

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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**Design with a purpose:** Undergraduate FLAS fellow John Hood explains the math behind the architecture of the 9<sup>th</sup>-century Borobudur Buddhist temple and World Heritage Site in Central Java, Indonesia with a scale model on the Center's table at the math- and science-oriented STEMfest event Oct. 19 at the NIU Convocation Center. The Center's booth was staffed by students and featured games and a Mandala craft-making activity. Thanks to graduate FLAS fellow Julien Ehrenkonig for making it all happen at the CSEAS booth! (Photo / Julien Ehrenkonig)

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### 1. Special lecture: Philippine professor to discuss Mindanao peace prospects Oct. 29



Hall

Rosalie Arcala Hall, professor at the University of the Philippines Visayas, will be on campus at 4 p.m. Tuesday, **Oct. 29**, to present “The Framework Agreement on Bangsamoro: Prospects for Peace in Southern Philippines” in a special lecture in the Capitol Room South at the Holmes Student Center. The landmark Bangsamoro framework agreement was signed on Oct. 15, 2012, by the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), a separatist Islamic group that has been operating for decades in Central Mindanao seeking autonomy for the Muslim majority region. Most recently there have been violent setbacks focused in Zamboanga City (see

below). In her lecture Hall will address the implications of the framework agreement and the outlines for what is hoped to be an enduring peace process in the southern Philippines.

### 2. Campus groups organize fund-raiser for conflict-torn Zamboanga City

In the wake of recent violence in Zamboanga City in the southern Philippines, thousands of people have been displaced from their homes. NIU’s Rotaract Club, the Asian American Center and Center associate Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail’s Tagalog language class have organized a fund-raising open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, **Oct. 29**, at the Asian American Center to help support emergency relief efforts in the city. Organizers are asking for a small donation in exchange for one bowl of rice and a cup of water to learn more about the situation in the southern Philippines.

### 3. Center associates update: At the podium and in print

\* Tharaphi Than (foreign languages and literatures) presented “Juggling between Religion and Modernity: The World of Burmese Women Writers” **Oct. 18** at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Southeast Asian Studies’ regular Friday forum.

\* Kheang Un (political science) will be presenting at the **Nov. 22–23** Great Games in Central and Southeast Asia in the Great Power Politics international conference on Cheju Island in South Korea. The conference is organized by the Northeast Asia Future Forum, an academic collaboration among the Graduate School of International Studies at Chung Ang University, the Center for International and Strategic Studies at Peking University and the US-Korea Institute at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

\* Center Director Judy Ledgerwood (anthropology) traveled to Middlesex Community College in Lowell, Mass. **Oct. 17–19** for “Crossing Borders, Bridging Cultures: Remapping Identities in Southeast Asia,” a workshop that is part of a national symposium sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Ledgerwood presented “Cambodian Cultures/Khmerian Identities.” In addition to presentations, the workshop included discussions of practical ways to enhance courses and curricula in Asian studies.

\* Andrea Molnar (anthropology) reports that one of her former students Poonnatree (Golf) Jiaviriyaboonya (MA anthropology, 2012) has been accepted into the anthropology PhD program at [Australian National University](#). Congratulations to Golf!

\* It may not be a typical media mention for Michael Buehler (political science) and NIU, but both made the infamous page six of the *New York Post* in an **Oct. 16** [story](#) about the professional debut of a Muslim Malay woman in a recent high-profile mixed martial arts fight at Singapore Indoor Stadium. Ann Osman, a business development manager, is the first Muslim Malay

woman to have competed at this level. Her appearance was expected to be draw fire from the conservative Muslim community. “I’m sure there’s going to be some kind of backlash,” Buehler (erroneously quoted in the *Post* as Mark Buehler) said of the fight. Elsewhere in the media, Buehler was quoted in an Oct. 20 [article](#) about troubles with Indonesia’s political clans in the *Financial Times*.

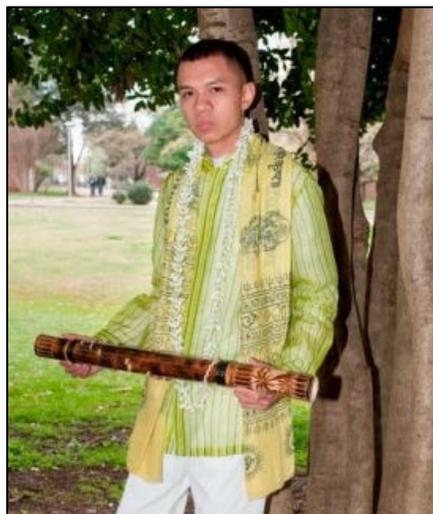
#### 4. Anthropology student invited to speak at Field Museum event for Philippine collection

A few days ago, anthropology MA student and FLAS fellow Anthonie Tumpag was given a rare private tour of the Chicago Field Museum’s collection of 10,000 largely pre-colonial and Muslim artifacts from the Philippines. Tumpag is one of several guest speakers for the museum’s Oct. 28 [kickoff](#) of its [10,000 Kwentos](#) project who were invited for the Oct. 16 tour.

Most of the museum’s Philippine artifacts, which were collected during the early 1900s and the 1899–1902 Philippine-American War, have been in the museum’s vaults in storage for years, Tumpag said. Because the origin and use of the artifacts have not been well-researched, the museum is seeking to involve the Chicago Filipino community in gathering more information (including stories or *kwentos*) about the objects. Most of the pieces were gathered in funded expeditions between 1907 and 1910; the rest were donated by American soldiers serving in the Philippines during the Philippine-American War. Anthropologist Fay-Cooper Cole, for whom both the collection and NIU’s Cole Hall, is named, and others were the primary scientists involved in amassing the collection.

Tumpag, who came to NIU to study cultural anthropology in 2012 from Middle Tennessee State University and has shown his own collection of Southeast Asian artifacts twice at NIU, has been asked to speak about discovering his own Filipino-American heritage through the experience of collecting artifacts. Touring the collection, Tumpag said, was powerful. “[It was] a surreal moment where each person seemed to have their own personal, tangible connection with their past,” he said. “For me it was an emotional and powerfully uplifting experience that I will always remember and draw strength from.”

The kickoff event takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. **Oct. 28** at the *marae* house in the Maori gallery. To attend the event, contact Ron Salazar at [ron.salazar@cityofchicago.org](mailto:ron.salazar@cityofchicago.org) or Edgar Jimenez at [edgar@fan-chicago.org](mailto:edgar@fan-chicago.org).



**Anthropology student Anthonie Tumpag, who’s been asked to speak at the Field Museum in Chicago Oct. 28, with an item from his personal collection.**

#### 5. Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs this weekend



**Jacobsen**



**Wang**

Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., will be the site of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs Friday and Saturday this week. Center associate Trude Jacobsen (NGOLD/history) will lead the panel “The Past in Burma’s (Gendered) Present: Historicizing Intersectionality in Myanmar.” Associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) is presenting “Do I Sound Chinese Now? A Musical and

Cultural Analysis of Students' Learning Experience in the Northern Illinois University Chinese Music Ensemble." Adjunct Alan Potkin will be presenting "Mekong Fisheries Greenwash? Retrieving the Pak Mun Dam Experience from Orwell's Memory Hole." Conference registration, which includes Saturday evening banquet and one-year MCAA membership, is \$65 for students; \$85 for others. For details, see [conference website](#).

## 6. Information session for NGO study abroad Oct. 28, 29

Two information sessions for next summer's "NGOs and Globalization: Southeast Asia" study abroad program are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, **Oct. 28**, and Tuesday, **Oct. 29**, in Zulauf 1015. Associate History Professor Trude Jacobsen (history) will outline the program, which will take participants to study the growth of non-governmental organizations in Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam May 28 to June 13.

## 7. Gearing up for a summer study abroad in Southeast Asia



*Study Abroad Thailand 2011 (Photo / Andrea Molnar)*

Examine NGOs in Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam. Explore cultural diversity in Thailand. Experience Balinese music, dance and culture in Indonesia. Learn Lao language and culture in Laos. Conduct clinical research on hearing loss in Cambodia or environmental research on public health in Indonesia. There are more choices than ever to study abroad in Southeast Asia next summer. NIU faculty will lead five of six study abroad programs to SEA offered through NIU's [Study Abroad Office](#).

- [Trude Jacobsen](#) (History) will take a group **May 28–June 13** to Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam to study the

growth of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in those countries. A new program, the course will look at how "development policy is imagined, produced, and received (or resisted) across multiple cultural contexts," Jacobsen says.

- [Jui-Ching Wang](#) (School of Music) will introduce Balinese music, dance, theatre, architecture and crafts **July 1–30** in her new program to Bali, Indonesia. "Students will experience these arts by interacting with the local people and gaining knowledge about the inseparable relationship of the arts, religion, and culture on Bali," Wang says.
- [Andrea Molnar](#) (Anthropology) will reprise her 2012 program, "Cultural Diversity in Thailand," **May 16–June 14** in Thailand. Molnar's program will introduce students to Thai culture and diversity, and examine the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country.
- [Tomoyuki Shibata](#) (College of Health & Human Sciences) returns to Indonesia **June 1–21** to continue research activities on environmental factors and public health. Past program projects have examined the effect of indoor air quality or mothers' behaviors on children's health.

- [King Chung](#) (School of Allied Health & Communicative Disorders) is conducting a group **June 1–14** to Cambodia for “Heart of Hearing Program in Cambodia,” a program to help students develop their clinical skills by working with hearing-impaired individuals and helping facilitate local programs. Geared to audiology students.
- [Study Abroad in Laos](#) (SAIL), a program offered through the Center for Lao Studies in San Francisco and with credit from NIU, will run **June 27–July 31**. Based in Vientiane, Laos, the program offers students language and cultural lessons as well as exposure to Lao history and culture.

### 8. Call for papers: International Burma Studies Conference 2014

The 2014 International Burma Studies Conference will be **Aug. 1–3** in Singapore by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) and the National University of Singapore’s Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The conference theme is “Envisioning Myanmar: Issues, Images, Identities.” Conference organizers are accepting proposals for papers or panels; deadline for submission is **Dec. 31**. Email to [bsc2014@iseas.edu.sg](mailto:bsc2014@iseas.edu.sg). For details, see the [conference website](#).

### 9. **Save the dates:** International Education Week

- **Oct. 29:** Eboo Patel, author of *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*, talks about his book in “Many Beliefs, One Community,” at 6:30 p.m., Carl Sandburg Auditorium, Holmes Student Center. Patel is the founder and executive director of the Chicago-based [Interfaith Youth Core](#). His book is this year’s NIU Common Reading Experience. Read more about it [here](#).
- **Nov. 11–15:** International Education Week sponsored by the Division of International Programs. Plans related to Southeast Asia include a lecture by an Islamic banking expert from Malaysia and an international careers event **Nov. 12**, and a keynote lecture on colonial Burma by Rutgers University historian Chie Ikeya **Nov. 15**.

### 10. Burnish your resumé: Sign up for SEA Studies minor or grad concentration



Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate concentration 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 Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb at [jlamb@niu.edu](mailto:jlamb@niu.edu); graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at [ejones@niu.edu](mailto:ejones@niu.edu).

### 11. Call for papers: International Conference on Hmong Studies

The Center for Hmong Studies at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minn., is seeking proposals for papers and organized panels for its 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Hmong Studies set for **March 21–23**. Emerging and established scholars are invited to share their research on Hmong-related subjects. Panels should consist of three to four panelists and one moderator. Deadline for submissions is Nov. 29. For more information, see the [conference website](#). **NEW**

### 12. Job/internships opportunities

*El Colegio de Mexico*

- **Assistant Professor:** Tenure-track position in Southeast Asian social science; fluency in one Southeast Asian language and Spanish required (Indonesian or Malay encouraged).

**Apply by Jan. 14.** Contact Dr. Hilda Varela Barraza, director Centro de Estudios de Asia y Africa, El Colegio de Mexico, Camino al Ajusco 20, Mexico D.F. 10740, Mexico.

*Eurasia Group*

- **Political risk analyst (Southeast Asia):** In-country experience (priority Thailand-Philippines) desired for position based in New York or Washington. See [job posting](#).

*University of Ohio*

- **Assistant Professor of Southeast Asian History:** Tenure-track position. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 1.** For details, see [job posting](#).

*University of Utah*

- **Assistant Professor of Southeast Asian History:** Tenure-track position. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 8.** For details, see [job posting](#).

*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. For details, see the [Idealist website](#).

### 13. Money for study

*American Institute for Indonesian Studies*

- **Research grants for scholars:** \$5,000 Henry Luce Foundation grants available for American and Indonesian scholars in contemporary and traditional Indonesian studies. **Deadline to apply: Oct. 31.** Forms available at [AIFIS website](#).
- **Research grants for graduate students, postdocs:** \$5,750 Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) grants available for research in contemporary and traditional Indonesian studies. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 15.** Forms at [AIFIS website](#).

*Blakemore Foundation*

- **Advanced language study:** Grants for study of 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. Awards cover tuition and stipend, educational expenses, living costs and transportation. For more information, see the [Blakemore Foundation website](#). **Deadline to apply: Dec. 30.**

*Boren Awards*

- **Foreign language study grants:** Applications open for 2014–15 Boren scholarships (for undergraduates) and fellowships (for graduate students) are now available on the [Boren website](#). Undergraduate awards up to \$20,000 for an academic year's study abroad; \$30,000 awards for graduate students. For application help, see Anne Seitzinger at Study Abroad, 417 Williston Hall (email [aseitz@niu.edu](mailto:aseitz@niu.edu)). **Graduate fellowship applications due Jan. 28; undergraduate scholarship applications due Feb. 5.**

*Center for Khmer Studies*

- **Fellowships:** Applications open for PhD students and senior scholars to conduct research in Cambodia. PhD fellowships are for a maximum of 11 months; senior scholar fellowships are for 4 to 6 months. Open to U.S. citizens only. See [CKS website](#).

*Chulalongkorn University Institute of Thai Studies*

- **Thai studies scholarships:** Empowering Network for International Thai Studies (ENITS) scholarships for master's graduates or doctoral students in Thai studies. Both scholarships require submission of original unpublished research by April 30. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 25.** See [ENITS website](#).

*Council of American Overseas Research Centers*

- **Research fellowship:** Multi-Country Research Fellowship Program offers support in humanities, social sciences or allied natural sciences for doctoral candidates and post-doc scholars. Research must be carried out in two more countries outside of U.S. Funding provided by U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 13.** See [CAORC website](#).

*East-West Center*

- **Graduate fellowships:** Applications for 2014 fellowships now being accepted. Fellowships run up to 24 months. **Application due: Nov. 1.** See [East-West website](#).

*National University of Singapore/Stanford University*

- **Fellowship:** Applications are open for 2014 Lee Kong Chian NUS-Stanford Distinguished Fellowship on Southeast Asia. Open to all nationalities with backgrounds or positions in the social sciences or humanities. See [fellowship website](#).

#### 14. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **5<sup>th</sup> International Graduate Student Conference on Indonesia**, Oct. 30–31, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta. See [conference website](#).
- **East Winds Symposium: East and Southeast Asian Cinema on the Global Stage**, Nov. 2–3, Coventry University, UK. Call for papers. See [conference website](#).
- **Framing 'Asian Studies': Geopolitics, Institutions and Networks**, Nov. 18–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. See [conference website](#).
- **1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Jambi Studies**, Nov. 21–24, Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia. See [conference website](#).
- **Oxford Women's Leadership Symposium**, Dec. 5–6, Oxford University, UK. Call for papers. Cultural, religious, social, and economic conditions topics. See [symposium website](#).
- **Grinnell College Peace Studies Conference**, Feb. 28–March 1, Grinnell, Iowa. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Dec. 20.** Registration free. See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **Alay at Laya: International Conference on Bonifacio and Mabini**, April 17–19, Manila. Call for papers. **Deadline for submission: Oct. 15.** See [conference website](#).
- **Thailand in the World: 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Thai Studies**, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. See [conference website](#).
- **Society for Economic Anthropology Conference**, April 24–26, Austin, Texas. Call for papers. **Abstracts due: Nov. 1.** See [conference website](#).
- **Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)**, June 10–21, Lexington, Ky. Call for papers. **Deadline for proposals: Dec. 1.** See [conference website](#).

#### 15. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- "Siam: The Queen and the White City" is on display in the Costume and Textile gallery at the Chicago History Museum. The exhibition features textiles, photographs and other

items from Thailand that were collected by Queen Savang Vadanafor for display in the exposition's Women's Building. Through **March 2**. For details, see the [museum website](#).

- Learn about the history of Laotian immigration to Elgin, which began in the 1970s at the Vietnam War, in long-running exhibit at the [Elgin Area Historical Society and Museum](#), 360 Park St., Elgin.
- "Remembering the Killing Fields" exhibit is 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 Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance is offered 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. For details, see consulate [website](#).

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