

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of October 29, 2018



Center visitors: CSEAS and the Center for Burma Studies welcomed Chin high school students from Wheaton, Glen Ellyn and Clarendon Hills Oct. 26 as part of an all-campus tour. The group met with academic advisers from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and the College of Business, and staff from Admissions and Financial Aid.

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1. This week's lecture: Refugee truths on the Thai-Burma border **NEW**



Roe

Lawyer Michael Roe will present "Thailand's Shan Refugees: NGOs in a Good Light, and *The Wrong Light*" at noon Friday, **Nov. 2**, in Campus Life 100. Kane County lawyer Roe has been involved with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) helping refugees on the Thai-Burma border in northern Thailand for a number of years. In light of the 2017 documentary [The Wrong Light](#), which tells the story of an NGO in Chiang Mai gone astray, he discusses the impact of good NGOs, and bad actors, on the plight of refugees in the region. To order a Southeast Asian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at [CSEAS Brown Bag Order](#). **To cancel an order, you must do so online by 10 a.m. Friday.** Cost is \$5 for students, \$7 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. E-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com for details.

2. Special talk this week: Angkor Wat archaeologist Darith Ea



Darith Ea

One of Cambodia's leading archaeologist on Angkor Wat, Dr. Darith Ea, presents "Koh Ker: The 10th Century Angkorian Capital City of Jayavarman IV and His Son, Harshavarman II" from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, **Oct. 29**, in Campus Life 100. Jayavarman IV moved the Angkorian capital to Koh Ker, approximately 55 miles from Angkor in the early to mid-900s CE. New work at the site reveals that the city was occupied for the next five centuries. Dr. Ea, a visiting fellow at Cornell University, will discuss his work at this important archaeological site in his lecture.

3. Center associates update: In print and at the podium **NEW**

- * Congratulations to Kheang Un (Political Science), whose manuscript for *Cambodia: Return to Authoritarianism?* has been accepted by Cambridge University Press.
- * Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail (World Languages and Cultures) is presenting "Rebuilding the Community Spirit in the Language Learning Classroom One Partner and One Group at a Time" at the **Oct. 26–27** Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages fall conference in Naperville.
- * Catherine Raymond (Art History, Center for Burma Studies) will present a paper at the SEAMEO SPAFA [International Conference on Southeast Asian Archaeology](#) in June in Bangkok and is organizing a panel on Asian reverse glass painting traditions for the [International Convention of Asia Scholars](#) in July in Leiden.

4. **Save the dates:** 'Noodles and Oodles of Terror' movie night this week **NEW**

- **Oct. 29:** Cambodian archaeologist Dr. Darith Ea talks about new archaeological research at Angkor Wat, noon to 1 p.m., Campus Life 100.
- **Oct. 29:** Southeast Asia Club movie night, "Noodles and Oodles of Terror," 6 to 8 p.m., 206 DuSable. Free noodle bar and [Pee Mak](#), a 2013 Thai comedy-horror-romance film by Banjong Pisanthanaku. It is an adaption of a Thai folk legend. **NEW**
- **Nov. 1:** "Unmasked: Facing the Imposter Syndrome," 5 to 7 p.m., Holmes Student Center. Jobs PLUS event: [registration](#) required.
- **Nov. 12–16:** International Education Week.
- **Nov. 13:** Host Family Recognition Reception, 6 p.m., Ellington's Restaurant, Holmes Student Center. **NEW**
- **Nov. 15:** Opening of "Vanishing Art from Myanmar: The Buddhist Reverse Glass Painting Tradition," 5 to 7 p.m., NIU Art Museum. Through **Feb. 15**.

- **Nov. 15:** International Culture Night, 6:30 p.m., Campus Life 100 and atrium. Food, performances and culture tables.
- **Nov. 16:** International Symposium, Looking through the Glass: Asian Reverse Glass Painting Traditions, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 315 Altgeld.
- **Nov. 20:** Southeast Asia art curator Alexandra Green of the British Museum, 5 p.m., Room 111, Jack Arends Art Building.
- **Nov. 26:** Gamelan open house, 102 Music Building.
- **Nov. 29:** Statement of Purpose Workshop, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Room 293, Founders Library.

5. FLAS fellowships application posted online **NEW**

Whether you're applying for a summer 2019 or an academic-year 2019–20 FLAS fellowship, or both, you can apply for a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship with **one application**. The [application](#) and all [information](#) on both summer and academic-year FLAS awards are posted online. **Summer FLAS applications will be due Jan. 1; the deadline for the academic-year FLAS is Feb. 1.** The U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships funds FLAS 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. Questions? Contact Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu. What's it like to be a FLAS fellow? See [article](#) in the NIU Newsroom.

6. Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia

U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Center's 2019–20 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. The fellowship includes a tuition waiver and a \$5,000 annual stipend. To apply, students should be at an advanced stage in their master's or doctoral program, and planning field or archival research in SEA studies. Applicants must also be in good standing with NIU and demonstrate a commitment to career involving SEA Studies. **Apply online by Jan. 15;** for details, see CSEAS [website](#).

7. Dwight Y. King Graduate Scholarship for the Study of Indonesia

International students pursuing advanced degrees involving substantial Indonesia research are invited to apply the 2019–20 Dwight Y. King Graduate Scholarship for the Study of Indonesia. Applicants for this \$1,000 award should be a student in good standing and at an advanced stage in their master's or doctoral program. In keeping with King's lifelong commitment to public affairs, preference will be given to students interested in working in developing countries. Application must include a personal statement, research proposal, PDF of graduate transcript and a letter of recommendation. **Deadline to apply is Jan. 15.**

8. Special lecture Nov. 20: British Museum's Alexandra Green



Green

Alexandra Green, Henry Ginsburg Curator for Southeast Asia at the British Museum, will present "Image as Information: Materialising the Buddha in Late Burmese Art" at 5 p.m. Tuesday, **Nov. 20**, in Room 111 in the Jack Arends Art Building. Green has most recently published *Buddhist Visual Cultures, Rhetoric and Narrative in Late Burmese Wall Paintings* (Hong Kong University Press, 2018) and "From Collecting History to Iconography: Southeast Asian Shadow Puppets in the British Museum" in the *Journal of the Siam Society*. She is currently working on an

exhibition about Sir Stamford Raffles' Javanese collections that will open at the British Museum in 2019.

9. Winning words: Statement of purpose workshop Nov. 29

Applying for graduate school or going for a top scholarship like a Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship? Learn to put a compelling statement of purpose together from Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. **Nov. 29** in Room 293, Founders Library. Spend an hour and pick up the tools you need to put together a winning package. For details, contact Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

10. Indonesian tsunami and earthquake relief—how to help

Indonesian relief groups are mobilizing to deal with the massive destruction and loss of life wrought by earthquakes in Lombok, Bali, in August and earthquakes and a tsunami in Palu, Sulawesi, Sept. 28. If you would like to help, CSEAS has compiled a list of preferred non-governmental organizations accepting donations for relief efforts.



- **[Indonesian Red Cross](#)**: Funds will pay for relief supplies, such as mattresses and baby kits, and vehicles, such as water trucks and heavy equipment.
- **[CARE](#)**: Funds will go toward providing drinking water, shelter and sanitation.
- **[GlobalGiving](#)**: Donations will go toward emergency supplies of food, water and medicine in addition to recovery assistance. Specify Lombok or Palu to find specific donation pathways.
- **[UNICEF Indonesia](#)**: Donations will go toward helping children and families.

11. Deadlines approach for NIU undergrad research grants

Got an undergraduate research project you want to pursue? NIU's Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL) has several opportunities to fund student-generated research projects on or off campus, including overseas. **Deadlines to apply for these grants range from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15.** See the OSEEL [website](#).

12. Module 2 scheduled for distance Burmese class

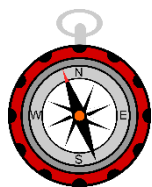
The second module for Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than's beginning Burmese as a non-credit [distance class](#) has been scheduled for **Jan. 27** to **March 28**. Completion of modules 1 and 2 is the equivalent of one-year beginning Burmese taught at NIU. After taking both modules, community college students who intend to transfer to NIU are eligible to apply for Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships through CSEAS. For details, contact Than at tthan@niu.edu or CSEAS at cseas@niu.edu.

13. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Check out our newest podcast

CSEAS is marking nearly 9,000 listens of our [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast series since its debut in September 2016. In our latest conversation, host Eric Jones discusses "Studying Myanmar through Food: Challenging Paradigms and Connecting Universities with Communities" with historian and NIU Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than. Than discusses her work with the Humanities Across Borders project: Food as a Lens for Cultural and Historical Studies. Our

following keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

14. Apply online for graduate conference travel



The Graduate School is inviting degree-seeking graduate students in good academic standing to submit [travel grant](#) proposals for the 2018–19 academic year. Students invited to present results of their original research or creative activity at a professional may submit a proposal for matching funding through their department to the Graduate School; students must secure \$200 to \$500 in department or college funding in order to secure the matching funds from the Graduate School. Apply online by any of three rolling deadlines (**Oct. 15**, **Jan. 15** and **March 15**). Apply [online](#).

15. Burnish your resumé 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. Visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates should contact adviser Colleen Gray at cgray3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

16. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts



- Northern Illinois University Press is seeking quality scholarly, accessible book-length manuscripts in Southeast Asian Studies to consider for publication. Address inquiries to Kenton Clymer, editor, Southeast Asian Series, NIU Press, at kclymer@niu.edu.
- The *Regional Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* is soliciting critical and scholarly work in the humanities and social sciences by Southeast Asia-based scholars for 2019. Send abstracts on or before **Dec. 30** to editorialassistant@rjseas.org. See [website](#).

17. Money for study

Princeton in Asia

- **Fellowships:** Non-profit affiliated with Princeton University offering 140 full-year post-grad fellowships for 2019–20, including Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, The Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 2.** See [website](#).

U.S. Department of State

- **Critical Language Scholarship:** Fully funded intensive language and cultural immersion program for undergraduate and graduate students during the summer. Spend eight to 10 weeks abroad studying Indonesian (one of 15 critical languages, including Chinese). No previous language study required. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 27.** See [website](#). C

Wageningen University

- **Doctoral position:** Rural and Environmental History Group offering fully funded four-year PhD position to work on project documenting migration to Southeast Asia in 19th and 20th centuries. Temporary contract for 18 months with extension for additional 30 months. Deadline to apply: Nov. 19. See [website](#).

National University of Singapore

- **Postdoctoral Research Fellowships:** Two-year appointment on the topic of “Reconceptualizing the Cold War: On-the-ground Experiences in Asia.” Project aims to build

online oral history archive about Cold War and decolonization in Asia. Appointments to begin Feb. 1 or Aug. 1. Send cover letter, CV, statement addressing research experience and possible contribution to project and two letters of recommendation to Principal Investigator Masuda Hajimu, NUS Department of History, at hishm@nus.edu.sg. **Application review to begin Nov. 15.**

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Doctorate and Senior Fellowships:** Applications open for U.S., Cambodian and French scholars. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15.** See [website](#).

Leiden University

- **MA/PhD scholarships:** Institute of History offers funding for five master's students intending to pursue doctorates in colonial and global history at Leiden. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 1.** See [website](#).

East-West Center

- **Graduate fellowships:** Available for master's or doctoral degree students pursuing degrees at University of Hawai'i. Open to citizens or permanent residents of the US and citizens of countries in the Pacific and Asia, including Russia. **Deadline to apply for fall 2019: Dec. 1.** For details on this and other East-West funding opportunities, see [website](#).

Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)

- **2018–19 fellowships:** Funding to conduct research in Indonesia and Cambodia. Supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Open to American doctoral students and scholars and international students who have lived minimum of three years in the U.S. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 24.** See [website](#).

Rotary International

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master's degree (up to two years) or professional development certificate studies (three months) offered through six universities worldwide. **Deadline to apply: May 31.** See [website](#).

East-West Center

- **Affiliate Scholar Program:** Short-term affiliation with the East-West Center for graduate students from around the world to pursue thesis or dissertation research in 2018. **Revolving deadlines to submit.** See [website](#).

ProFellow

- **Dissertation Research Fellowships:** Check the ProFellow [website](#) for 30 different opportunities for dissertation research funding.

18. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers NEW

- **American Academy of Religion**, Nov. 17–20, Denver, CO. Topic: Religion in Southeast Asia. Call for papers. See [website](#).
- **Love's Labour's Cost? Asian Migration, Intimate Labor and the Politics of Gender**, Dec. 3–4, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. See [website](#).
- **InterAsian Connections VI: Hanoi**, Dec. 4–7, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences. See [website](#).
- **Delta Cities: Rethinking Practices of the Urban**, Dec. 10–15, Vietnam. Organized by International Institute for Asian Studies, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chi Minh City, and Engaging with Vietnam. See [website](#).
- **CALA 2019: Revitalization and Representation**, Jan. 23–26, 2019, Siem Reap, Cambodia. Conference on Asian Linguistic Anthropology. See [website](#).

- **18th East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific**, Feb. 12–14, Honolulu. See [website](#).
- **16th Urban Culture Forum: Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in an Urbanizing World**, March 12–13, Bangkok. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Nov. 30**. See [website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 21–24, Denver, CO. See [website](#).
- **Midwest Political Science Association**, April 4–7, Chicago. See [website](#).
- **SEAMEO SPAFA International Conference on Southeast Asian Archaeology**, June 17–21, Bangkok. Call for session proposals. **Deadline to submit: Oct. 31**. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **AAS-in-Asia**, July 1–4, Bangkok. Co-sponsored by Association for Asian Studies and Thammasat University. See [website](#).
- **International Convention on Asia Scholars 11**, July 16–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **American Political Science Association**, Aug. 29–Sept. 1, Washington, DC. Call for papers from Southeast Asian Politics group. \$100 award will be given for best student paper. **Deadline to submit: Nov. 30**. For submission questions, email Dotan Haim (dotan.haim@dartmouth.edu) or Jacob Ricks (jacobricks@smu.edu.sg). For conference details, see [website](#).

19. Careers

Thammasat University

- **One-year professorship:** Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology seeking PhD in anthropology, sociology or related fields. Contract extension possible. Teach one course per semester plus other academic activities. For details, contact Deputy Dean Yukti Mukdawijitra, iamyukti@yahoo.com.

VIA

- **Global Community Fellowship:** 13-15-month program for graduating seniors (2019) and young professionals to work at NGOs, schools, universities and social enterprises in Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Monthly stipend, travel insurance, 10-day training in Thailand, midyear conference and year-end wrap-up provided (and housing in some locations); participants pay for transport to and from Asia, plus funds for food during VIA gatherings. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 11**. See [website](#).

UCLA

- **Assistant professor:** Tenure-track position in Department of Asian Languages and Cultures open to discipline and country specialty. Preference for applicants in fields of study of religion, culture and literature. Position to begin July 1, 2019. **Application review: Nov. 15 to Dec. 1**. See [job listing](#).

Georgetown University

- **History professor:** Tenure-track position to teach 20th-century history of Southeast and/or South Asia at Welsh School of Foreign Service. Open to current professors or new PhDs. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15**. See [job listing](#).

Bridge to Success

- **English Teachers in China:** Ten-month- internships and jobs for English speakers with bachelor's degree minimum. See [website](#).

Center for Strategic and International Studies

- **Internships:** Full- and part-time internships for undergraduates, advanced students and recent graduates who are interested in gaining practical experience in public policy. Based in Washington, DC. Rolling deadlines to apply. See [website](#).

Eurasia Group

- **Researcher, Political Risk Training Program:** One-year training assignment in political risk assessment with possibility of returning for second year. BA in political science, regional studies or economics with deep knowledge, some in-country experience and foreign language fluency of relevant country or sub-region. See [job listing](#).
- **Careers:** Submit your resume to be considered for other careers with Eurasia Group. See [website](#).

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. Explore postgraduate civil-service career paths as well. See [program website](#).

ASEAN/ASEC

- **Job listings:** Check [website](#) frequently for open positions at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC).

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](#).

Learn How to Become

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of meaningful volunteer and nonprofit career options and resources. See [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 [website](#).

20. Area cultural opportunities

- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum's co-curation team 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. 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. See the consulate's [Facebook](#) page.
- Indonesian Dance of Illinois offers traditional dance and gamelan music lessons Saturdays in Evanston, IL. See [website](#).

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