

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Visiting Indonesian language assistant Jufrianto, center, and Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants, from left, Intan Hamzah, Edel Villanueva, Nyein Ma Ma and Kultida Asa shared their languages and cultures with 300 area high school students at the 2016 GlobalFest held Nov. 19 at Joliet Central High School (photo / Maria Nihei)

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1. Spring ahead: Check out SEA courses for next semester

Spring semester's Southeast Asia courses offer all kinds of opportunities to explore the region's many facets. Learn about peoples and cultures of mainland Southeast Asia, the history of Southeast Asia prior to 1800, women in the arts of Southeast Asia, political violence, and the history of the Central Intelligence Agency in the world (including Southeast Asia), among others. All of these courses can be applied toward Southeast Asian Studies minors/contract majors or graduate certificates.

In addition to second-semester Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai language classes, the spring lineup includes: **SEAS 225**, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (taught by Eric Jones with political science PhD candidate Thomas Rhoden); **ANTH 408/508**, Peoples and Cultures of Mainland Southeast Asia (Judy Ledgerwood); **ARTH 294**, Art History Survey: Arts of Asia (Catherine Raymond); **ARTH 457/657**, Topics in Art History: Women in the Arts of Southeast Asia (Raymond); **HIST 342**, History of Southeast Asia to circa 1800, (Trude Jacobsen); **HIST 480/580**, Spies, Lies and Secret Wars: History of the CIA in the World (Eric Jones); **POLS 362**, Politics of Developing Areas (Kheang Un); **POLS 376**, Political Violence (Kikue Hamayotsu); **POLS 667**, Seminar in Political Development (Hamayotsu); **POLS 690**, Political Science Research (Hamayotsu). Other non-language courses include **MUSE 370/670**, Gamelan (Jui-Ching Wang with I Gusti Kertayuda), **FLST 482**, Censorship and Propaganda (Tharaphi Than) and **FLTH 300**, Special Topics in Thai Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture (Thepboriruk).

2. Still time to sign up for intercession business seminar to SEA



Lee

There is still time to sign up for the NIU College of Business's new [International Business Seminar](#) that will take graduate and undergraduate students to Vietnam and Thailand **Jan. 1–12**. The seminar, led by Accountancy Professor Chih-Chen Lee, is focused on business, entrepreneurship and culture. While COB has offered IBS programs for more than 20 years, this is the first to Southeast Asia, Lee said, noting that students from any discipline are welcome. Cost of the program is \$5,455, which includes international airfare. For more information and to apply, see the International Business Seminar [listing](#) through NIU Study Abroad.

Interested in gaining firsthand field and living experience next summer in Indonesia, the largest Muslim-majority democracy in the world? Faculty associate Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) is leading a program in Yogyakarta, Central Java, in the summer, **May 21–June 4**, focusing on Indonesian politics, religious and ethnic diversity and conflict, and a rapidly changing Southeast Asian society. Yogyakarta is a vibrant hub of culture, arts, education and industry where students can observe how Indonesia's diversity informs its social, political and economic development. Participants will live at Gadjad Mada University and participate in daily activities and field trips. Cost and program information are pending. For details, contact Hamayotsu at khamayotsu@niu.edu. For more details on studying abroad, see the Study Abroad [website](#).



Hamayotsu

3. Listen up: Southeast Asia Crossroads podcasts 'on the air'

["Second-Hand Memory"](#) with Vietnamese-American poet and Grinnell University English professor Hai-Dang Phan is the latest conversation to be found on [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#), CSEAS's new twice-monthly podcast. Also in the series, CSEAS Assistant Director and history professor Eric Jones talks with University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo, NIU art historian Catherine

Raymond (with graduate assistant Carmin Berchiolly), Kent State University historian Shane Strate and historian Philippe Peycam, director of the International Institute of Asian Studies in Leiden.

Jones, who serves as the podcast's main moderator with other CSEAS associates occasionally stepping in, sees the Center's new venture as a natural extension of its mission as a US Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center for Southeast Asian studies. "Budding students of Southeast Asia can learn to rely on it for important educational content. Experienced Southeast Asia hands will be able to keep a pulse on the state of the field. Casual listeners, lifelong learners and comparative analysts can find great topics about a region they want to know more about," he says.

4. Two FLAS opportunities, two deadlines, one application

Now is the time for all good SEAS students to consider applying for a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship. Whether you're applying for a summer 2017 or an academic-year 2017–18 FLAS fellowship, or both, you can do so with **one**

application. The [application](#) and all information on both summer and academic-year FLAS awards are posted on the [Student Funding](#) page at the CSEAS website. **Summer**

FLAS applications are due Jan. 1; the deadline for the academic-year FLAS is Feb. 1. FLAS fellowships are

funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies

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. Priority will be given to students planning to study in a Southeast Asian country. A [list](#) of currently approved programs is posted on the CSEAS website. **Note: In accordance with NIU policy, students awarded a FLAS fellowship**

will have any financial aid they receive reduced by the dollar amount equal to the fellowship award.

What's it like to be a FLAS fellow? See "Students Parlay Southeast Asian Studies into Scholarships, Travel, Leg Up in Job Market," in the [NIU Newsroom](#)

5. Applications for 2017–18 Neher Fellowship open to graduate students

U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Center's 2017–18 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. The fellowship includes a tuition waiver and a \$4,000 annual stipend. To apply, students must be in good standing with NIU and demonstrate a commitment to a career involving Southeast Asian studies. Students should be at an advanced stage in their program, either master's or doctoral, and be planning field or archival research in SEA studies. For details, see the [Student Funding](#) page on the CSEAS website. **Apply online by Feb. 1.**

6. Advanced language programs offer fully funded chance to study abroad **NEW**

Studying a Southeast Asian language in-country: Highly desirable. Studying a Southeast Asian language fully funded: Priceless. Interested in expanding your language study abroad? These two programs offer funding and the chance to learn overseas:

- David L. Boren program:** The David L. Boren fellowships and scholarships, an initiative of the national Security Education program, is open to U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to hone their language skills abroad. Grants range from \$20,000 for undergraduates to \$30,000 for graduate students. The deadline to apply for 2017 Boren fellowships for undergraduates is **Jan. 31** for graduate students and **Feb. 9** for undergraduates. The Boren advisor at NIU is Study Abroad Director Anne Seitzinger; contact her at aseitz@niu.edu. For more information, see the [Boren website](#).


- Blakemore Freeman fellowships:** The Blakemore Foundation makes grants for the advanced study of selected Southeast Asian languages—Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai, and Vietnamese—by scholars and mid-career professionals. Applications for the 2017 Blakemore Freeman fellowships and Blakemore refresher grants are now being accepted. The grants cover tuition and stipend, educational expenses, living costs and transportation. Candidates must be U.S. citizens with an undergraduate degree pursuing a career that involves the regular use of a Southeast Asian language. See the [Blakemore Foundation website](#). Deadline to apply is **Dec. 30**.



7. 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 adviser Maria "Rai" Nihei at mhancock3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at iloveroti@gmail.com.

8. **Save the dates:** Hmong exhibit closing, fellowship deadlines

- **Through December 9:** Storytelling: Hmong American Voices exhibit, Pick Museum of Anthropology at NIU.
- **Jan. 1:** Summer FLAS applications due.
- **Jan. 17:** Classes resume spring semester.
- **Feb. 1:** Academic-year FLAS and Neher fellowship applications due.

9. Freshmen: McKearn fellowships offer funding, career development

NIU's McKearn Fellows Program will begin accepting applications from current freshmen for the 2017–20 cohort after Thanksgiving break. Students selected for this program explore research, artistry, leadership, and civic, social and global engagement in their selected field of study, in addition to funding opportunities for participating and attending local, regional, national and international conferences within their field. Learn more at one of three upcoming informational sessions on Nov. 21, Dec. 1, and Jan. 19; all sessions will start at 6 p.m. and be held at Room 125 Altgeld Hall. **Deadline to apply is midnight, Jan. 23.** For details, see [program website](#).

10. Money for study **NEW**

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- **USOAR Grants:** Undergraduate Special Opportunities in Artistry and Research program funds student-generated research or artistry projects on campus, elsewhere in the US or abroad, up to \$2,500. Open to all colleges, majors and backgrounds. Proposal guidelines are

available [online](#). Students have between **Jan. 1** and **Dec. 31, 2017** to complete their projects, and must present a poster at the annual Undergraduate Research and Artistry Day in April. **Deadline for spring 2017: Feb. 10.**

- **Graduate School Travel Grants:** Students invited to submit proposals for 2016–17. **Rolling deadlines: Jan. 17, March 20.** One year of school completed with 3.5 GPA or above. See [website](#) for details. Submit applications to Dean, Graduate School, 223 Adams Hall. CSEAS will do a department match. Contact Director Judy Ledgerwood at jledgerw@niu.edu.

East-West Center **NEW**

- **Asian Studies Fellowship:** Three-month research and writing fellowship relevant to contemporary US-Asia policy at East-West Center in Washington, DC. Fellowship period: March 1-Sept. 30, 2017. Deadline to apply: Jan. 2. See [website](#).

Library of Congress **NEW**

- **Florence Tan Moeson Fellowship:** Five-day grant to conduct research in the Asian Division of the library. Grants range from \$300 to \$3,000 and may be used to cover travel to Washington, DC, overnight accommodations and other research expenses. [Download](#) application and apply via email to tdoa@loc.gov. **Deadline to apply for 2017 grants: Jan. 13.**

Institute of International Education

- **Boren program:** Competitive scholarships for undergraduates, fellowships for graduate students to study less commonly taught languages in-country, including Southeast Asia languages. Awards for undergrads range from \$8,000 for a summer program to \$20,000 for six to 12 months. Awards for graduate students provide up to \$24,000 for overseas study. **Deadline to apply for undergrad awards: Feb. 9; for graduate awards Jan. 31.** See [website](#) for details.

Blakemore Foundation

- **Language grants:** Applications for advanced study grants for selected Southeast Asian languages—Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai, and Vietnamese—by scholars and mid-career professionals now being accepted. **Deadline to apply is Dec. 30.** See the [Blakemore Foundation website](#).

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 2018–19 fellowships available in mid-December.** See [website](#).

11. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **19th Graduate Student Conference, Crossings in Southeast Asia,** March 10–12, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit: Dec. 15.** See [website](#).
- **4th Hmong Studies Consortium International Conference,** Jan. 4–5, Chiang Mai University, Thailand. Theme: Memories, Networks and Identities of Transnational Hmong. See [website](#).
- **International Conference on Political Transition, Non-Violence and Communication in Conflict Transformation,** Jan. 24–26, Prince of Songkla University, Pattani, Thailand. See [website](#).
- **On Borders and Borderlands: Negotiating the 'Margins' under Globalization,** Feb. 7–8, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India. See [details](#).
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia-Pacific Region,** Feb. 16–18, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. Some travel funding available. See [website](#).

- **Vietnam and Korea as ‘Longue Duree’ Subjects: Negotiating Tributary and Colonial Positions**, March 3–4, Vietnam National University, Hanoi. Two-part international conference coordinated by International Institute for Asian Studies and others. See [website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies (AAS)**, March 16–19, Toronto. Registration open. For details, see [website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia: Asia in Motion**, June 24–27, Korea University, Seoul. See [website](#).
- **13th International Conference on Thai Studies**, July 15–18, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Theme: Globalized Thailand? Connectivity, Conflict and Conundrums of Thai Studies. See [website](#).
- **International Convention of Asia Scholars**, July 20–23, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Co-sponsored by International Institute for Asian Studies and Chiang Mai University. Some funding available. See [website](#).

12. 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](#).

13. 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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