

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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A women's gamelan group performs in Bali. Ethnomusicologist Sonja Downing discusses the growing popularity of female gamelan groups in this week's Friday lecture.

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1. This week's lecture: Women's gamelan groups in Bali **NEW**



Downing

Lawrence University ethnomusicologist Sonja Downing will present "Gamelan Girls in Competition: Recent Developments in Balinese Young Female Music Groups" at noon Friday, **Oct. 23**, in Room 100, Campus Life Building. Since the 1980s, women's gamelan groups in Indonesia have been growing in number and popularity, making significant progress, Downing argues, toward gender parity in Balinese music. Downing received her doctorate in ethnomusicology from the University of California-Santa Barbara. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at [CSEAS Brown Bag Order](https://www.cseasbrownbag.com). 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, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. Thailand take two and Alumni Connect: Paul Chambers to speak Oct. 21



Chambers

Political scientist Paul Chambers, lecturer and researcher at Chiang Mai University, will present "Soldiers, Royals and Contemporary Thai Politics" at noon **Oct. 21** in Room 100, Campus Life. Afterward, join Chambers, who received his PhD in political science at NIU in 2003, for the Center's second fall Alumni Connect "fireside chat" in the same location. Chambers has spent the past 20 years living on and off in Thailand. After completing master's degrees in international affairs and in political science at Ohio University, Chambers became a Peace Corps Volunteer in northeast Thailand, working in Thailand and Laos for five years before coming to NIU for his doctorate.

He speaks Thai, Lao and Burmese. His most recent book is *Knights of the Realm: Thailand's Military and Police, Then and Now* (White Lotus Press, 2013).

3. FLAS fellow curates Philippines exhibit at Founders

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellow and anthropology graduate student Anthonie Tumpag has curated a new exhibit, "Pride of the Philippines," now on display at Founders Memorial Library in observance of Filipino American Heritage month in October. The five-case exhibit is focused on the material culture and vibrant heritage of indigenous and Muslim minorities in the Philippines prior to Spanish colonization in the early 16th century. "These proud people exemplify the enduring spirit of the Philippine people to survive despite the ravages brought upon by colonialism, marginalization and globalization," said



Tumpag, himself a Filipino American. "While considered a minority population today, they contribute immensely to the Philippines diverse makeup." The exhibit is on display in the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection on the fourth floor of Founders.

4. Summer study abroad 2016: Cambodia field school



Ledgerwood

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 the legendary Angkor Wat temple. 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. For more information about the program, contact Ledgerwood by phone at 815-753-1771 or email her at jledgerw@niu.edu.

5. Anthropology Museum gets a new name; Hmong exhibit opens in January

The NIU Anthropology Museum, which was officially renamed the James B. & Rosalyn L. Pick Museum of Anthropology **Oct. 9**, 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. The Laotian Hmong people are an ethnic minority who came from China and settled in the Laotian highlands as farmers. During the Vietnam conflict, many were trained by the US Central Intelligence Agency as guerrilla fighters against the communist Pathet Lao and North Vietnamese forces. At the end of the war, many Hmong fighters, fearing for their safety, fled the country, with thousands coming to the US as refugees. Many settled in the Midwest. The exhibit will run through March. Details on the opening to be announced.

6. All the news that fits: *Mandala* 2015 posted online

The summer 2015 issue of the Center’s [Mandala](#) annual newsletter is now posted on the Center website. Read all about: CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang’s summer study abroad in Bali, POLS PhD students Thomas Rhoden and Aaron Johnson’s experiences as overseas fellows with the Boren and Fulbright programs, new acquisitions in the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, and what CSEAS faculty and students have been up to in the past year.



7. **Save the dates:** Job fairs, Halloween party, history student conference

- **Oct. 20:** Internship Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., NIU Convocation Center. 91 employers there.
- **Oct. 21:** Political scientist Paul Chambers, researcher and adjunct professor at Chiang Mai University, presents “Soldiers, Royals and Contemporary Thai Politics” at noon in Room 100, Campus Life, followed by Alumni Connect “fireside chat” in the same location.
- **Oct. 21:** Job Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., NIU Convocation Center. 217 employers are registered to attend.
- **Oct. 30:** SEA Club Halloween party. 6 to 8 p.m., Cole Hall lobby. Join the club for Southeast Asia-style ghosts, ghouls and things that go bump in the night.
- **Nov. 6:** History Graduate Student Assn. Conference, Swen Parson Hall. Keynote speaker: University of Chicago historian Mark Bradley, author of *Imagining Vietnam and America: The Making of Postcolonial Vietnam* (University of North Carolina Press, 2000) at 1:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 7:** Campus GRE Fall Test Prep II and LSAT Fall Test Prep. For info, see [website](#).

- **Nov. 13:** Southeast Asia Culture Night, 6 to 8 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Center. Southeast Asia cultural activities and performances! Hosted by the Southeast Asia Club.

8. Money for study

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.**
- **Graduate School Travel Grants:** Students invited to submit proposals for 2015–16. Rolling deadlines are **Nov. 16**, **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.

East-West Center

- **Graduate degree fellowships:** [Funding](#) for master's and PhD degree programs at University of Hawai'i-Manoa. US citizens and permanent residents, and Asia-Pacific residents, eligible to apply. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 1.** For details, email scholarships@eastwestcenter.org.

Bard Graduate Center/American Museum of Natural History

- **Post-doc fellowship in museum studies:** Two-year fellowship beginning fall 2016 focuses on textiles from all 11 Southeast Asian countries. Fellow teaches one graduate course each year and mounts one small exhibition. Salary \$35,000 with housing available. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 1.** For information, see [website](#).

American Council of Learned Societies

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

Blakemore Foundation

- **Advanced language study abroad fellowships:** Tuition plus stipend for one year of advanced language study of Vietnamese, Indonesian, Thai, Burmese and Khmer. US graduate students with three years of language study eligible to apply. **Deadline to apply for 2016 fellowships: Dec. 30.** See [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 2017–18 fellowships available Dec. 1.** See [website](#).

9. Job/internship opportunities

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.

University of Pennsylvania

- **Assistant professor in Asian religions:** Tenure-track position in Department of Religious Studies. Applicants welcome with SEA and gender specialization. Recent PhDs encouraged to apply. For details, see [job posting](#).

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:** 10-week unpaid internships 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](#).

10. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **Conference on Thai Studies**, Oct. 23–24, Ohio University, Athens. Program posted [here](#).
- **Southwest Conference on Asian Studies**, Nov. 6–7, Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth. See [conference website](#).
- **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. **Deadline for abstracts: Oct. 30**. See [conference website](#).

- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region**, Feb. 11–13, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI. See [conference website](#).
- **6th International Conference on Hmong Studies**, March 18-19, Concordia University, St. Paul. Call for papers. **Deadline for papers, proposals: Nov. 15**. Contact Lee Pao Xiong at Center for Hmong Studies at xiong@csp.edu.
- **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. **Deadline for abstracts: Nov. 1**. See [conference website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia**, June 24–27, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan. Call for papers. **Deadline for proposals: Oct. 30**. See [conference website](#).
- **5th International Conference on Lao Studies: Lao PDR in the ASEAN Context**, July 8–10, Thammasat University, Bangkok. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Oct. 31**. See [conference website](#).

11. 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](#).
- Gamelan classes in Chicago: 8 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, **Oct. 28–Dec. 16**, Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 Lincoln Ave. See [website](#) for details.
- 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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