

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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The Council on Thai Studies annual meeting will be held Friday and Saturday at the Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center. Panel discussions, the world premiere of traditional Thai music set for steel pan, and the US premiere of a new documentary are on the program. Details below.

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1. This week's lecture: Join us at COTS **NEW**



Padoonpatt

Ethnic studies scholar Tanachai Mark Padoongpatt, assistant professor in interdisciplinary studies at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, will present “Dispatches from Thai America: Bridging Thai and Thai American Studies” at noon Friday, **October 28**, in the Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center.

Padoonpatt’s lecture is the opening keynote for the **Oct. 28–29** annual meeting of the Council of Thai Studies, an informal gathering for Thai Studies scholars to meet and workshop research in progress. Padoongpatt received his PhD in American Studies and Ethnicity in 2011 at the University of Southern California. His research focuses on the history of race and ethnicity in American society, immigration, urban/suburban cultures, tourism and sports. There will be no Indonesian lunch this week.

2. Thai music for steel pan to highlight COTS conference **NEW**



Poocharoen

A world premiere of traditional music of northeastern Thailand for steel pan will be the cultural highlight of this week’s Council on Thai Studies (COTS) meeting. The conference will open at noon Friday with the keynote address (see above), followed by three afternoon panels (see the full [COTS program](#)). A welcome reception will follow at 5:30 p.m. and feature *Ponglang* music performed by the Chicago-area Thai musicians and performers with the NIU Steelband and the NIU Community School of the Arts steel band. The performance is a first-time collaboration between NIU School of Music professor Liam Teague, director of the NIU Steel Band, NIU music alumnus Chamni

Sripraram (MM, 2001), and Yuko Asada, director of the NIU Community School of the Arts steel band. It is also the first time that Thai music will be performed by steel pan, a traditional instrument from Trinidad and Tobago.

Saturday’s sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. with “Breakfast with the Professors,” a walk-in Thai Studies mentoring opportunity, followed by a day of panels and a lunchtime keynote speech, “Thailand’s Public Administration: A Cocktail of Mixed Paradigms,” by Ora-orn Poocharoen, dean of the Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration at Chiang Mai University. Poocharoen received her PhD in public administration from Syracuse University. Her research topics include the role of consultants in the policy process, the emergence of secondary cities in Southeast Asia, and integrity and meritocracy in Asia. The afternoon also will include the US premiere of the documentary [Welcome to Pa Pae](#) with a question-answer session by the filmmaker Kwame Phillips from John Cabot University. A roundtable from 5 to 6 p.m. will conclude the conference.

Conference registration is free. To register, visit the COTS website at <http://www.niu.edu/cots>. For information, contact conference coordinator Kanjana Thepboriruk (กัญจนา เทพบริรักษ์) at kanjana@niu.edu or any member of NIU’s Thai Studies Committee: CSEAS associates Andrea Molnar (Anthropology), Chalermsee Olson (Founders Memorial Library, and Grant Olson (Foreign Languages and Literatures).

3. Adding to art: The art of dress in Myanmar **NEW**

The Center for Burma Studies (CBS) has been celebrating its 30th anniversary throughout this semester with exhibits, an international conference, and lectures. This week, join CBS and its founding director Richard Cooler, art history professor emeritus, for his lecture, “Identities that

Hang by Thread: The Art of Dress in Myanmar,” which will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, **Oct. 25**, in Altgeld 315. On **Nov. 3**, current CBS Director and art history professor Catherine Raymond will present “From Paper to Skin: Tattoos in Burmese Cultures” from 5 to 6 p.m. in Altgeld 315.

Seven exhibits of traditional and contemporary Burmese art, objects and ephemera are also on display around campus at the NIU Art Museum, the School of Art and Founders Memorial Library. This week is the last week for contemporary Myanmar art, two exhibits of which on display through **Oct. 27** at the Olson Gallery and in the hallway cases across from the gallery in the Jack Arends School of Art building. The exhibit, “Exploring Calligraphy, Serigraphy and Cartography in the Burmese Collection,” is on display through **Oct. 31** on the fourth floor of Founders Memorial Library. Four exhibits including iconic pieces from the Burma Art Collection, including textiles, paintings, Buddhist pieces, chests for holding sacred texts, decorative pieces in wood, ivory and silver, and ceremonial lacquerware, as well as modern works from the Thukhuma Collection, are on display at the NIU Art Museum through **Nov. 18**.

4. Business seminar added SEA study abroad programs **NEW**

There are now two opportunities to leave winter behind and study abroad in Southeast Asia between fall and spring semesters—one to mainland SEA and the other to Bali.



Lee

The NIU College of Business is offering a new [International Business Seminar](#) that will take graduate and undergraduate students to Vietnam and Thailand **Jan. 1–12**. The seminar, led by Accountancy Professor Chih-Chen Lee, is focused on business, entrepreneurship and culture. While COB has offered IBS programs for more than 20 years, this is the first to Southeast Asia, Lee said, noting that students from any discipline are welcome. Cost of the program is \$5,455, which includes international airfare. For more information and to apply, see the International Business Seminar [listing](#) through NIU Study Abroad.

CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) is offering her third Experiencing the Arts in Bali program between semesters **Dec. 15–Jan. 4**. As in previous years, participants will spend three weeks in the mountain village of Bangah in western Bali, where they will learn about traditional culture and religious practices, architecture and crafts, and Balinese music and dance, ending with a performance. Wang is leading the program with art professor Shei-Chau Wang. To learn more, see “Eat, Pray, Learn” in the summer 2015 [Mandala](#) or live the experience in this [video](#) made by one of the program’s participants. Cost of the program is \$3,135, which does not include international airfare. To apply, go to the Bali program [website](#) through NIU Study Abroad.



Wang, left, in Bali in 2014

Interested in gaining firsthand field and living experience in Indonesia, the largest Muslim-majority democracy in the world, next summer? Faculty associate Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) is leading a program in Yogyakarta, Central Java, in the summer, **May 21–June 4**, focusing on Indonesian politics, religious and ethnic diversity and conflict, and 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 and participate in daily activities and field trips.

Cost and program information are pending. For details, contact Hamayotsu at khamayotsu@niu.edu. For more information on studying abroad, see the Study Abroad [website](#).

5. Center associates update: Hamayotsu, Raymond **NEW**

* Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science), who is currently serving as vice president of the American Institute for Indonesian Studies ([AIFIS](#)), has received word that the group has won a US Department of Education 2017–2021 Title VI Post-Secondary Education grant to expand AIFIS operations in the US and Indonesia. Based at Cornell, AIFIS promotes and funds research, educational exchange and collaboration between the two countries. Among the planned projects are Indonesian film tours to area community colleges.

* Kudos to Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond (Art History), whose recently concluded International Burma Studies Conference at NIU was covered in *The Irrawaddy*, a well-respected independent publication published in both English and Burmese. See the article, “Burma Studies Conference Highlights Limits to Democratic Change,” [here](#). With the conference finished, Raymond is off to lecture at Duke University **Oct. 26**, where she will present “From Isolation to Open-Access: Painting Myanmar in the 21st Century” at the John Hope Franklin Center, which is sponsoring her talk along with the Asian Pacific Studies Institute. On **Oct. 28**, she will be back in Illinois, presenting “Myanmar Women Artists Emerging from Isolation and Censorship” at the First Symposium on South Asian Womanhood and Girlhood.

6. Campus notes: Across campus, country and world **NEW**

SEAYLP Administrative Director Maria Nihei has been busy coordinating CSEAS outreach activities this semester. More than 8,000 people attended NIU’s STEMfest at the Convocation Center on **Oct. 8**, where students stopped by the CSEAS table to learn how to use symmetry to create mandala sand paintings from Outreach GA Amanda Spradling (MA student, Art History) and FLAS fellows Margaret Miller, Andrew Waite and Samuel Bunting. Outreach GA Michael McSweeney (MM student, Music) used his musical expertise, a mic and a repeater pedal to also teach students a gamelan clapping rhythm. On



FLTAs Nyein Ma Ma, Intan Hamzah, Edel Villanueva and Asa Kultida at the ready for the mock-classroom exercise.

Oct. 21, Nihei and Foreign Language Teaching Assistants Nyein MaMa, Intan Hamzah, Edel Villanueva, and Asa Kultida taught language skills and cultural information to 16 DeKalb High School freshmen in a mock-classroom exercise in the McMurry Teaching Laboratory on campus. . . . Eight intermediate and advanced Indonesian language students will join students from around country at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., **Oct. 29** to participate in the first West-East Debate in Bahasa Indonesia, sponsored by the Indonesian Embassy and Cornell. The debate question is “Social Media Use is Harmful to the Indonesian Language.” Each speaker must present a three-minute speech (prepared in advance) and answer two questions from the audience, all in Indonesian. Good luck to intermediate students Nadia Biletska, John Hood and Christine Dose and advanced students Rachel Jacob, Andrew Waite, Margaret Miller, Rachael Skog and Leo Reich. . . . Thomas Rhoden

(PhD candidate, political science) published the [article](#), “Death of a Monarch or an Oligarch?” Oct. 17 in the *New Mandala* website.

7. Listen up: CSEAS podcast series ‘on the air’

[Southeast Asia Crossroads](#), CSEAS’s new twice-monthly podcast series, is “on the air” with four conversations so far with guests University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo, NIU art historian Catherine Raymond (with graduate assistant Carmin Berchiolli), Kent State University historian Shane Strate and historian Philippe Peycam, director of the International Institute of Asian Studies in Leiden.

CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones (History), who serves as the podcast’s main moderator with other CSEAS associates occasionally stepping in, sees the Center’s new venture as a natural extension of the Center’s mission as a US Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center for Southeast Asian studies. But he is most excited about the prospect of drawing in a new audience. “Budding students of Southeast Asia can learn to rely on it for important educational content. Experienced Southeast Asia hands will be able to keep a pulse on the state of the field. Casual listeners, lifelong learners and comparative analysts can find great topics about a region they want to know more about,” he says.

8. 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. Whether you’re applying for a summer 2017 or an academic-year 2017–18 FLAS fellowship, or both, you 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. **Summer FLAS applications are due Jan. 1; the deadline for the academic-year FLAS 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. **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.**

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](#)

9. Applications for 2017–18 Neher Fellowship open to graduate students

U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Center’s 2017–18 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. For details, see the [Student Funding](#) page on the CSEAS website; apply [online](#) by **Feb. 1**.

10. Burnish your resume 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; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at iloveroti@gmail.com.

11. **Save the dates:** SEA Club Halloween party, NIU Culturefest

- **Oct. 26:** Philippine Student Association monthly meeting, 9 p.m., Heritage Room, HSC.
- **Oct. 28:** Southeast Asia Club Halloween party, 6 to 8 p.m., Cole Hall 100. Friends, snacks, and scary SEA movies.
- **Oct. 28–29:** Council on Thai Studies conference, Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center, NIU. See [website](#) to register.
- **Nov. 4:** History Graduate Student Association Conference, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Swen Parson Hall.
- **Nov. 17:** NIU Culture Fest sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club, 6 to 8 p.m., Wirtz Hall. **NEW**
- **Through September:** Exhibit on Cambodian music through the years, Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, Founders Memorial Library.
- **Through December 9:** Storytelling: Hmong American Voices exhibit, Pick Museum of Anthropology at NIU.

12. All the news that fits: *Mandala* 2016 posted online

Check out the most recent issue of our [Mandala](#) annual newsletter online. Read all about faculty research activities, fall's Burma Studies and Thai Studies conferences, staff changes, faculty transitions, student news and accomplishments, outreach updates, and a new scholarship established in the name of late political science professor Dwight King.

13. Money for study

Institute of International Education

- **Boren program:** Competitive scholarships for undergraduates, fellowships for graduate students to study less commonly taught languages in-country, including Southeast Asia languages. Awards for undergrads range from \$8,000 for a summer program to \$20,000 for six to 12 months. Awards for graduate students provide up to \$24,000 for overseas study. **Deadline to apply for undergrad awards: Feb. 9; for graduate awards Jan. 31.** See [website](#) for details.

US Department of State

- **Critical Language Scholarship:** Fully funded Indonesian language and cultural immersion program for undergraduate and graduate students. **Deadline to apply for summer 2017: Nov. 16.** See [website](#) for details.

East-West Center

- **Graduate Degree Fellowship:** Applications open for 2017–18 fellowships providing funding for up to 24 months of master's or PhD study at the University of Hawai'i. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 1.** See [website](#) for details.

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- **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, up to \$2,500. Open to all colleges, majors and backgrounds. Proposal guidelines are available [online](#). Students have between **Jan. 1** and **Dec. 31, 2017** to complete their projects, and must present a poster at the annual Undergraduate Research and Artistry Day in April. **Deadline for spring 2017: Feb. 10.**
- **Graduate School Travel Grants:** Students invited to submit proposals for 2016–17. **Rolling deadlines: Oct. 17, Jan. 17, and March 20.** One year of school completed with 3.5 GPA or above. See [website](#) for details. Submit applications to Dean, Graduate School, 223 Adams Hall. CSEAS will do a department match. Contact Director Judy Ledgerwood at jledgerw@niu.edu.

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Fellowships:** Open to US and Cambodian PhD candidates and scholars in social sciences and humanities to pursue research in Cambodia and elsewhere in mainland SEA. Short-term and long-term awards. Funded by American Council of American Overseas Research Centers. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15.** See [website](#).

Institute of International Education

- **Boren awards:** Undergraduate scholarships (\$20,000) and graduate fellowships (\$30,000) for study or research abroad of less commonly taught languages, including SEA languages. **Fellowship deadline: Jan. 31. Scholarship deadline: Feb. 9.** See [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 2018–19 fellowships available in mid-December. See [website](#).

14. Job/internship opportunities

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

- **Tenure track position:** Critical Hmong Studies assistant, associate or full professor to begin **Aug. 21, 2017.** See [website](#) for details.

Yale-National University of Singapore

- **Tenure-track position:** Cultural or social anthropologist (assistant professor). **Deadline to apply: Oct. 31.** See [website](#) for details.

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 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](#).

15. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **9th Annual History Graduate Student Conference**, Nov. 4, Swen Parson Hall, Northern Illinois University. Theme: Producing History. 8 a.m. start, panels all day with reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery. Contact coordinator JoAnn LoSavio at niuhistorygsa@gmail.com.
- **4th Hmong Studies Consortium International Conference**, Jan. 4–5, Chiang Mai University, Thailand. Theme: Memories, Networks and Identities of Transnational Hmong. See [website](#).
- **International Conference on Political Transition, Non-Violence and Communication in Conflict Transformation**, Jan. 24–26, Prince of Songkla University, Pattani, Thailand. See [website](#).
- **On Borders and Borderlands: Negotiating the ‘Margins’ under Globalization**, Feb. 7–8, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India. See [details](#).
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia-Pacific Region**, Feb. 16–18, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. Some travel funding available. See [website](#).
- **Vietnam and Korea as ‘Longue Duree’ Subjects: Negotiating Tributary and Colonial Positions**, March 3–4, Vietnam National University, Hanoi. Two-part international conference coordinated by International Institute for Asian Studies and others. See [website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies (AAS)**, March 16–19, Toronto. Registration open. For details, see [website](#).

- **AAS-in-Asia: Asia in Motion**, June 24–27, Korea University, Seoul. Call for proposals. **Deadline to submit: Oct. 31.** See [website](#).
- **13th International Conference on Thai Studies**, July 15–18, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Theme: Globalized Thailand? Connectivity, Conflict and Conundrums of Thai Studies. See [website](#).
- **International Convention of Asia Scholars**, July 20–23, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Co-sponsored by International Institute for Asian Studies and Chiang Mai University. Some funding available. See [website](#).

16. 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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