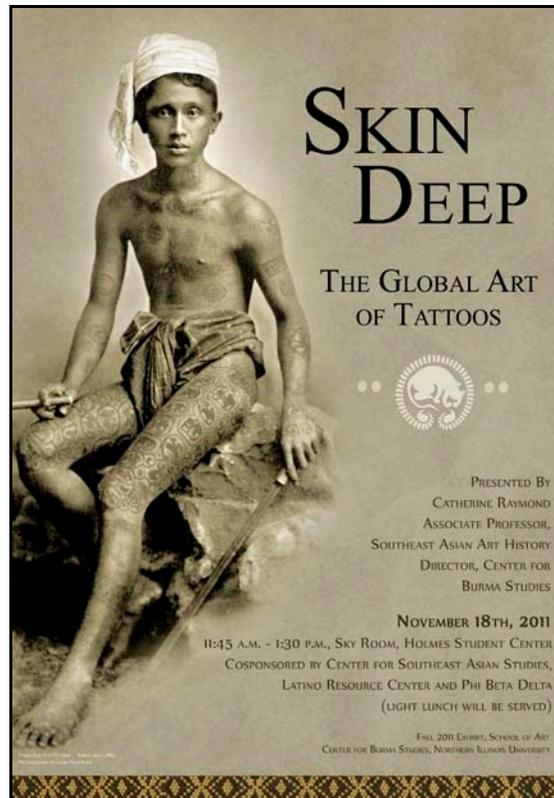


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An enduring art: This circa 1885 image of a young boy with tattoos is included in NIU's Burma Art Collection. Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond will discuss the global art of tattoos in the culminating lecture of International Education Week. See item 1 below. (Photo by Adolphe Philip Klein; poster by Sarah Rivers)

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The center's regular Friday seminars will resume spring semester; thanks to all presenters for their contributions and to everyone who attended. See you next year in Room 110 Campus Life!

1. Friday lecture caps International Education Week



Catherine Raymond

The center joins the Division of International Programs in celebrating International Education Week, the theme of which is “Global Learning, Global Leadership.” In place of the center’s weekly seminar, CSEAS is co-sponsoring the week’s capstone lecture on Friday, **Nov. 18**, which will be presented by Center for Burma Studies Director and CSEAS associate Catherine Raymond (art history). Raymond will present “Skin Deep: The Global Art of Tattoos” during a light lunch beginning at 11:45 a.m. in the Sky Room at the Holmes Student Center (other co-sponsors are International Programs, Latino Resource Center, and Phi Beta Delta). International Programs has planned a week of [campus activities](#) beginning on Monday, **Nov. 14**, with a lunch honoring winners of the NIU awards for outstanding international educator, international department, and student; cultural displays in Neptune Hall (Central) and a Fulbright specialist workshop. International foods will be served all week in the Blackhawk Cafeteria and Ellington’s at the Holmes Center. On the schedule for Tuesday, **Nov. 15**, are two invitation-only events: a lunch honoring Cobb Fellows and faculty who have conducted or are conducted NIU study-abroad programs and the induction ceremony for new members of Phi Beta Delta, the international honor society. On **Nov. 16**, there will be a reunion and pizza party for study abroad alumni and students interested in studying abroad from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Holmes Center Heritage Room, followed at 2:30 p.m. by a workshop for students interested in applying for Fulbright grants. At 6 p.m. NIU’s Tammy Holmes will speak on minorities and studying abroad in 276 DuSable. A reception for international students will be held at 3 p.m. **Nov. 17** in the Holmes Center Sky Room, followed by a showing of the French film *Terror’s Advocate* at 6 p.m. in 140 DuSable. The week will top off **Nov. 18** with a student international dance and global village potluck in the atrium of Barsema Hall from 6 to 11 p.m. This new event, sponsored by the College of Business, the Foreign Language Residence Program, and the ELS Language Center, will feature dance performances, cultural displays, and an international food tasting from 6 to 8 p.m., followed by a dance from 8 to 11 p.m.



Burmese tattoo



SEAYLP participants learn how American prairies grow in a session at the Afton Prairie Forest Preserve south of DeKalb. Led by Al Roloff, left, students collected seeds from the now-dormant grasses for future prairie-restoration efforts.

2. Fall 2011 SEAYLP bids farewell to host families and hello to Washington, D.C.

With American and Southeast Asian pop songs from the Nov. 4 bus ride to Abraham Lincoln sites in Springfield, Ill., still echoing in their heads, the fall 2011 Southeast Asian Youth Leadership Program participants spent a weekend with their host families before their last full week on campus prior to departing for Washington, D.C., Nov. 13. The week began Monday morning, Nov. 7, with another bus ride to Afton Prairie Forest Preserve to collect seeds for future prairie-restoration projects under the watchful eye of the preserve's Al Roloff. "They loved the caterpillars they found!" said SEAYLP manager Maria "Rai" Hancock. In the afternoon Judith Hermanson, director of NIU's Center for NGO Leadership & Development, led a workshop on NGOs. Tuesday the group attended a skills workshop for emerging leaders, a seminar on Lincoln's leadership, and the center's Southeast Asia survey class, ILAS 225, before unwinding at dinner in the home of CSEAS Director Jim Collins. The



Singapore SEAYLPers Danielle Sim, Yijin Shim, and Joshua Chin are ready to feast on Malaysian food at the Collins dinner.



The ceremonial SEAYLP pumpkin cake made by the center's Liz Denius.

Malaysian dishes filled the house with familiar smells to the students, who dived into the buffet as soon as they arrived, Collins said. "This informal dinner has become something of a SEAYLP ritual," Collins said. "The kids relax, eat familiar food, and then we have cake!" On Wednesday, participants worked on their individual action plans, Hancock said, after hearing a presentation by Sim Chin, NIU Associate Director for Undergraduate International Admissions, who spoke

with the students about study opportunities in the U.S. On Thursday morning, host families dropped off students for the last time at the Holmes Center, where students checked in for the remainder of their time in DeKalb. During the day students tried their hands at mediation and conflict resolution before starting work on a role-playing diplomatic simulation they will present at the U.S. State Department in Washington. Eleven SEAYLP participants from Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore visited the Beginning Malay class in the afternoon to be interviewed by the students. “The resulting reports were greeted by much laughter and applause,” Collins said. “Thanks to Jocelyn Sim, the Malay language teaching assistant, for making this a fun activity.” On Friday, participants got on the bus for the last time to travel to the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium in Dubuque, Iowa. Saturday was devoted to presenting action plans and preparing for the farewell reception, at which

students and leaders said their goodbyes to their host families before leaving Sunday for Washington. The group will be in the nation’s capital until **Nov. 19**. SEAYLP is funded by the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by CSEAS with help from the Division of International Programs. Thanks to International Programs’ Leslie Shive for her hard work coordinating host families and to Southeast Asia Club members who had dinner with SEAYLP participants Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.



Mediation and conflict-resolution workshop leader Tim Paquette, NIU psychologist and trainer, shares a laugh with the group.



Clark Neher, left, discusses civil society with SEAYLP participants during his Nov. 1 workshop. (CSEAS photo)

Inside a SEAYLP workshop: One presenter’s experience

Host families and other interested parties often ask what SEAYLP participants learn about while they’re at NIU. Here’s one example, courtesy of NIU political scientist emeritus and former CSEAS director Clark Neher, who conducted a two-hour workshop on civil society with the group **Nov. 1**:

“Our session on civil society focused on the establishment of local groups designed to make a positive difference for the area citizens. We talked about how such groups can then multiply and become significant for the entire nation. We discussed how building a civil society can improve so many skills, such as leadership, innovation, negotiation, compromise, grant writing, English-language facility, etc. We divided into smaller groups and a group spokesperson presented their ideas on what kind of group they

wanted to establish. One group wanted to launch a tutoring program in their town. Highly trained students would act as mentors to students who were having problems. A second group set forth a ‘green’ program that would educate the townspeople about such issues as clean water, forestation, sanitation, sewage, etc. Still another group wanted to form a civic organization that emphasized the

cultural traditions and values of the local people. They planned festivals, dances, music programs, and religious programs. They stressed the importance of diversity in the group to help all people learn about each other. I have just briefly indicated the flavor of the proposals. Each SEAYLP group discussed the organization of their civic organizations, recruitment policies, goals, communications, etc. The entire effort was inspiring, and I was mightily impressed with the students' creativity."

3. Peace-building in conflict areas of SEA focus of Dec. 1 seminar



Refugees flee conflict in Mindanao province in the Philippines in 2009. (Citizens' Disaster Response Center photo)

NIU anthropologists and center associates Judy Ledgerwood, Andrea Molnar, and Susan Russell will join NIU political scientist Chris Jones (Associate Vice Provost for University Honors Program) and two visiting Thai scholars from 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, **Dec. 1**, for a morning seminar and roundtable discussion on [peace-building in conflict zones](#) of Southeast Asia in 334 Graham Hall. The participating Thai scholars are NIU alumni Srisompob Jitpiromsri (Ph.D. political science, 1997), director of the Center for Conflict Studies and Cultural Diversity at Prince of Songkla University, and Chandranuj Mahakanjana (Ph.D. political science, 2004), assistant professor of

public administration at the National Institute for Development Administration. The presenters, all of whom have expertise in peace and conflict studies in SEA, will focus on the efforts of academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, and civil society to develop new peace norms and create opportunities for peace-building dialogue. The seminar is a collaboration between the Department of Anthropology, the Center for NGO Leadership and Development (NGOLD), and CSEAS.

4. Aceh officials meet with NIU and center representatives

Four Indonesian leaders from Aceh Province, on an American academic tour led by Institute of International Education program officer Clare Banks, were on campus last week to meet with NIU representatives including Provost and Executive Vice President Raymond Alden, Associate Provost for International Programs Deb Pierce, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean Christopher McCord, Graduate School Dean Bradley Bond, Center for NGO Leadership & Development Judith Hermanson, CSEAS Director Jim Collins and center associates Lina Davide-Ong, Kikue Hamayotsu, Andrea Molnar, Hao Phan, and Kurt Thurmaier. "The purpose of the Acehese leaders in coming to U.S.



From left, Syarifuddin Zainal Hasan, Chief Auditor of Aceh; Idris Ibrahim, education advisor for the governor of Aceh; NIU Provost and Executive Vice President Raymond Alden; Qismullah Yusuf, chairman of Aceh Institute for Human Resources Development Commission; and Husni Bahri TOB, former Secretary of Aceh Province.

universities was to identify institutions that might be able to help the province of Aceh in rebuilding their human capacity after so many leaders of civil society institutions and professionals such as teachers were lost to conflict and to the devastating 2004 tsunami,” said Associate Provost for International Programs Deb Pierce. “We’re now actively exploring ways in which NIU can support this process. “

5. Spring course list posted on CSEAS website

Two new courses are on the spring semester course list for Southeast Asian Studies, now posted on the [center website](#). Students interested in music, dance and theatre as visualized in Southeast Asian art can sign up for ARTH 494/701 for three credit hours, taught by art historian and Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond. Class meeting time is 2 to 4:40 p.m. Mondays in Room 202 in the Jack Arends Art Building. Those interested in the history of Buddhist Southeast Asia are invited to sign up for HIST 442/552 for three credits, which will be taught by assistant history professor and CSEAS Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday in 446 DuSable. Note that the spring course list includes only those courses that can be used to fulfill the Southeast Asian Studies graduate concentration or undergraduate minor/contract major. Any questions, contact the center at 815-753-1771.

6. Last call for papers for February Southeast Europe/Southeast Asia conference

Tuesday, **Nov. 15**, is the deadline to submit abstracts for the third in a series of conferences co-convened by CSEAS and the University of Chicago’s Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies (CEERES) comparing two edges of the Islamic world. [From the Adriatic to the Sulu Sea: Islam and Identity in Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia](#), set for **Feb. 10–12**, will be held at the Franke Institute for the Humanities at the University of Chicago. Email a title and brief abstract to CEERES Associate Director Meredith Clason at mclason@uchicago.edu by **Nov. 15**. Acceptances will be sent by **Dec. 15**.

7. Apply for summer FLAS fellowship by Dec. 1

Information and forms to apply for a summer 2012 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship are now posted on the CSEAS website; deadline to apply is **Dec. 1**. FLAS fellowships, which are funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, provide for the study of Southeast Asian languages at any educational institution, especially those in Southeast Asia, over the summer. Summer FLAS awards are expected to provide a stipend of \$2,500; the program also covers tuition at a Southeast Asia language program to \$4,000. Qualified undergraduate or graduate students from any accredited U.S. higher education institution may apply, but must do so as a **visiting student** (undergraduate) or as a **student-at-large** (graduate) at NIU. For details and a list of accepted language schools, see the center [website](#).

8. Center associates updates: Jacobsen at Weatherhead; kudos to SEASite



Jacobsen

* CSEAS Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen (history) was in New York **Nov. 11** to lead the afternoon panel “Power, Ideology, and Identity” at the [Borders and Frontiers: Connections between Power, Ideology, and Identity in Southeast](#)

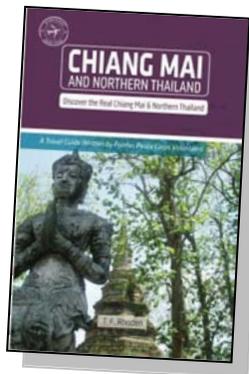
[Asia](#) conference at Columbia University's Weatherhead East Asian Institute. While there, Jacobsen also met with conference keynoter and visiting scholar Duncan McCargo of Leeds University to discuss future collaborations.

* Hats off to the SEAsite team of center associates Jim Henry and Robert Zerwekh (computer science) and Rhodalyne Crail, John Hartmann, and Pat Henry (foreign languages and literatures). SEAsite was praised for the quality and scope of its "well-developed" web-based interactive language learning materials in "Digital Transmission of Language and Culture: Rethinking Pedagogical Models for E-Learning," a chapter in the recently published *Endangered Languages of Austronesia* (Oxford University Press, 2010). "When I found this book in the library, I was proud that an international publication by Oxford University Press focused on the impact of SEAsite as an outstanding tool for language teaching," said CSEAS Director Jim Collins. "This is well-deserved recognition for the SEAsite team: Jim, Z, Pinky, John and Rhoda."

9. Save the dates: 3D language learning, SEA Club meeting

- **Nov. 16:** Associate German professor Jessamine Cooke-Plagwitz speaks on "Exploring the Potential of 3D Virtual Environments for Foreign Language Learning" from noon to 1 p.m., 110 Watson Hall, the last in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures' fall 2011 brownbag series.
- **Nov. 17:** Southeast Asia Club meeting and movie night, presenting "Cowboys in Paradise," a film documentary on male sex trade in Bali, 5:30 p.m., 456 DuSable.

10. Campus notes: Political science grad student writes Thai travel guide



When Thomas Rhoden arrived at NIU this fall to pursue a Ph.D. in political science with a concentration in Thai studies, he was well-prepared for formal study of a country where he has lived for seven years before coming to DeKalb. While in Thailand, Rhoden joined Peace Corps Thailand after graduating from Webster University Thailand and eventually ended up doing refugee work on the Thai-Burma border, penning several books along the way: *Burmese Refugees: Letters from the Thai-Burma Border*, *The Village*, *Making Out in Burmese*, and *Outrageous Thai*. So when [Other Places Publishing](#) started a new series of travel guides written by former Peace Corps volunteers, Rhoden, who writes under the pen name T. F. Rhoden, took the opportunity to write about the history, culture, and logistics of travel his favorite stops in northern Thailand. His book, [Chiang Mai and Northern Thailand](#), has just been released. For details, see [story](#) in *NIU Today*.

11. Get your paper on: First call for abstracts for SEA Club spring student conference

The Southeast Asia Club is inviting papers for its 2012 spring student conference. The conference theme and emphasis of the keynote address will be "Western Influence in Southeast Asia." Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia. Abstracts are being accepted **Nov. 14** through **Feb. 24**. They should be no more than 400 words and submitted as Word documents. Paper due dates will be sent after abstracts are received and

approved. Best paper awards will be given for both undergraduate and graduate papers. Send abstracts to conference organizer Robert Kollas at rkollas@niu.edu.

12. Study abroad: Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand; Indonesia info session this week

NIU is offering three opportunities to study abroad in Southeast Asia next summer with NIU faculty members. Center associate Eric Jones (history) will take students to Malaysia for the seventh year; center associate Andrea Katalin Molnar (anthropology) is reprising her 2011 Culture and Diversity in Thailand program; and center adjunct Tomoyuki Shibata (nursing and health studies/public health) is conducting his first study abroad program to Indonesia. All are NIU study abroad programs offering course credit for both graduate and undergraduate students. For details on programs, financial aid, travel grants, scholarships, and applications, contact the NIU [Study Abroad Office](#), 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. Study Abroad 101, a workshop on the ins and outs of studying abroad, meets at 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in 417 Williston.



- **Public Health and Health Programs in Indonesia, June 4–22:** Three-week program open to a wide academic audience, including students of public health, nursing, pre-med, nutrition, geography, environmental studies, and Southeast Asian studies. Program builds on [summer 2011 research project](#) in Makassar, Indonesia conducted by assistant public health professor Tomoyuki Shibata in cooperation with Hasanuddin University. **Learn more at information sessions next week: noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 15 in 316 Wirtz Hall or 6 to 7 p.m. Nov. 16 in 220 Wirtz Hall.** Contact Professor Shibata at tshibata@niu.edu if planning to attend.
- **Cultural Diversity in Thailand, June 15–July 14:** Four-week program focuses on cultural diversity in Thailand and the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. The course introduces students to diversity of cultural groups in Thailand, power relations between dominant and minority groups, and practical implications of these relations in everyday Thai life. **Deadline to apply: March 1.**
- **Study Abroad Malaysia: History and Culture of Southeast Asia, July 22–Aug. 10:** Three-week program will be of interest to students interested in history of Southeast Asia, globalization, comparative religion, colonial and post-colonial culture and incorporates significant time in Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Penang, the jungles of Sarawak and Borneo, and the agricultural Cameron Highlands. **Deadline to apply: March 15.**

13. Assistant professor openings: Burmese language; anthropology/NGOLD

- CSEAS and the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures announce that applications are now being accepted for a tenure-track position to teach Burmese language at all levels at NIU beginning in fall 2012. Native or near-native fluency in Burmese and English and a Ph.D. in Burmese or relevant field by the time of appointment are required. As an assistant professor, the successful candidate will mentor students, liaise with the centers for Southeast Asian Studies and Burma Studies, and participate in local, national, and



international committees in addition to teaching. **Complete applications due Dec. 1.** Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and dossier including three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Katharine Barbe, Chair, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, NIU, DeKalb, IL 60115. For complete job description, see [NIU Human Resources website](#).

- The Department of Anthropology and the Center for NGO Leadership & Development announce an Aug. 2012 appointment for a tenure-track anthropology position to teach courses in anthropology and in community leadership at undergraduate and graduate levels. A Ph.D. in anthropology or closely related field, and active research program is required, along with experience working with local and transnational NGOs or underserved communities. Preference will be given to candidates with Southeast Asia experience. **Applications due Jan. 1.** For complete job description, see [NIU Human Resources website](#).

14. Foundation offers scholarships to Lao heritage students

For the second year, the San Ramon, Calif.-based [Jai Lao Foundation](#) is offering eight college scholarships to descendants of Lao refugees living in the United States. This year, the foundation is offering two \$2,000 and six \$1,000 awards to qualified applicants. Deadline for applications is **Dec. 2**. Awards will be announced **Dec. 25**. For details, see foundation website.

15. AAS/SSRC dissertation workshop planned for AAS conference

The Association for Asian Studies and the Social Science Research Council are holding the first jointly organized AAS/SSRC Dissertation Workshop, which will be held **March 12–15** in conjunction with the AAS annual conference in Toronto. The workshop, titled *Rewriting History: Nationalism, Identity, and the Politics of the Past*, is intended to bring together doctoral students in the humanities and social sciences who are developing dissertation proposals or are in early phases of research or dissertation writing. The workshop will be limited to twelve students. Application to be available on the SSRC website (www.ssrc.org) by **Dec. 1**, and must be submitted by **Jan. 3**. Contact organizer David Szanton at Szanton@berkeley.edu for info.

16. ISEAS history/archeology field school focuses on Cambodia, Singapore

Singapore's Institute of Southeast Asian Studies' Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre is offering a history/archeology field school geared to history, art history, and archeology students **Jan. 9–Feb 5** in Cambodia and Singapore. The four-week program includes archeological laboratory analysis, visits to archeological sites and museums, and lectures in both countries. **Deadline to apply is Nov. 19**. Financial assistance and a stipend are offered. Download applications at [Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre website](#); for details, email nsc@iseas.edu.sg. For any overseas program, NIU students should first contact the [Study Abroad Office](#), 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu.

17. Conferences and calls for papers

- **International Seminar: Twenty Years of Greater Mekong Sub-region**, Dec. 8–9, Chiang Mai University, Thailand. Conference examining impact and future of creation of the sub-region followed by two days of field studies.
- **Southeast Asia: Between the Lines**, Dec. 9–10, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. An interdisciplinary graduate student conference. For details, call 734-764-5261.
- **Third SEE-SEA International Conference**, Feb. 10–12, University of Chicago. Co-convened by CSEAS and the UC Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies. Theme: “From the Adriatic to the Sulu Sea: Islam and Identity in Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia.” Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Nov. 11.** Details posted on the [center website](#).
- **Cornell Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference**, March 2–4, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Graduate student papers welcome on any aspect of Southeast Asia for this annual spring symposium. **Deadline for submission: Dec. 10.** Limited number of travel subventions available. Email abstracts to seapgradconference@gmail.com. For details, see [symposium website](#). **NEW**
- **Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference**, March 15–18, Toronto, Canada. Registration open. For details, see the [conference website](#).
- **Ninth International Conference on the Philippines**, Oct. 28–30, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. **Deadline for proposals and abstracts: March 1.** Send to ICOPHIL Committee, Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1035. For details, contact asiansc@msu.edu.
- **International Cambodia Studies Conference 2012: Imagining Cambodia**, Sept. 14–16, Northern Illinois University. Individual papers and suggestions for panel speakers and themes are invited. **Deadline for abstracts March 15; deadline for papers June 15.** See details on [center website](#).

18. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- Lao writer/director/producer Thavisouk Phrasavath of Elgin will talk about his book, *Stepped Out of the Womb*, and the film *The Betrayal*, will be screened from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, **Nov. 27**, in the Community Room at the [Elgin Gail Borden Library](#). The event is free but registration is requested at 847-429-4597. For details, contact Aloune Khotisene, Southeast Asian Youth Program Director, Elgin YWCA, at akhotisene@ywcaelgin.org.
- “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit 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 Sundays.
- The [Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute](#) is a non-profit group dedicated to the education, preservation, and promotion of Thai culture and fine arts in the Chicago area. For details, call 312-725-0640.
- The Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see consulate [website](#).

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