

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of November 30, 2015



Soup at the Center: Celebrate the season, take a break from finals, and join us for soup, bread, fruit and Christmas goodies on Monday, **Dec. 7**, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The Center will be closed from **Dec. 24** to **Jan. 4** over winter break

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Burnish your resumé

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 Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at ehrenkonig@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at loveroti@gmail.com.

1. Kenton Clymer book reception Friday **NEW**



Clymer

Join CSEAS and the History Department in celebrating the publication of CSEAS associate Kenton Clymer's new book published by Cornell University Press, *A Delicate Relationship: The United States and Burma/Myanmar Since 1945*, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. **Dec. 4**, in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery in Swen Parson Hall, with Clymer's book talk at 3 PM. In his book, Clymer examines the often fraught US-Burma relationship after the former British colony's independence in 1948, US fears of Communist expansionism during the Cold War, Burma's closure and isolation beginning in 1962, and the recent warming of relations beginning with President Obama's historic visit in 2012. "A *Delicate Relationship* is an excellent book that will long remain the definitive account of US-Burmese relations during the post-World War II era," writes Ohio State University historian Ralph D. Mershon in a review. "Clymer's use of Burmese, British, and Australian sources, along with his extensive use of US archival and published accounts, gives his account real breadth and authority."

2. 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. Students planning to apply for both a summer 2016 and an academic-year 2016–17 FLAS fellowship 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. If you apply for a summer FLAS, indicate on the application that you want to apply for the academic-year FLAS as well; the application and accompanying materials will also be

Save it!

When doing your FLAS application, be sure to print out the PDF application form after filling out online or save it to your desktop. Then either send in the hard copy OR attach the saved PDF to an email to submit electronically. Any questions, call CSEAS at 815-753-1771 or email Office Manager Rita Miller at ram@niu.edu.

submitted to the academic-year round. Summer FLAS applications are due to the Center by **Jan. 1**. If you are just applying for the academic-year FLAS, the deadline 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 (more schools are currently being considered for approval). The [application](#) is posted on the Student Funding page of the CSEAS website. Applications are due to CSEAS Office Manager Rita Miller at ram@niu.edu by **Jan. 1**. Be sure to print out either the PDF form after filling out or save to your desktop to attach to an email to submit electronically.

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.

3. Applications for 2016–17 Neher Fellowship open to graduate students

U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Center's 2016–17 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. The [application](#) is posted on the Student Funding page of the Center website. Applications are due to CSEAS Office Manager Rita Miller at ram@niu.edu by **Feb. 1**.

4. Call for papers: NIU Southeast Asia Student Conference **NEW**

The Southeast Asia Club invites papers for its 2016 spring Southeast Asia Student [conference](#), which is set for Saturday, **March 26**, in Room 100 Campus Life. The conference theme is "From City to Village: Urbanization & Southeast Asia." Papers may be submitted on related topics or any relevant to the region. Abstracts for all papers are due **Feb. 25 (Jan. 31** for graduate and undergraduate students competing for best paper). The keynote speaker will be University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo.

5. Notes from all over: In the media, in the field **NEW**

Seen online and heard on the air lately: CSEAS associate Tharaphi Than (Foreign Languages and Literatures) quoted in the NIU Newsroom **Nov. 11** about [her life in Myanmar](#) before pursuing higher education outside of the country and later coming to NIU; associate Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) [speaking her mind](#) **Nov. 23** in the NIU Newsroom about why Muslim-European youth are recruited into radical Islam; associates Jim Wilson (Geography) and Tomoyuki Shibata (Public Health) quoted in an [NIU Today story](#) **Nov. 24** about research projects they conducted in Myanmar last summer; and associate and Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond (School of Art) on the San Diego NPR station **Nov. 28** talking about [the culture of giving](#) in Burma/Myanmar. . . .

While completing his research in Thailand during the 2015–16 academic year, Thomas Rhoden (PhD candidate, political science) is teaching a class entitled Business and Social Entrepreneurship at the Institute of South East Asian Affairs ([ISEAA](#)) at Chiang Mai University. He also has published a dataset from his



Doctoral candidate Tom Rhoden, top right, in Thailand completing his dissertation research and teaching at Chiang Mai University, takes his class on a field study trip to Mae Sot, Thailand.

research, "Dataset of Burmese Migration-Concept Crossover in Thailand," **Nov. 25** in *ResearchGate*. Rhoden will be back on campus in spring and at the lectern Friday, **April 25**, for the weekly lecture series. . . . Political science graduate students Iqra Anugrah (PhD candidate), Afrimadona (PhD candidate) and Azriansyah Agoes (MA candidate) have received \$3,000 scholarships from the American-Indonesian Cultural and Educational Foundation. Congratulations!

6. Second Art History class added to spring SEAS courses

Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond (School of Art) has added another art history class for spring 2016: ARTH 294, Art History Survey: Arts of Asia, a chronological and thematic study of 6,000 years of art and architecture in the region, including Southeast Asia. Raymond will also be teaching ARTH 701, Material Culture, Sacred Architecture and World Heritage Sites in Southeast Asia (with an undergraduate section for SEA minors, SEAS 490). Other CSEAS associates are offering a wide range of spring classes. In anthropology, CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood is teaching ANTH 302/790, Asian American Cultures, and Andrea Molnar is offering ANTH 426/526, Political Anthropology. In history, Assistant Director Eric Jones is teaching SEAS 225, Crossroads of Southeast Asia and HIST 343/SEAS 690 (for graduate students), History of Southeast Asia Since Ca. 1800; and Stanley Arnold is teaching HIST 469/569, The Vietnam War. In political science, Kikue Hamayotsu is teaching POLS 376, Political Violence. Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) and Ngurah Kertayuda will teach gamelan in MUSE 370/670. All second-semester classes in Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog, and Thai will be offered. For dates and times of all classes, see the full [spring](#) schedule on the Center website.

7. The match game: Apply for CSEAS match to Graduate School travel funding

CSEAS will match up to \$250 in Graduate School travel grants for students traveling to out-of-town (or out-of-country) conferences to present. If you will be receiving Graduate School travel funding, contact CSEAS Office Manager Rita Miller about the CSEAS match. If you are considering applying (next 2015–16 deadlines are **Jan. 15** and **March 21**), you must have completed one year of school with 3.5 GPA or above. See Graduate School [website](#) for details on its travel funding; submit applications to Dean, Graduate School, 223 Adams Hall.

8. Over the break, think about studying abroad in SEA



Ledgerwood

Winter break is a good time to seriously consider doing a summer study abroad in Southeast Asia—you know you want to. CSEAS Director and anthropology professor Judy Ledgerwood is leading a summer 2016 field school in Cambodia. The program, “Buddhism and Service Learning,” is set for **May 27–June 23** in Siem Reap, Cambodia, the home of Angkor Wat. Students will explore Cambodian Buddhism and cultural reconstruction in the post-Khmer Rouge era, learn ethnographic field methods, and be placed with a Buddhist or non-governmental organization group for the service component of the program. The cost is \$3,600. NIU undergraduate students may apply for partial funding through the [Student Engagement Fund](#). For information, contact Ledgerwood by phone at 815-753-1771 or email her at jledgerw@niu.edu.

NIU also sponsors [Summer Study Abroad in Laos](#) (SAIL), a five-week Lao language and culture program, in cooperation with the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. Dates are **June 27–31**. **Application deadline is April 1**. Information on all study abroad programs and [opportunities](#) for partial travel funding is available at the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston. Call 815-753-0700 or email niuabroad@niu.edu.

9. Save the dates: FLAS deadlines, spring events

- **Jan. 1:** Summer 2015 FLAS applications due to CSEAS
- **Feb. 1:** Applications for 2016–17 FLAS and Neher fellowships due to CSEAS
- **Feb. 8:** Southeast Asia Club Lunar New Year celebration, 6 to 8 p.m., Cole Hall.
- **Feb. 25:** Abstracts due for spring student conference

- **March 26:** Southeast Asia Club spring student conference, From City to Village: Urbanization and SEA. Keynote speaker: University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo

10. Advanced language programs offer fully funded chance to study abroad

Studying a Southeast Asian language in-country: **Highly desirable.**

Studying a Southeast Asian language fully funded: **Priceless.**

Interested in pursuing your language study abroad? Two programs offer fully funded opportunities to do just that.

- 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 Boren fellowships for undergraduates is **Jan. 28** 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](#).
- 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 2015 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**.

11. Anthropology Museum gets ready for Hmong exhibit in January

The James B. & Rosalyn L. Pick Museum of Anthropology will open a major exhibit celebrating 40 years of Hmong American history in January. The exhibit will focus on the history of life in Laos continuing through the 1953–75 Laotian Civil War (known by Hmong veterans as the Secret War) and prominently feature the oral histories and material culture of Hmong Americans. The exhibit will also spotlight the museum's permanent collection of Hmong textiles. Details on the opening to be announced.

12. Money for study **NEW**

NIU

- **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. Open to all colleges, majors and backgrounds. Proposal guidelines are available [online](#). Students have between **Jan. 1** and **Dec. 31, 2016** to complete their projects. **Deadline for spring 2016: Feb. 12.**
- **Student Engagement Fund grants:** Grants available to undergraduate students for specific student engagement activities, including summer study abroad, conference travel and mentored research or service learning projects. Guidelines are available [online](#). **Deadline for summer 2016: Feb. 15; deadline for fall 2017: March 15.**
- **Graduate School Travel Grants:** Students invited to submit proposals for 2015–16. Rolling deadlines are **Jan. 15** and **March 21**. One year of school completed with 3.5 GPA or above. See [website](#) for details. Submit applications to Dean, Graduate School, 223 Adams Hall. Matching funds available through CSEAS.

Asia Foundation

- **Research opportunity:** Proposals invited for research paper on violence in the southern Philippines using econometric analysis of the Bangsamoro Conflict Monitoring System. \$3,000 stipend and travel expenses for one trip to the Philippines. Funded by the World Bank and the International Development Research Centre. **Proposals due: Dec. 14.** For details, email sasiwan.chingchit@asiafoundation.org. **NEW**

American Council of Learned Societies

- **Fellowships for advanced graduate students:** Fellowship program supports humanities and humanistic social science research. 2015–16 program open for to apply. See [program website](#). **NEW**

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 2017–18 fellowships now available.** See [website](#).

13. Job/internship opportunities **NEW**

AEC News, Bangkok

- **Editorial assistant/junior writer:** [AEC News](#) seeks recent graduate or undergraduate senior for full-time position or paid internship; background in journalism or communications desirable, along with WordPress. Contact: editor.aecnews@gmail.com. **NEW**

University of Wisconsin-Madison

- **Tenure-track position:** TransAsia/transdisciplinary scholar in language, culture and societies of Asia sought for newly forming Department of Asian Studies to begin August 2016. Expertise in one Southeast Asian or South Asian language required. Competitive salary. Send complete dossier and three reference letters to Chair, Search Committee, Department of East Asian Languages and Literature, 1208 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive, UW-Madison, Madison, WI 53706.

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](#).

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

- **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts International Conference**, Dec. 11–12, New Delhi. Theme: India-Laos: Intercultural Linkages. For info, email bachchan_kumar@yahoo.com. **NEW**
- **Southeast Asian Studies in Asia 2015**, Dec. 12–13, Kyoto, Japan. Sponsored by the Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia. See [conference website](#).
- **SPUP International Research Conference**, Jan. 14–16, St. Paul University Philippines, Tuguegarao City. Theme: Towards an Integrated ASEAN Community. See [conference website](#).
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region**, Feb. 11–13, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI. See [conference website](#).
- **Cornell University Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, March 11–13, Ithaca, NY. Call for papers. Conference theme: (Re)creating Currents in Southeast Asia. **Deadline for abstracts: Dec. 15.** See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **6th International Conference on Hmong Studies**, March 18-19, Concordia University, St. Paul. Contact Lee Pao Xiong at Center for Hmong Studies at xiong@csp.edu.
- **Southeast Asia Club Spring Southeast Asia Student Conference**, March 26, DeKalb, IL. Call for papers. Conference theme: From City to Village: Urbanization & Southeast Asia. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 25** (Jan. 31 for undergraduate and graduate students entering best paper competition. See conference [info](#). **NEW**
- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 31–April 3, Seattle. See [conference website](#).
- **Language, Power and Identity in Asia: Creating and Crossing Language Boundaries**, March 14–16, National Museum of Antiquities, Leiden, Netherlands. Organized by International Institute for Asian Studies in collaboration with [LeidenGlobal](#) and the Language Museum (Leiden). See [conference website](#).
- **5th Southeast Asian Studies Symposium**, April 14–16, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford. Theme: Human and Environmental Welfare in Southeast Asia. Call for papers, panels. See [conference website](#).
- **UC Berkeley-UCLA Southeast Asian studies Conference**, April 22–23, Berkeley, CA. Theme: Making Southeast Asian Cultures: From Region to World. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 8.** Email cseas@berkeley.edu. See [website](#).

- **Heritage as Aid and Diplomacy in Asia**, May 26–28, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands. Call for papers. See [conference website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia**, June 24–27, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan. Call for papers. See [conference website](#).
- **5th International Conference on Lao Studies: Lao PDR in the ASEAN Context**, July 8–10, Thammasat University, Bangkok. Call for papers. See [conference website](#).

15. 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 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. Also see the consulate’s [Facebook](#) page.

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