidol University and consultant for the Thai ministries of Defense and Foreign Affairs, 1 to 2 p.m., Pottenger House.

4. Notes from all over: Making merit, making news **NEW**

The Southeast Asia Club has been making merit this month raising funds for two good causes: helping Vietnamese children with Agent Orange-related disabilities and DeKalb County's Big Brother/Big Sister program. On **March 4**, the club began raising funds for the Vietnam Friendship Village with a screening of [The Friendship Village](#), a 2003 documentary about the efforts of Vietnam War veterans to build a center west of Hanoi for disabled children whose relatives who were exposed to the toxic defoliant during the Vietnam War. The club has raised \$262 so far to be put toward the village's medical, vocational and rehabilitation services for families still struggling with long-term effects of Agent Orange exposure. The club is continuing to take donations through the [GoFundMe](#) website. Closer to home, club members Krista Albers, Alexandra Salazar, Isabelle Squires, and Eddy Pieri, along with outreach coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig, hit the alleys **March 7** at Mardi Gras Lanes along with other local teams for the annual Bowl for Kids Sake event. The team raised \$110 for the Family Service Agency's Big Brother/Big Sister program. "I grew up being taught that you help other people," said fundraiser



Flower-making class at the Vietnam Friendship Village outside Hanoi.

organizer Krista Albers (MA student, history). “These two fundraisers are great because they help kids. The money we raise benefits them more than just education or healthcare, it gives them hope for the future, which to me is the most important thing.” . . . NIU alum Rey Ty, former training coordinator for the International Training Office, published the online [commentary](#), “Why We Need Secular Journalism” **March 4** on the social news network, [Rappler.com](#). Ty cited his experience working with the ITO’s Philippine Youth Leadership Program as the basis for his conclusion that unbiased news coverage is essential for promoting interfaith dialogue and social transformation. “Secular journalists are not in the business of defending one religion over another but of reporting facts,” Ty writes. . . .CSEAS associate Catherine Raymond’s exhibit, “Dressing Difference: Exploring Burma’s Ethnicities,” is now on display at the Denison Museum in Granville, Ohio, through **May 16**. The exhibit, which was co-curated by Raymond and Denison Museum Director Sherry Harlacher, opened at the NIU Art Museum in August and was on display through **Nov. 15** before moving to Denison in February. The exhibit contains clothing and accessories representative of seven of Myanmar’s 135 minority groups, along with archival photographs and illustrated manuscripts.

5. 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 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Most lectures will be 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 in the process of 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 ram@niu.edu, or FAX to 815-753-1776.

6. 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. Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia; email niuseaclub@gmail.com. The conference theme is “Identity Narratives.” Awards will be given for best undergraduate and graduate papers.



Edwards

7. Vietnamese to be offered again 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 (please put Vietnamese in the subject line).

8. Thai Studies Committee offers grants for Thailand study abroad program

The NIU Thai Studies Committee invites undergraduate and graduate students to apply for two \$1,500 scholarships to be applied to CSEAS associate Andrea Molnar's **June 8–July 3** study abroad program to Thailand. Submit one-page statement addressing academic interest in Thai studies, 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). Funding is through the Thai Teaching and Research Fund administered by the NIU Foundation. Email to CSEAS associate Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu by **March 16**.



9. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs

- **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](#).

Note: Students taking language or area studies abroad through non-NIU programs are advised to work through NIU's Study Abroad office, 417 Williston Hall. By doing so, students can receive NIU credit and possibly have NIU financial aid apply, in addition to receiving liability and insurance protection.

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

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- **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 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," 50th anniversary exhibition including SEA artifacts. Admission free.

11. April World Music Symposium includes SEA forum, music concert



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 40th 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 or see the [symposium website](#).

12. Southeast Asia Research Group to hold April meeting in Chicago **NEW**

The Southeast Asia Research Group, established in 2013 to highlight promising Southeast Asia political research research by young social scientists, will hold its third annual meeting **April 24–25** at the Club Quarters, 75 E. Wacker Drive, in Chicago. [Registration](#) is \$75, which covers all activities and meals on Friday and Saturday. **Registration deadline: March 25.** PhD students may apply for travel/accommodation grants of up to \$500 through a Henry Luce Foundation grant. To be considered for the grant, apply immediately to organizer Dan Slater (University of Chicago) at slater@uchicago.edu; include a CV and a one-page summary of research interests and experience.

13. Money for study

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 undergraduates for just such activities. 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. The deadline for spring 2016 funds is **Oct. 1**. For details, 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. Full funding for accepted students. For details, email Institute Director Philip Oxhorn at Philip.oxhorn@mcgill.ca.

Harvard Kennedy School Ash Center

- **Transparency for Development Project:** Ethnographic pre-doctoral researchers wanted to live in three rural Indonesian communities for six months to contribute to case studies of health information and social action interventions. Sponsored by Ash Center and Results for Development Institute. Travel, \$13,000 stipend, and language training as needed. **Deadline to apply: March 6.** See [website](#).

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](#).

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Khmer Language and Culture Study Program:** Six-week study abroad, June 16–July 24, at Royal University of Phnom Penh for undergraduates, post-graduates, and faculty. Funding

for tuition and some program costs available for up to eight participants. Administered by the University of Hawai'i. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 27.** See [website](#).

Harvard Kennedy School

- **Indonesia Research Fellowships:** For Indonesian PhD students, post-docs, and practitioners, appointments run Aug. 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016. **Deadline to apply: March 13.** See [website](#).

Smithsonian Institution

- **Summer Institute Fellowships:** Intensive program for graduate students in cultural anthropology. June 22–July 17. Funding covers room, board, and tuition. Housing and small stipend also provided. **Deadline to apply: March 1.** 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](#).

14. 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 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 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](#).

15. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops **NEW**

- **Trans-Asia Graduate Student Conference**, March 13–15, University of Wisconsin-Madison. “Lives and Afterlives: the Future of Asian Studies.” For details, email tagsconference@rso.wisc.edu. **NEW**
- **Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, March 13–15, Ithaca, NY. Conference theme: “What’s Hot in Southeast Asia?” Limited travel funding available. See [conference website](#).
- **Mon Society and Culture Program**, March 18–24, Yangon, Myanmar. Sponsored by SEAMEO Regional Centre for History and Tradition. Includes five-day field trip to Mon State. For details, email seameo_chat@mptmail.net.mm.
- **Year of ASEAN: Integrating Southeast Asia**, March 20–22, Kuala Lumpur. 4th Southeast Asian Studies symposium at Sunway University. Organized by Project Southeast Asia at University of Oxford. See [conference website](#).
- **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](#). **NEW**
- **Hmong National Development Conference**, April 17–19, Crowne Plaza Intercontinental, St. Paul, MN. See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **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. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: March 15**. See [symposium website](#). **NEW**
- **International Convention of Asia Scholars 9**, July 5–9, Adelaide, Australia. See [conference website](#).
- **5th International Conference on Lao Studies**, July 8–10, Thammasat University, Bangkok. See [conference website](#).
- **4th 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](#).
- **5th 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](#).

16. 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. The exhibit features items from the museum’s collection of ethnographic and archeological objects, many from SEA, chosen by members of the NIU and local communities. 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 Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. Free Indonesian language lessons also offered. See consulate [website](#).

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