

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of November 27, 2017



Alumni Matt Jagel and Jessica Marchetti-Jagel's children Mirah and Mark hold up a Southeast Asia basket filled with items donated by CSEAS staff, and put together by their mom, for an upcoming Malta Public Library fund-raiser. The basket will be raffled off at the library's Community Appreciation Day from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

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### 1. Winning words: Statement of purpose workshop Dec. 6

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 at 3 p.m. **Dec. 6** in the conference room next door to CSEAS at the Center for Latino and Latin American Studies. This one-hour workshop will give you the tools to put together a winning package. For details, contact Wang at [jcwang@niu.edu](mailto:jcwang@niu.edu).

### 2. New Boren award targets Bahasa **NEW**

The Institute of Higher Education (IIE) is introducing a new fully funded David L. Boren language-study scholarship aimed specifically at increasing the number of Indonesian-speakers in the U.S. The Indonesian Flagship Language Initiative program begins with an eight-week Indonesian language program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's [Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute](#), followed by a fall program in Indonesia at the State University of Malang administered by the American Councils for International Education. Awardees are encouraged to request funding to stay in Indonesia after the fall language program is complete and participate in study abroad programs they identify on their own, according to IIE. Both undergraduates and graduate students are encouraged to [apply](#) (**Feb. 8 deadline for undergrads, Jan. 30 deadline for graduate students**).

### 3. Student news: Back to Bali and welcome from Shanghai **NEW**

Kudos to undergraduate FLAS fellow Rachel Jacob (history/political science), who is heading to Indonesia **Dec. 7–8** as the US student representative at the Republic of Indonesia's Bali Democracy Students Conference. This will be Jacobs' third trip to Indonesia, having traveled there as a summer FLAS fellow in 2016 and a Critical Language Scholar in 2017. . . . The Center for Burma Studies and CSEAS welcome Wenshan Cao, a visiting PhD student from Fudan University in Shanghai. Cao will be on campus for a year conducting his dissertation research on China-Burma relations after the Cold War. His research will focus on NIU's Burmese archives in addition to the Steinberg and Clymer collections in the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection. Cao received funding from the Chinese Scholarship Council, a department of the Ministry of Education in China, to come to NIU.



Wenshan Cao

### 4. Two FLAS opportunities, two deadlines, one application

Whether you're applying for a summer 2018 or an academic-year 2018–19 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 are due Jan. 1; the deadline for the 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

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](#)

University of Wisconsin-Madison. Questions? Contact Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang at [jcwang@niu.edu](mailto:jcwang@niu.edu).

### 5. Applications for 2018–19 graduate Neher Fellowship open

U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Center's 2018–19 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 should be at an advanced stage in their program, either master's or doctoral degree, 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 Feb. 1**; for details, see CSEAS [website](#).

### 6. Deadline Nov. 30 for winter break business seminar to SEA



There is still time to sign up for the NIU College of Business's [International Business Seminar](#) that will take graduate and undergraduate students to Vietnam and Thailand **Jan. 1–13**. The seminar, led by Accountancy Professor Chih-Chen Lee, is focused on business, entrepreneurship and culture. Students from any discipline are welcome. Cost of the program is \$5,295, which includes international airfare. **Deadline for applications is Nov. 30**. [Apply](#) through NIU Study Abroad.

Lee

### 7. Study abroad to Indonesia in summer 2018

Faculty associate Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) is leading a summer study abroad program in Yogyakarta, Central Java, **June 24–July 7**. The program, [Democracy and Cultural Diversity in Indonesia](#), will focus on Indonesian politics, religious and ethnic diversity and conflict in 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 Gadjadara University, which is co-sponsoring the program, and participate in daily activities and field trips to heritage sites, monuments and museums. Updated cost and program information are pending. For details, contact Hamayotsu at [khamayotsu@niu.edu](mailto:khamayotsu@niu.edu). For more details on studying abroad, see the Study Abroad [website](#).



Hamayotsu

### 8. Music of Southeast Asia class added to spring course offerings

A new class, MUHL 431/531, Music of Southeast Asia, is being introduced for spring, taught by instructor and NIU alumnus Chamni Sripraram of the Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago. For details about the class, contact Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang at [jcwang@niu.edu](mailto:jcwang@niu.edu).

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

Other spring courses include:

- ANTH 328 Anthropology of Religion (Andrea Molnar)
- ANTH 790A Seminar in Anthropology (Andrea Molnar). Combined class with ANTH 328

- FLST 382 Censorship and Literature: State and Society in Authoritarian Countries (Tharaphi Than)
- FLST 582, Special Topics in Literature: Life in the Rice Paddies (Kanjana Thepboriruk). Thai language proficiency required.
- HIST 470/570 America and Asia (Staff)
- POLS 376: Political Violence (Kikue Hamayotsu)
- POLS 664, Politics of Identity: Ethnicity, Religion and Conflict (Kikue Hamayotsu).
- MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I (Ngurah Kertayuda).

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

### 9. Call for papers: Spring 2018 Southeast Asia Student Conference

The Southeast Asia Club invites papers for its 2018 Southeast Asia Student Conference, which is set for Saturday, **April 7**, in Campus Life 100. Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia; **Deadline to submit abstracts: Friday, Feb. 2. Final papers are due Friday, March 2.**

Email inquiries or abstracts to [niuseaclub@gmail.com](mailto:niuseaclub@gmail.com) (please put student conference in the subject). Best paper awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers. James Hoesterey, Emory University cultural anthropologist, will be the keynote speaker, co-sponsored by the Graduate Colloquium. Hoesterey, who received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is the author of *Rebranding Islam: Piety, Prosperity, and a Self-Help Guru* (Stanford University Press, 2015).



Hoesterey

### 10. Save the dates: Soup at the Center, FLAS deadlines, call for papers **NEW**

- **Dec. 6:** Statement of Purpose workshop, 3 p.m., conference room, Center for Latin and Latin American Studies Center. **NEW**
- **Dec. 8:** Soup at the Center, 11 to 2 p.m. Take time out from Reading Day to have a little soup and commune with CSEAS students, staff and faculty. **NEW**
- **Jan. 1:** Deadline to apply for summer FLAS **NEW**
- **Feb. 1:** Deadline to apply for 2018–19 FLAS **NEW**
- **April 7:** Spring Southeast Asia Student Conference, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Campus Life 100. Call for papers; **abstracts due Feb. 2.** Email [niuseaclub@gmail.com](mailto:niuseaclub@gmail.com). **NEW**

### 11. Tune in to our latest podcast: Archaeology and ancient Vietnam **NEW**

Take a listen to our latest [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast: a conversation with University of Wisconsin anthropologist Nam Kim about archaeology and the underpinnings of ancient Vietnam. Check out our other podcasts as well. Our listenership keeps growing. Since the [series' inception](#) in September 2016, Crossroads podcasts have been downloaded more than 3,500 times with listeners in 55 countries.



### 12. 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. 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](mailto:mhancock3@niu.edu); graduate students should contact Acting Director Eric Jones at [eajones@niu.edu](mailto:eajones@niu.edu).

### 13. Outside SEA language, cultural study abroad opportunities **NEW**

**\* indicates full or partial funding**

- \* 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 undergraduates is Jan. 31 for graduate students, Feb. 9 for undergraduates.** The Boren advisor at NIU is Study Abroad Director Anne Seitzinger; contact her at [aseitz@niu.edu](mailto: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 2018 Blakemore Freeman fellowships and Blakemore refresher grants are 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.**


- \* For 23 years, the United States-Indonesia Society (USINDO) has sponsored a partially funded summer studies program in Yogyakarta for 23 years. The 10-week program includes language study, lectures and coffee talks, cultural workshops, field trips, a homestay and the opportunity for volunteering or doing independent research. The 2018 program runs May 24–Aug. 2. Accepted students pay \$2,000 with USINDO covering rest of program funds. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 8.** For details, see [website](#).**
- UW-Madison geographer Ian Baird and University of Minnesota historian Mai Na M Lee are leading a study abroad program to northern Thailand in June 2018 to learn about the Hmong populations in Thailand and Laos. The focus of the four-week program will be on refugee settlement and resettlement. The program includes seminars, guest speakers, field trips and homestays. **Deadline to apply is March 2.** For details, email Baird at [ibaird@wisc.edu](mailto:ibaird@wisc.edu).

### 14. Pick Museum invitational deadline Dec. 1

The Pick Museum of Anthropology is calling for poster proposals for a spring exhibition showcasing original student research on the themes of social and/or environmental justice, climate change, human and cultural diversity and adaptation and local engagement or impact. Awards and cash prizes will be given for winning posters. **Proposals are due Dec. 1.** For more details, see [website](#).

### 15. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts



The Northern Illinois University Press is seeking quality scholarly but 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](mailto:kclymer@niu.edu).

## 16. Money for study

### NIU

- **Student Engagement Fund:** Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL) and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences funding for faculty-mentored and community-based research projects, NIU faculty-led study abroad programs, and travel to conferences or competitions. Funding ranges from \$1,200 to \$3,500 per year. Email [engage@niu.edu](mailto:engage@niu.edu) or visit OSEEL in Altgeld 100.

### Institute of International Education

- **Boren Awards:** Fully funded scholarships for language study and research in Southeast Asia. Open to undergraduates and graduate students. Preference given to applicants planning to study in Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, and to those motivated to work for the federal government upon graduate. Up to \$20,000 awarded to undergraduates; \$30,000 to graduate students. **Deadlines to apply: Jan. 30 for undergraduates; Feb. 8 for graduate students.** See [website](#).

### East-West Center

- **Graduate Degree Fellowship:** Funding for East-West Center programs open to students pursuing master's or PhD at University of Hawai'i. Open to U.S. citizens or permanent residents and to citizens of Pacific and Asian countries. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 1.** See [website](#).
- **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.

### National Endowment for the Humanities

- **CAORC Fellowships:** Applications open for 2017–18 Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) four-month senior research fellowships for U.S. and international postdoctoral scholars and multi-country research fellowships for U.S. doctoral candidates and postdocs. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 31.** See [website](#).

### U.S.-Indonesia Society (USINDO)

- **Summer study in Indonesia:** Partial subsidy for **May 24–Aug. 2** language and cultural studies program based in Yogyakarta. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 8.** See [website](#).

### Blakemore Foundation

- **Blakemore Freeman Fellowships:** Tuition and stipend awarded to college graduates, graduate students and young professions for academic year of advanced language study in Asia. SEA languages: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai and Vietnamese. Open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 30.** 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. See [website](#).

### University of Cambridge

- **Scholarships for international students:** Fully funded undergraduate and graduate scholarships available. Undergraduate deadline passed. **Graduate deadline to apply: Dec. 6.** See [website](#).

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

- **5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Contemporary Cultural Studies**, Nov. 27–28, Singapore. See [website](#).
- **8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Language, Education, Humanities and Innovation**, Nov. 27–28, Ho Chi Minh City. See [website](#).
- **International Institute for Asian Studies Symposium**, Dec. 11–12, Airlangga University, Surabaya, Indonesia. Theme: River Cities: Water Space in Urban Development and History. See [website](#).
- **9<sup>th</sup> Engaging with Vietnam Conference**, Dec. 28–Jan. 4, Ho Chi Minh City and Tuy Hoa, Vietnam. Hosted by Vietnam National University and University of Hawai'i-Manoa. See [website](#).
- **East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference**, Feb. 15–17, Honolulu, HI. Limited number of travel grants available. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **UM Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference**, Feb. 15, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Theme: Deconstructing Borders & Barriers. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit: Dec. 15.** Accepted applicants may be reimbursed up to \$300 for travel. For details, email [umcseas2018@gmail.com](mailto:umcseas2018@gmail.com). **NEW**
- **Missouri Valley History Conference**, March 1–3, Omaha, NE. Call for papers. "Resistance and Activism throughout History." **Deadline to submit: Dec. 4.** See [website](#).
- **Cornell Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference**, March 9–11, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Theme: Possession and Persuasion. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Dec. 13.** For details, email [seapgradconf@gmail.com](mailto:seapgradconf@gmail.com). **NEW**
- **7<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Studies Symposium**, March 22–24, Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta. Project Southeast Asia/University of Oxford. In collaboration with UI's School of Environmental Science and Indonesia Environmental Scientists Association. See [website](#).
- **NIU Spring SEA Student Conference**, April 7, Campus Life 100. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 2.** For details, email [niuseaclub@gmail.com](mailto:niuseaclub@gmail.com). **NEW**
- **Midwest Political Science Association**, April 5–8, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago. See [website](#).
- **Asia-Pacific Conference on Business & Social Science**, April 12–14, Kuala Lumpur. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit: Dec. 20.** See [website](#).
- **2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference**, April 19–20, NIU Naperville, IL. Theme: Global Problems and Community Praxis: Local, National and International Approaches to Peace and Transcultural Communication. Sponsored by NIU and Center for Peace and Transcultural Communication, Tetova University, Macedonia. Keynote speaker: Ambassador James Pardew. Call for proposals. **Deadline to submit: Jan. 8.** **NEW**
- **Berkeley-UCLA Southeast Asian Studies Conference**, April 27–28, UC Berkeley, CA. Theme: Migrations and New Mobilities in Southeast Asia. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 19.** For details, email [cseas@berkeley.edu](mailto:cseas@berkeley.edu). **NEW**
- **Asian Extremes: Climate, Meteorology and Disaster in History**, May 17–18, National University of Singapore. See [website](#).

- **Africa-Asia, A New Axis of Knowledge**, Sept. 20–22, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Organized by International Convention of Asia Scholars, University of Dar es Salaam and the Association for Asian Studies in Africa. Call for papers, panels and roundtable proposals. **Deadline for proposals: Feb. 1.** See [website](#). **NEW**

## 18. Careers

### *University of San Francisco*

- **Assistant Professor International Studies:** Tenure track to begin August 2018. See [website](#).

### *Simon Fraser University*

- **Assistant Professor International Studies:** Full-time, tenure track position for Southeast Asia or East Asia specialist to begin September 2018. **Application review began Oct. 27.** For information, contact Dr. Tamir Moustafa at [tmoustafa@sfu.ca](mailto:tmoustafa@sfu.ca).

### *Vanderbilt University*

- **Director, Global Studies Program:** Seeking scholar-teachers to be inaugural director of new program. Tenured position. Appointment at the associate or full professor rank. **Application review to begin Nov. 1.** To apply online, see [job listing](#).

### *McNeese State University*

- **Assistant Professor Non-Western History:** Tenure-track, 10-month position. **Application review to begin Dec. 15.** See [website](#).

### *Eurasia Group*

- **Research Associate:** Singapore-based specialist in Southeast Asia. Master's degree or greater preferred. Fluency in one SEA language preferred but not required. **Posted Aug. 18.** See [job listing](#).
- **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](#).

### *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](mailto: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](#).

### *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](mailto: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 **NEW**

- **Asian Pop-Up Cinema:** Alliance Française de Chicago presents [Little Gems](#), a 2016 documentary by Xavier de Lauzanne, the story of a French couple's journey of changing the lives of 10,000 Phnom Penh children living in the city's trash dump. With guest speaker Kai-Duc Luong. Showing at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Alliance Française, 810 N. Dearborn St. **NEW**
- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum's co-curation team at [cocuration.philippines@fieldmuseum.org](mailto: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. 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](mailto: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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