

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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1. Remembering Dwight King

It is with great sadness that the Center shares the news that political science professor emeritus and former CSEAS Director Dwight King died **Sept. 10** at the Oak Crest Retirement Center in DeKalb. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, **Oct. 4**, at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 615 N. First St., in DeKalb. Dwight joined the Political Science department in 1978, where he taught comparative politics and policy, Southeast Asian politics and policy, especially Indonesia, and the political economy of development and development administration. In addition to teaching, he twice served as the director of graduate studies, overseeing the advanced degrees of numerous students from Indonesia over several decades who went on to prominent positions in government and academia. Toward the end of his



Dwight King with former president Jimmy Carter in an undated photo.

career, King served as CSEAS Director from 2006 to 2008 after which he retired. King received his bachelor's degree in 1964 from Goshen College, a bachelor's in sacred theology from Harvard University in 1968, an MA from Johns Hopkins University in 1970, and his PhD in 1978 from the University of Chicago. He was awarded a Fulbright early in his career, followed by other fellowships and awards, and later served as a visiting scholar in Thailand and Indonesia. He published widely, authoring journal articles, book chapters, and monographs. Over the course of his career, he also served as a consultant to the US Agency for International Development, the World Bank. Most notably he served as a senior advisor and election monitor in Indonesia for The Carter Center, working with the former president to assist in Indonesia's evolving democracy beginning in 1999 and ending in 2007 when he was invited to observe parliamentary elections in East Timor. In 2012, King was [honored](#) by the Indonesian government with an "Award of Distinction for Lifetime Contribution to the Understanding of Indonesia." Indonesian Ambassador to the United States Dino Patti Djalal came to DeKalb to present King with the award at a reception in the Capitol Room in the Holmes Student Center. King's legacy will continue to live on at NIU through the Dwight Y. King Endowment for the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, a fund King established through the NIU Foundation after his retirement to be activated after his death. The fund will provide scholarships for international students, in particular those from Indonesia, to attend NIU to pursue an advanced degree involving substantial research in the country to which King devoted himself his entire professional life. He will be greatly missed.

2. No lecture this week; next lecture set for Sept. 25

Due to a last-minute cancellation, there will be no lecture Friday, **Sept. 18**. The next speaker in the Friday lecture series will be Thai language professor Kanjana Thepboriruk, who will present "Thai in Diaspora: Language and Identity in Los Angeles, California," at noon Friday, **Sept. 25**, in Room 100, Campus Life Building. Originally from Bangkok, Thepboriruk received both her master's and PhD in linguistics from the University of Hawai'i-Manoa. To order an Indonesian lunch for the Sept. 25 lecture, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at [CSEAS Brown Bag Order](#). 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.

3. Join the Southeast Asia Club for movie night Sept. 16



The Southeast Asia Club will screen [Jalanan](#), an award-winning 2013 documentary feature about three indefatigable homeless street musicians in Jakarta, from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, **Sept. 16**, in Cole Hall 100. “Stunningly vivid and full of energy . . . *Jalanan* is one of the finest portrayals of Indonesian life to emerge for outside audiences in years,” writes critic Michael Vatikiotis in a review in *Tempo* magazine. The event is free. For information, email niuseaclub@gmail.com

4. Thai Studies Fund Committee offers student funding to attend COTS **NEW**

The Thai Studies Fund Committee (on behalf of the NIU Thai Studies Committee) will consider applications for up to two NIU students to



receive \$300 to attend the upcoming Council on Thai Studies (COTS) annual meeting in order to present work involving international research and training in Thai studies. COTS, an informal organization of Midwest Thai studies scholars founded at NIU in 1972, will meet **October 23–24** in the Baker Center at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Graduate students are encouraged to submit papers (email conference coordinator Jeffrey Shane at shane@ohio.edu). Applications for student funding must be submitted by **Sept. 18** and must include the following: a concise presentation description, a copy of the acceptance letter from COTS conference organizers, and a letter of support from a principal academic adviser. Successful applicants must present their work and participate for the duration of the conference. Address applications to the Thai Studies Fund Committee and email to CSEAS associate Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu.

Kong Rithdee, deputy life editor of the *Bangkok Post*, will be the conference keynote speaker. Rooms have been reserved at the Ohio University Inn on campus; deadline for discounted hotel registration is **Sept. 23** (mention COTS when registering); call 866-593-6661. See [conference website](#).

5. 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.



6. Hmong American exhibit to open in November at Anthropology Museum



The NIU Anthropology Museum will open a major exhibit celebrating 40 years of Hmong American history in November. 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 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.

7. **Save the dates:** GRE test prep, career and study abroad fairs

- **Sept. 19:** Campus GRE Fall Test Prep I. For info, see [website](#).
- **Sept. 21:** Academic Career Expo, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center.
- **Sept. 29:** Graduate and Professional School Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center. Meet with representatives from more than 90 programs. For info, contact Joyce Keller at NIU Career Services at jkeller@niu.edu or 815-753-9113.
- **Oct. 1:** Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center. See [Study Abroad](#) website for details.
- **Oct. 7:** Welcome mixer for Southeast Asian participants in [LOCSEA](#) (Leading and Organizing for Change in Southeast Asia), 6 to 7 p.m., Cole Hall lobby. Light refreshments. Hosted by the Southeast Asia Club.
- **Oct. 9:** CSEAS Alumni Connect with John Brandon, director of international relations, Asia Foundation, 1:30 p.m., CSEAS, 520 College View Court.
- **Nov. 6:** History Graduate Student Association Conference, Swen Parson Hall. Keynote speaker: University of Chicago historian Mark Philip 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](#).

8. Money for study

NIU

- **Undergraduate Student Engagement Fund:** Need travel money for a conference, a stipend to work on a faculty-mentored research project, or funding to help pay for a study abroad program? The Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences provides funding for undergrads. Students in good academic standing may apply on their own behalf or faculty may apply on behalf of a student. Awards range from \$250 to \$2,500. **Deadline for spring 2016 funds is Oct. 16.** See [program website](#).
- **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](#). Information sessions are at noon, **Sept. 9 and 10** in Altgeld 125, and at noon **Sept. 14**

and 17 in Altgeld 100. Students have between **Jan. 1** and **Dec. 31**, 2016 to complete their projects. **Deadline to submit proposals: Oct. 2.**

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.

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. **Deadlines to apply begin Sept. 23.** 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 will be 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

- **Resource development associate:** Pan-Asian social service organization is seeking full-time AmeriCorps VISTA associate. Also accepting candidates for interns for business development, grant writing and workforce development and outreach liaison duties. Contact Michelle Lura White at michellew@chinesemutualaid.org or 773-784-2900. See [job description](#) and [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

- **Burma/Myanmar Research Forum 2015**, Oct. 2–4, Cornell University. Theme: Borders, Bounds and Brinks. See [conference website](#).
- **Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Oct. 16–18, Washington University, St. Louis. Call for papers. Program posted on [conference website](#).
- **Conference on Thai Studies**, Oct. 23–24, Ohio University, Athens. See [conference website](#).
- **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](#).
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region**, Feb. 11–13, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI. **Deadline for abstracts, travel grants: Oct. 1.** 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. **Deadline for submissions: Oct. 1.** See [conference 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](#). **NEW**
- **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

- 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. **NEW**
- 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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