

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of October 13, 2014



The Center's new Title VI grant includes funding to develop distance-learning for NIU's Southeast Asia language program. This week the language faculty got together in the Language Learning Center with CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood, second from right, to start the process. From left, Piyathida Sereebenjapol (Thai), Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail (Tagalog), Kheang Leang (Khmer), Rami Hartati (Indonesian), Ledgerwood, and Tharaphi Than (Burmese).

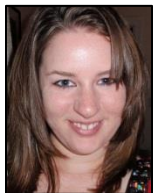
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The next half-century for Southeast Asian Studies at NIU will offer exciting opportunities for teaching and learning about this rising region of the world. To keep NIU's program strong, consider being a CSEAS donor through the NIU Foundation. To contribute online, go to the [Donate Now](#) tab at the NIU Foundation website. Under Designations, select "college or university wide program," then write in "Center for Southeast Asian Studies." If your employer matches your charitable donations, please take a moment to fill out that form. We appreciate every gift. Thank you!

1. This week's lecture: When military regimes move toward civilian rule



Loring

Nicole Loring (PhD student, political science) will present "Entrenching Authoritarianism: Transitions from Military to Civilian Rule in Southeast Asia and Beyond" at noon Friday, **Oct. 17**, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Loring, a graduate of Syracuse University who received her MA in political science from NIU in May, will explore the dynamics behind military regimes that cooperate in transitioning to civilian governments, comparing Indonesia, Thailand, and Myanmar/Burma. To order a Filipino lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m.

Thursday at [CSEAS Brown Bag Lunch Order](#). Orders must be cancelled online by 10 a.m. Friday. Cost is \$5 for students and \$6 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. For lunch details or questions, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. Center associates/affiliates update: Hamayotsu, Rosenbaum, Phan **NEW**

* Associate Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) has been nominated to the Association for Asian Studies' Southeast Asia Council for a three-year term (2015–18). **Voting closes Nov. 4**. AAS members may vote on the [AAS website](#).

* Congratulations to affiliate Mark Rosenbaum (Marketing), who has been awarded a spring 2015 Senior Fulbright



* *Hao Phan (Founders Library) and Danielle Spalenka, curator of the Regional History Collection, held a library training workshop in August on manuscript preservation in cooperation with the Center for Vietnamese and Southeast Asian Studies (CVSEAS) at Ho Chi Minh City University of Social Sciences and Humanities. Hao Phan will host CVSEAS Director Tran Dinh Lam at NIU on Nov. 11.*

Scholar grant to lecture and conduct research at Kathmandu University of Management in Nepal. Rosenbaum will work with the school's new PhD candidates on advanced statistical and research methodologies, teach services marketing to MBA students, and do service-quality research with faculty and local hospitals, NGOs and health care providers. Rosenbaum is one of 1,100 faculty and professional Fulbright awardees who will travel abroad in 2014–15. Previously he was a Fulbright Scholar in Cambodia in 2009 and a Fulbright Specialist in 2014.

3. Chiang Mai professor to lead off October COTS Friday **NEW**

Chayan Vaddhanaphutti, director of the Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development at Chiang Mai University, will lead off the **Oct. 17–19** Council on Thai Studies (COTS) meeting at the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a noon presentation Friday. His presentation will be followed by an afternoon of Thailand-related films with the first panel presentations beginning Friday evening. Most of the meeting's presentations will take place all day Saturday, **Oct. 18**, and in the morning Sunday, **Oct. 19**, all in Ingraham Hall. Among the NIU presenters there will be Thai language professor emeritus John Hartmann and Nay Yan Oo (MA student, political science), "Two Journeys to Kengtung: Mono- and Multi-media Revelations"; Alan

Potkin (adjunct) and Catherine Raymond (School of Art), “Reverse Glass Paintings within a Specific Buddhist Context: The Art of Wat Chon Klang”; and Piyawit Moonkham (MA student, anthropology), “Spirited/Spiritual Buddhism?: Terminology, Historiography, and Local Religious Practices in Northern Thailand.” UW anthropology professor Katherine Bowie will host a brunch at her home following the meeting wrap-up Sunday morning. For more information, see the [COTS website](#).

4. Student news: SEA trivia night; student library exhibit; wedding bells **NEW**

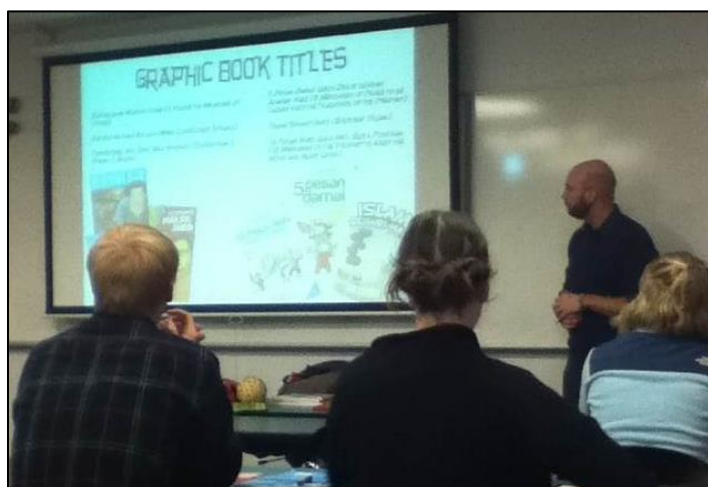
Brush up on your Southeast Asia knowledge and come to the Southeast Asia Club’s first event of the semester, Southeast Asia Trivia Night, on Tuesday, **Oct. 14**, from 5 to 8 p.m. in 456 DuSable. There will be pizza, beverages and prizes. For details, email NIUSEAClub@gmail.com. . . .

Anthonie Tumpag (MA student, anthropology) has curated “Ancestry Transcending the Oceans: An Exhibition of Madagascar and Its Cultural Ties to Southeast Asia,” a new exhibit up in the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection at Founders Library. The exhibit of material objects primarily from Madagascar highlight the island’s relationship with Southeast Asia, which was established approximately 2,300 years ago when seafarers from Borneo landed there, Tumpag says. Tumpag obtained most of the



Anthropology graduate student Anthonie Tumpag spent this past summer in Indonesia studying language and in Madagascar on a study-abroad to the island. Here he takes a lesson on the Sapek, a traditional boat lute from the ethnic Dayak of Kalimantan, in Yogyakarta during his FLAS fellowship there.

objects during a summer study abroad program to the island led by NIU anthropologist Mitchell Irwin. Tumpag’s exhibit will be on display through **Oct. 31**. . . . Best wishes to Thomas Rhoden (PhD candidate, political science) and Khin Soe Man on their marriage **Oct. 5** in Mae Sot, Thailand.



5. CSEAS Outreach: Moraine Valley CC: As part of an expanded CSEAS initiative to reach out to community colleges, Acting Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig (MA anthropology, 2014) spent the morning of **Oct. 9** talking to 23 students and faculty in the History of Asia class at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills. In addition to talking about CSEAS and SEA studies opportunities at NIU, Ehrenkönig gave a presentation, “From the Malay World to Malaysia: Selected Works of Datuk Mohammad Nor Khalid (Lat)” drawn from his own master’s research on Indonesian graphic books.

6. Study abroad in Thailand, Bali or Laos next summer

Thinking about heading to Southeast Asia next summer? CSEAS associates Andrea Molnar (anthropology) and Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) are actively recruiting for their study abroad programs in Thailand and Bali respectively. Molnar's program, Cultural Diversity in Thailand, is set for **June 8–July 3**. It will introduce students to Thailand's diverse cultural groups and explore the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country.

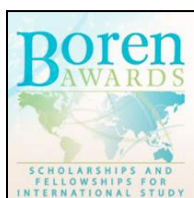
Application deadline is March 16. Wang's program, Experiencing the Arts in Bali, will take students to a village location in Bali for three weeks to learn about Balinese music, dance, theater, architecture, art and crafts. NIU also sponsors [Summer Study Abroad in Laos \(SAIL\)](#), a five-week Lao language and culture program, in cooperation with the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. 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.

7. **Save the dates:** Indonesian dance, STEMfest, World Music Symposium **NEW**

- **Monday nights:** Free Indonesian dance instruction, 6:30 to 7 p.m., 102 Music Building. For details, email Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.
- **Oct. 18:** Explore science and technology in SEA at the Center's table at STEMfest, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., NIU Convocation Center.
- **April 9–11:** World Music Symposium honoring Kuo-Huang Han, music professor emeritus and founder of the NIU Gamelan Ensemble.

8. Boren, Blakemore awards offer opportunity for intensive language study

NIU political science PhD candidate Thomas Rhoden is spending this year in Thailand perfecting his Karen language skills courtesy of a prestigious David L. Boren fellowship, one of 106 students nationwide receiving the award for 2014–15. The Boren awards, along with the Blakemore Freeman fellowships, offer substantial opportunities to advance Southeast Asian language study.



The Boren fellowships and scholarship program, 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. 27** for graduate students and **Feb. 4** 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 2014 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 professional, business, technical or academic career that involves the regular use of a Southeast Asian language. For more information, see the [Blakemore Foundation website](#). **The deadline to apply is Dec. 30.**

9. Burnish your resumé: Sign up for SEA Studies minor or grad certificate



Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate certificate to an advanced degree can pull a resumé up to the top of the pile. To learn about NIU's Southeast Asian Studies programs, visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Acting Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at ehrenkonig@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen at tjacobsen1@niu.edu.

10. Money for study

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Post-doc and senior fellowships:** Short-term and long-term funded research opportunities available through Council of American Overseas Research Centers. **Deadline: Nov. 30.** See [website](#).

Social Science Research Council

- **International dissertation research fellowships:** Nine- to 12-month support for graduate students in humanities and humanistic social sciences. Amounts vary depending on research plan. **Deadline: Nov. 4.** See [website](#) for details.

American Institute for Indonesian Studies

- **AIFIS/CAORC research grants:** U.S. scholars invited to apply for \$5,750 grants to support research in Indonesia. **Deadline: Oct. 15.** See [website](#) for details.
- **AIFIS Henry Luce Foundation grants:** U.S. and Indonesian scholars invited to apply for \$5,000 grants to support research across the field of contemporary and traditional Indonesian studies. **Deadline: Nov. 14.** See [website](#) for details.

University of Cambridge

- **Charles Wallace Burma Trust Visiting Fellowship:** Centre of South Asian Studies three-month fellowship (Jan. 13 to March 13, 2015) open to Burmese scholars working in any field. **Deadline: Oct. 31.** See [website](#).

East-West Center

- **2015–16 graduate fellowship opportunities:** Apply to study in Honolulu through variety of programs. **Deadline: Nov. 3.** See [website](#).

United States-Indonesia Society

- **2015 Sumitro Fellowships:** \$10,000 travel/study grant for postdocs, PhD candidates, senior academics and qualified candidates. Two grants offered, one for U.S. citizens and one for Indonesian citizens. **Deadline: Jan. 31.** See [website](#).

11. Job/internship opportunities

Asia Society

- **Career opportunities:** Internships and jobs posted regularly on [website](#).

World Health Organization

- Global public health nonprofit based in Geneva, Switzerland, encourages online applications for potential employment. See [WHO website](#).

Idealist.org

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. See the [Idealist website](#).

Hess International Educational Group

- **Teach English across Asia:** Taiwan-based organization offers free training, benefits, and flexible scheduling. Contact NIU alum Derek Wright at derek.wright@hess.com.tw or see the Hess [website](#) for details.

12. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **12th Northeast Conference on Indonesia**, Oct. 25, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Hosted by Cornell Indonesian Association and Yale Indonesian Forum. See [conference website](#).
- **1st International Conference on Salween-Thaniwin-Nu Studies**, Nov. 14–15, Chiang Mai University.
- **Symposium on ‘Social Resistance in Non-Democracies,’** Nov. 24–26, Lund University, Sweden. See [symposium website](#).
- **4th International JSA-ASEAN Conference**, Dec. 15–16, Thammasat University Institute of East Asian Studies. See [conference website](#).
- **International Symposium on Cambodia**, Dec. 15–16, Royal University of Fine Arts, Phnom Penh. See [symposium website](#).
- **Dynamics of Religion in Southeast Asia (DORISEA)**, Jan. 23–24, Humboldt University, Berlin. See [conference website](#).
- **Workshop: Religious Pluralism, Magic and Gender/Sex Diversity in Southeast Asia**, Jan. 21–22, Humboldt University, Berlin. Precedes DORISEA conference (see separate listing).
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region**, Feb. 12–14, East-West Center, Honolulu. See [conference website](#).
- **Year of ASEAN: Integrating Southeast Asia**, March 20–22, Kuala Lumpur. 4th Southeast Asian Studies symposium at Sunway University. Organized by Project Southeast Asia at University of Oxford. See [conference website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies 2015**, March 26–29, Chicago. See [conference website](#).
- **Artistic Inventions: Histories, Cartographies and Politics in Asia**, March 30–31, Hong Kong Baptist University. Call for abstracts. **Deadline: Nov. 15.** See [website](#).
- **Third Hmong Consortium Conference**, April 10–11, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Theme: Hmong around the World. Call for abstracts. **Deadline: Dec. 31.** Email to conference chair Ian Baird at ibaird@wisc.edu. See [consortium website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia**, June 22–24, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. Theme: Asia in Motion: ideas, Institutions, Identities. Call for panels and roundtables. **Deadline: Oct. 31.** See [conference website](#).
- **International Convention of Asia Scholars 9**, July 5–9, Adelaide, Australia. See [conference website](#).
- **5th International Conference on Lao Studies**, July 8–10, Thammasat University, Bangkok. Call for papers. Theme: Lao PDF in the ASEAN Context. **Deadline: Oct. 31.** See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **EuroSEAS 2015**, Aug. 11–14, University of Vienna, Austria. See [conference website](#).

13. Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” on display at the NIU Anthropology Museum through the 2014–15 academic year. The exhibit features items from the museum’s collection of ethnographic and archeological objects, many from SEA, that were chosen by members of the NIU and local communities.

- “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 Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. See consulate [website](#).

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