

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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### 1. This week's lecture: Past-life case studies in Cambodia **NEW**

[Erik Davis](#), associate professor of religious studies at Macalester College, will present "Past Lives Present. Tense: Contemporary Cambodian Past-Birth Memories" at noon Friday, **Oct. 13**, in Campus Life 100. Davis, the author of *Deathpower: Buddhism's Ritual Imagination in Cambodia* (Columbia University Press, 2015), examines four case studies of people who claim past-life memory and what happens after such claims. 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 and \$7 for faculty, staff and others. Pay in cash or by check. For lunch details, e-mail [cseasbrownbag@gmail.com](mailto:cseasbrownbag@gmail.com).

### 2. Two FLAS opportunities, two deadlines, one application **NEW**

Whether you're applying for a summer 2018 or an academic-year 2018–19 FLAS fellowship, or both, you can apply for a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship with **one application**.

The soon-to-be updated [application](#) and all [information](#) on both summer and academic-year FLAS awards are posted online. **Summer FLAS applications are 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](mailto:jcwang@niu.edu).

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](#)

### 3. Applications for 2018–19 graduate Neher Fellowship open **NEW**

U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Center's 2018–19 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, you should be at an advanced stage in your program, either master's or doctoral, and planning field or archival research in SEA studies. You must also be in good standing with NIU and demonstrate a commitment to career involving SEA Studies. Apply [online](#) by Feb. 1; for details, see CSEAS [website](#).

### 4. Ghostly fun with the Southeast Asia Club **NEW**

Enter the spirit world with the Southeast Club at its next event, Noodles and Oodles of Terror, from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, in Cole Hall 100. Enjoy your choice of Indonesian or Thai noodles at a pop-up noodle bar and then settle in for a classic Thai horror film. Free and open to all.

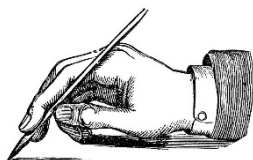
*Southeast Asia Club officers, from left, Rachael Skog, I Younan, Kristie Amstutz, Kallen Terry, Janet Vallejo and Cameron Foreman.*



## 5. Be a Peace Corps Volunteer? Learn more at Work That Matters Oct. 17 **NEW**

The roots of CSEAS go back to the first days of the Peace Corps in the early 1960s, when NIU was one of the first training centers for volunteers bound for Southeast Asia (see CSEAS [timeline](#)). And several CSEAS faculty and students over the years have come to Southeast Asian studies through this route. If you think you might be interested in becoming a Peace Corps Volunteer, you can find out more this week at Work That Matters from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, **Oct. 17**, in 212 DuSable. Learn more about career opportunities with the Peace Corps, City Year and the U.S. Department of State.

## 6. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts



The Northern Illinois University Press is seeking quality, scholarly but 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](mailto:kclymer@niu.edu).

## 7. **Save the dates:** From Peace Corps to noodle night to lantern festival **NEW**

- **Oct. 17:** Learn about the Peace Corps, State Department and City Year career options, 5 to 6 p.m., 212 DuSable. **NEW**
- **Oct. 18:** All-Majors Internship and Job Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Convocation Center.
- **Oct. 21:** NIU STEM Fest 2017, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. CSEAS will be there with the math behind the mandala.
- **Oct. 25:** Southeast Asia Club's Noodles and Oodles of Terror night, 6 to 8 p.m., Cole Hall 100. SEA noodle bar and Thai horror film. **NEW**
- **Oct. 29:** Join CSEAS in the Sycamore Pumpkinfest Parade. Stay tuned for details—many ways to participate!
- **Nov. 8:** Colegio de Mexico anthropology professor John Marston discusses his research in Cambodia, noon to 1 p.m., location TBD.
- **Nov. 13–17:** International Education Week at NIU.
- **Nov. 17:** Lantern Festival, 3 to 5 p.m., East Lagoon. Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club.

## 8. Tune in to our latest podcast: ASEAN@50 conference



Take a listen to our latest [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast: ASEAN@50: A conversation with NIU political scientist Aarie Glas, the Asia Foundation's John Brandon and University of Delaware political scientist Alice Ba about NIU's recent conference on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Check out our other podcasts as well, among them conversations with: NIU Thai language professor Kanjana Thepboriruk, Eastern Connecticut State University historian Bradley Camp Davis, University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo, NIU art historian

Catherine Raymond (with graduate assistant Carmin Berchiolly), Kent State University historian Shane Strate, historian Philippe Peycam, Vietnamese-American poet and Grinnell University professor Hai Dang Phan, St. Mary's College global studies professor Laura Elder, Miami University political scientist Tani Sebros, Burma historians Mairii Aung-Thwin and Jovan Cavoski, Cambodia historian Matt Jagel and ethnomusicologists Naomi Gingold, Heather MacLachlan and Gavin Douglas. Our listenership keeps growing. Since the [series' inception](#) in September 2016, Crossroads podcasts have been downloaded more than 2,500 times with listeners in 50 countries.

## 9. 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. 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](mailto:mhancock3@niu.edu); graduate students should contact Acting Director Eric Jones at [eajones@niu.edu](mailto:eajones@niu.edu).

## 10. Money for study **NEW**

*NIU*

- **Student Engagement Fund:** Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL) and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences funding for faculty-mentored and community-based research projects, NIU faculty-led study abroad programs, and travel to conferences or competitions. Funding ranges from \$1,200 to \$3,500 per year. **Deadline to apply for spring: Oct. 15.** Email [engage@niu.edu](mailto:engage@niu.edu) or visit OSEEL in Altgeld 100.

*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.

*Rice University*

- **Postdoctoral Fellowship in SEA Studies:** Applications open for Henry Luce Foundation Fellowship to begin Jan. 1, 2018. Open to any aspect of research in SEA with transnational orientation. See [website](#).

*National Endowment for the Humanities*

- **CAORC Fellowships:** Applications open for 2017–18 Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) four-month senior research fellowships for U.S. and international postdoctoral scholars and multi-country research fellowships for U.S. doctoral candidates and postdocs. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 31.** See [website](#).

*U.S.-Indonesia Society (USINDO)*

- **Summer study in Indonesia:** Partial subsidy for **May 24–Aug. 2** language and cultural studies program based in Yogyakarta. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 8.** See [website](#).

*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. 30. Scholarship deadline: Feb. 8.** See [website](#).

*Blakemore Foundation*

- **Blakemore Freeman Fellowships:** Tuition and stipend awarded to college graduates, graduate students and young professions for academic year of advanced language study in



Asia. SEA languages: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai and Vietnamese. Open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 30.** 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. See [website](#).

#### *University of Cambridge*

- **Scholarships for international students:** Fully funded undergraduate and graduate scholarships available. **Undergraduate deadline to apply: Oct. 15. Graduate deadline to apply: Dec. 6.** See [website](#).

### 11. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers

- **International Symposium on Gender in Southeast Asian Art Histories**, Oct. 11–13, University of Sydney, Australia. See [website](#).
- **Canadian Council of Southeast Asian Studies**, Oct. 26–27, York University, Toronto. Theme: People In and Out of Place. Hosted by York Centre for Asian Research. Call for papers. See [website](#).
- **Asia Research Institute**, Nov. 9–10, National University of Singapore. Topic: Labor Market Uncertainties for Youth and Young Adults. See [website](#).
- **5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Contemporary Cultural Studies**, Nov. 27–28, Singapore. See [website](#).
- **8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Language, Education, Humanities and Innovation**, Nov. 27–28, Ho Chi Minh City. See [website](#).
- **International Institute for Asian Studies Symposium**, Dec. 11–12, Airlangga University, Surabaya, Indonesia. Theme: River Cities: Water Space in Urban Development and History. See [website](#).
- **9<sup>th</sup> Engaging with Vietnam Conference**, Dec. 28–Jan. 4, Ho Chi Minh City and Tuy Hoa, Vietnam. Hosted by Vietnam National University and University of Hawai'i-Manoa. Call for papers. See [website](#).
- **17<sup>th</sup> International Graduate Student Conference**, Feb. 15–17, East-West Center, Honolulu. Limited number of travel grants available. See [website](#).
- **7<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Studies Symposium**, March 22–24, Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta. Project Southeast Asia/University of Oxford. In collaboration with UI's School of Environmental Science and Indonesia Environmental Scientists Association. Call for papers and panels. **Deadline to submit: Oct. 15.** See [website](#).
- **Midwest Political Science Association**, April 5–8, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago. Call for papers, roundtables and complete panels. **Deadline to submit EXTENDED: Oct. 13.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **Asian Extremes: Climate, Meteorology and Disaster in History**, May 17–18, National University of Singapore. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit: Oct. 17.** See [website](#).

### 12. Careers **NEW**

#### *Vanderbilt University*

- **Director, Global Studies Program:** Seeking scholar-teachers to be inaugural director of new program. Tenured position. Appointment at the associate or full professor rank. **Application review to begin Nov. 1.** To apply online, see [job listing](#). **NEW**

### *Eurasia Group*

- **Research Associate:** Singapore-based specialist in Southeast Asia. Master's degree or greater preferred. Fluency in one SEA language preferred but not required. **Posted Aug. 18.** See [job listing](#).
- **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](#).

### *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](mailto: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](#).

### *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](mailto: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](#).

### 13. Area cultural opportunities

- **Object lessons:** What stories can be told through this Filipino object? Find out at an upcoming Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago exhibit to be installed at two Chicago-area venues, the Turkish American Society, 501 Midway Drive, Mount Prospect, and the Trickster Art Gallery, 190 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg. All three organizations will be sharing migration stories of inheritance from their communities through exhibitions, stories and performances during collaborative events held from 5 to 9 p.m. [Oct. 21](#), at the Turkish American Society, and from 3 to 5 p.m. [Oct. 28](#) at the Trickster Gallery. (Photo / Anthonie Tumpag)
- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum's co-curation team at [cocuration.philippines@fieldmuseum.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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