

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of November 19, 2018



Two in a row: Acting CSEAS Assistant Director and Associate Music Professor Jui-Ching Wang, seen here with last year's winner, Acting CSEAS Director Eric Jones, was named the 2018 International Educator of the Year by the Division of National Affairs at this year's International Recognition Awards **Nov. 13**. Details below.

Awards all around

*This week there will be no Friday brownbag lecture, but there are two special lectures scheduled for Monday, **Nov. 19**, and Tuesday, **Nov. 20**. Details below. Our next Friday lecture will be **Nov. 30** with CSEAS associate Aarie Glas (Political Science). Have a good Thanksgiving break!*

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1. CSEAS Assistant Director, SEAYLP Scholar receive International Recognition awards **NEW**



I Younan An

Acting CSEAS Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang received the 2018 award for Outstanding Faculty Contribution to International Education from NIU's Division of International Affairs at the division's reception **Nov. 13** during International Education Week. "One of her nominators for this award probably captured Dr. Wang's philosophy of internationalization best when she described an improvised ensemble at the NIU World Music Festival that Dr. Wang organized," said Associate Vice President for International Affairs Bradley Bond in announcing the award. "On the stage for eight minutes of improvisation were musicians from the Middle East, North India, the U.S., and China, all playing traditional instruments from their cultures. Afterwards, Dr. Wang pronounced all to be 'listeners without borders.' I think that accurately and colorfully sums up her scholarship, her teaching, and her commitment to

internationalization at NIU." Wang is the eighth CSEAS associate to receive the award. SEAYLP Scholar I Younan An, a senior in political science, was named Outstanding International Student. Noting that I Younan first came to NIU as a 17-year-old student with the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP), Bond mentioned I's active NIU involvement as a residence hall Community Advisor, the Huskie Food Pantry, Research Rookies, organizer of Southeast Asian cultural activities, and the Model Un. "And the list could go on and on," Bond said.

I Younan recently was named NIU's 2018 Lincoln Laureate, the first international student at NIU to receive the honor. In an interview with [NIU Today](#), he said that he lives by a motto he borrowed from Ronald Reagan: "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." Everything I do, he says, "I want to be part of that everyone." The Lincoln Laureate [award](#) is given to an outstanding senior from each of Illinois' four-year universities for excellence in both academic and extracurricular activities. I Younan graduates in December, but will be continuing at NIU in January as a graduate student in political science.

2. Friday lecture Nov. 30: Security and cooperation in ASEAN **NEW**



Glas

CSEAS associate Aarie Glas (Political Science) will present "Security, Cooperation and Diplomacy in the ASEAN community" at noon, **Nov. 30** in Campus Life 100. In his talk, Glas will expand on his research on the habits and practices of SEA regionalism. Based on extensive interviews with foreign ministers, ambassadors, and regional officials, Glas will discuss practical habits of regional governance that shape the course of regionalism in SEA and inform conflict management in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) community. As noted earlier this month, there is no Southeast Asia lunch option this week. Lunches will resume in spring semester.

3. Special lecture Nov. 19: U.S. Foreign Service Officer Bergen Bassett **NEW**

Interested in a diplomatic career? Hear what it is like to work abroad for the U.S. State Department from a U.S. Foreign Service Officer at 5 p.m. **Nov. 19** in the Heritage Room in the Holmes Student Center. Bergen Bassett, consular officer with the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines and a DeKalb native, will present "Experiences Abroad: A Career in the Foreign Service and the work of the U.S. Department of State." She joined ROTC as an NIU student, later transferring to the College of William and Mary where she received her bachelor's degree in government. Commissioned as an

Army officer in 2000, she served two years in Iraq as an intelligence officer before joining the Foreign Service. She was the editor of the Joint Chiefs of Staff morning intelligence brief at the Pentagon and also spent time working for the Department of Defense as a government civilian and contractor. In 2012 she earned her MA in European Union Studies from the University of Illinois. A 1993 graduate of DeKalb High School, Bassett credits her interest in international work to her junior year spent in Sweden as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. The Division of International Affairs and the Zeta Gama chapter of Phi Beta Delta are sponsoring Bassett's NIU visit.



Bassett

4. Special lecture Nov. 20: British Museum's Alexandra Green



Green

Alexandra Green, Henry Ginsburg Curator for Southeast Asia at the British Museum, will present "Image as Information: Materialising the Buddha in Late Burmese Art" at 5 p.m. Tuesday, **Nov. 20**, in Room 111 in the Jack Arends Art Building. Green has most recently published *Buddhist Visual Cultures, Rhetoric and Narrative in Late Burmese Wall Paintings* (Hong Kong University Press, 2018) and "From Collecting History to Iconography: Southeast Asian Shadow Puppets in the British Museum" in the *Journal of the Siam Society*. She is currently working on an exhibition about Sir Stamford Raffles' Javanese collections set to open at the British Museum in 2019.

5. Peoples and Cultures of Mainland SEA added to spring course list **NEW**

ANTH 408, Peoples and Cultures of Mainland Southeast Asia, has been added to the spring course SEA course list. Tharaphi Than (World Languages and Cultures) will be teaching the class, which will meet 6 to 8:40 p.m. in Stevens 173.

New on the spring SEA course list are two online classes. CSEAS Director Eric Jones reprises his online course, HIST 480/580, Spies, Lies and Secret Wars: CIA in the World, and China's Xiamen University guest professor Xu Ke returns after last summer's on-site short course to teach SEAS 490/690, Regional Security Issues: China and Southeast Asia (also cross-listed as POLS 395). Dr. Xu Ke, associate professor in the School of International Relations at Xiamen, will teach from China for most of the semester with two face-to-face meetings on campus **April 25** and **May 2**.

All five SEA language and literature classes continue: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai. The Center's undergraduate SEA survey class, SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (instructor of record Jui-Ching Wang, teaching assistant Azri Agoes), is offered from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in DuSable 148.

Other spring courses include:

- ANTH 426/526 Political Anthropology (Andrea Molnar)
- ARTH 457/657 Religion, Conflict and Environment in Classical and Contemporary Southeast Asian Art (Catherine Raymond)
- FLBU 400 Special Topics in Burmese Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture (Tharaphi Than)
- FLIN 400 Special Topics in Indonesian Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture (Rahmi Aoyama)
- FLTH 400 Special Topics in Thai Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture (Kanjana Thepboriruk)
- HIST 760 Gender & Sexuality (Trude Jacobsen)

- POLS 667: Seminar: Literature review on problems of political development and social modernization in developing nations (Kikue Hamayotsu)
- MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I (Alex Yoffe).

All courses may be applied toward SEA Studies minors/contract majors or graduate certificates. See full schedule on CSEAS website.

6. Winning words: Statement of purpose workshop Nov. 29

Applying for graduate school or going for a top scholarship like a Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship? Learn to put a compelling statement of purpose together from Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. **Nov. 29** in Room 293, Founders Library. Spend an hour and pick up the tools you need to put together a winning package. For details, contact Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

7. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Check out our newest podcast **NEW**

Get those earbuds on and take a listen to CSEAS's [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast series (more than 10,500 listens since its debut in September 2016). In our latest conversation, host Eric Jones discusses the 2017 book *Flavors of Empire: Food and the Making of Thai America* (University of California Press), with author Mark Padoongpatt, associate professor of Asian and Asian American Studies at University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Our following keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

8. **Save the dates:** Gamelan open house, Statement of Purpose workshop **NEW**

- **Nov. 26:** Gamelan open house, 5 p.m., 102 Music Building. Performance, audience participation and food. **NEW**
- **Nov. 29:** Statement of Purpose Workshop, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Room 293, Founders Library.

9. Applications open: 2019–20 FLAS fellowships

Whether you're applying for a summer 2019 or an academic-year 2019–20 FLAS fellowship, or both, you can apply for a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship with **one application**. The [application](#) and all [information](#) on both summer and academic-year FLAS awards are posted online. **Summer FLAS applications due Jan. 1; deadline for academic-year FLAS is Feb. 1.** The U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships funds FLAS fellowships. 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. What's it like to be a FLAS fellow? See [article](#) in the NIU Newsroom.

10. Applications open: Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship

U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Center's 2019–20 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. The fellowship includes a tuition waiver and a \$5,000 annual stipend. To apply, students should be at an advanced stage in their master's or doctoral program, and planning field or archival research in SEA studies. Applicants must also be in good standing with NIU and demonstrate a commitment to career involving SEA Studies. **Apply online by Jan. 15;** for details, see CSEAS [website](#).

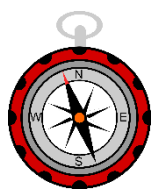
11. Applications open: Dwight Y. King Graduate Scholarship

International students pursuing advanced degrees involving substantial Indonesia research are invited to apply for the 2019–20 Dwight Y. King Graduate Scholarship for the Study of Indonesia. Applicants for this \$1,000 award should be a student in good standing and at an advanced stage in their master's or doctoral program. In keeping with King's lifelong commitment to public affairs, preference will be given to students interested in working in developing countries. Application must include a personal statement, research proposal, PDF of graduate transcript and a letter of recommendation. **Deadline to apply is Jan. 15.**

12. Module 2 scheduled for distance Burmese class

The second module for Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than's beginning Burmese as a non-credit [distance class](#) has been scheduled for **Jan. 27** to **March 28**. Completion of modules 1 and 2 is the equivalent of one-year beginning Burmese taught at NIU. After taking both modules, community college students who intend to transfer to NIU are eligible to apply for Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships through CSEAS. For details, contact Than at tthan@niu.edu or CSEAS at cseas@niu.edu.

13. Apply online for graduate conference travel



The Graduate School is inviting degree-seeking graduate students in good academic standing to submit [travel grant](#) proposals for the 2018–19 academic year. Students invited to present results of their original research or creative activity at a professional may submit a proposal for matching funding through their department to the Graduate School; students must secure \$200 to \$500 in department or college funding in order to secure the matching funds from the Graduate School. Apply online by any of three rolling deadlines (**Jan. 15** and **March 15**). Apply [online](#).

14. 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 Colleen Gray at cgray3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

15. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts



- Northern Illinois University Press is seeking quality scholarly, accessible book-length manuscripts in Southeast Asian Studies to consider for publication. Address inquiries to Kenton Clymer, editor, Southeast Asian Series, NIU Press, at kclymer@niu.edu.
- The *Regional Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* is soliciting critical and scholarly work in the humanities and social sciences by Southeast Asia-based scholars for 2019. Send abstracts on or before **Dec. 30** to editorialassistant@rjseas.org. See [website](#).

16. Money for study

U.S. Department of State

- **Critical Language Scholarship:** Fully funded intensive language and cultural immersion program for undergraduate and graduate students during the summer. Spend eight to 10

weeks abroad studying Indonesian (one of 15 critical languages, including Chinese). No previous language study required. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 27.** See [website](#). C

USINDO

- **United States-Indonesia Society scholarships:** Applications open for U.S. juniors, seniors or graduate students, ages 18-30, to apply for **May 23-Aug. 1** summer language and culture program in Indonesia. Applicants pay \$2,000 toward program fees and transportation to and from Indonesia; all other fees covered by USINDO. Program details available at CSEAS or on USINDO [website](#). **Deadline to apply: Feb. 8.**

National University of Singapore

- **Postdoctoral Research Fellowships:** Two-year appointment on the topic of "Reconceptualizing the Cold War: On-the-ground Experiences in Asia." Project aims to build online oral history archive about Cold War and decolonization in Asia. Appointments to begin **Feb. 1** or **Aug. 1**. Send cover letter, CV, statement addressing research experience and possible contribution to project and two letters of recommendation to Principal Investigator Masuda Hajimu, NUS Department of History, at hishm@nus.edu.sg. **Application review to begin Nov. 15.**

Leiden University

- **MA/PhD scholarships:** Institute of History offers funding for five master's students intending to pursue doctorates in colonial and global history at Leiden. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 1.** See [website](#).

East-West Center

- **Graduate fellowships:** Available for master's or doctoral degree students pursuing degrees at University of Hawai'i. Open to citizens or permanent residents of the US and citizens of countries in the Pacific and Asia, including Russia. **Deadline to apply for fall 2019: Dec. 1.** For details on this and other East-West funding opportunities, see [website](#).

Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)

- **2018–19 fellowships:** Funding to conduct research in Indonesia and Cambodia. Supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Open to American doctoral students and scholars and international students who have lived minimum of three years in the U.S. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 24.** 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.

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

- **Love's Labour's Cost? Asian Migration, Intimate Labor and the Politics of Gender**, Dec. 3–4, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. See [website](#).

- **InterAsian Connections VI: Hanoi**, Dec. 4–7, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences. See [website](#).
- **Delta Cities: Rethinking Practices of the Urban**, Dec. 10–15, Vietnam. Organized by International Institute for Asian Studies, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chi Minh City, and Engaging with Vietnam. See [website](#).
- **CALA 2019: Revitalization and Representation**, Jan. 23–26, 2019, Siem Reap, Cambodia. Conference on Asian Linguistic Anthropology. See [website](#).
- **18th East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific**, Feb. 12–14, Honolulu. See [website](#).
- **16th Urban Culture Forum: Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in an Urbanizing World**, March 12–13, Bangkok. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Nov. 30**. See [website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 21–24, Denver. CO. See [website](#).
- **Midwest Political Science Association**, April 4–7, Chicago. See [website](#).
- **6th International Conference on Lao Studies**, Dec. 31, Cornell University. Co-sponsored by Cornell and the Center for Lao Studies. **Deadline for abstracts: Dec. 31**. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **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 Convention on Asia Scholars 11**, July 16–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. See [website](#).
- **American Political Science Association**, Aug. 29–Sept. 1, Washington, DC. Call for papers from Southeast Asian Politics group. \$100 award will be given for best student paper. **Deadline to submit: Nov. 30**. For submission questions, email Dotan Haim (dotan.haim@dartmouth.edu) or Jacob Ricks (jacobricks@smu.edu.sg). For conference details, see [website](#).

18. Careers

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. For details, contact 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 (and housing in some locations); participants pay for transport to and from Asia, plus funds for food during VIA gatherings. See [website](#).

UCLA

- **Assistant professor:** Tenure-track position in Department of Asian Languages and Cultures open to discipline and country specialty. Preference for applicants in fields of study of religion, culture and literature. Position to begin July 1, 2019. **Application review ends Dec. 1**. See [job listing](#).

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](#).

19. 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, IL. See [website](#).

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