

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of September 15, 2014



**Let the sun shine in:** The Center's booth at NIU's Neighborhood Block Party on **Sept. 10** was a hit with its customizable Southeast Asian window peace flags and its chopstick bean game. Here students color in the designs of the clear acetate flags, which can then be mounted on a window as a sun catcher. Even NIU President Doug Baker took a turn at the dropping in as many beans as possible into a bottle in two minutes using chopsticks. The top three winners of the bean game were students Denny Ma (60 beans), Laura Ramirez (54) and Ian Waite (47). (Photo / CSEAS)

## Art and ethnography in modern Burma

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### Be part of CSEAS's future

The next half-century for Southeast Asian Studies at NIU will offer exciting opportunities for teaching and learning about this rising region of the world. To keep NIU's program strong, consider making a donation to CSEAS through the NIU Foundation. To contribute online, go to the [Donate Now](#) tab at the NIU Foundation website. Under Designations, select "college or university wide program," then write in "Center for Southeast Asian Studies." Continue on through the form. If your employer matches your charitable donations, please take a moment to fill out that form. We appreciate every gift. Thank you!

## 1. This week's lecture: Richard Cooler on Burmese hill tribe jewelry **NEW**



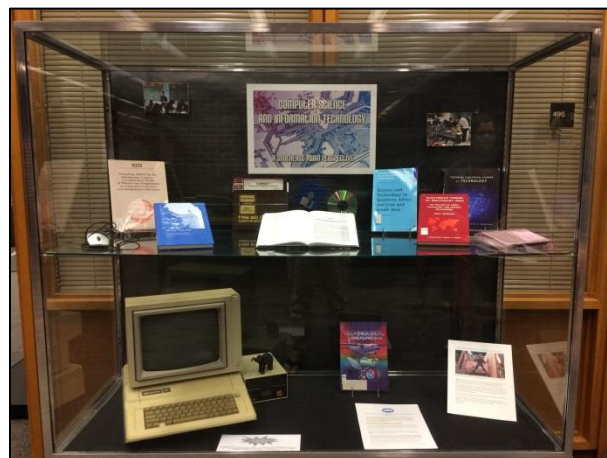
Art historian emeritus and this week's speaker Richard Cooler, right, views the poster for the 'Dressing Difference' exhibit with Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond at the NIU Art Museum.

This week's Friday lecture **Sept. 19** will be the noon presentation at the [Imaging the Others: The Art of Ethnography in Modern Burma](#) symposium in Room 315, Altgeld Hall. Center for Burma Studies Director Emeritus Richard Cooler will present "Collecting Hill Tribe Jewelry in the 1970s." **Note: Southeast Asian lunch will not be available at the lecture due to the location change.** The symposium is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 315 Altgeld, and will open with a keynote speech by Laura Hostetler, chair of History at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Click link above for full symposium schedule.

## 2. Gallery talk Thursday for 'Dressing Difference' exhibit

Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond and Sherry Harlacher, director of the Denison University Museum in Ohio, will give an informal gallery talk and mini-reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, **Sept. 18**, for their co-curated exhibit "Dressing Difference: Exploring Ethnicities in Modern Burma" at the NIU Art Museum. The exhibit features clothing, head coverings, accessories, weaponry, and smoking artifacts drawn from Burma art collections at NIU and Denison. The gallery talk is in conjunction with the **Sept. 19** Imaging the Others symposium (see above). The exhibit runs through **Nov. 15**.

Another exhibit also featuring Southeast Asian art and artifacts is on display this semester at the NIU Anthropology Museum. "Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum," which features items from the museum's collection of ethnographic and archeological objects, will open **Sept. 23** and run through May. The objects were selected by members of the NIU and local communities, including CSEAS associates. Director Judy Ledgerwood chose a *prahok* scoop, a basic kitchen tool in rural Cambodian homes, Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen selected a Cambodian cowbell, and Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection curator Hao Phan picked a piece of Indonesian batik. The exhibit opens at 4 p.m. **Sept. 23** with refreshments and live music. The museum was founded in 1964 by the Department of Anthropology. As part of its 50<sup>th</sup> celebration, forensic anthropologist Kathy Reichs, creator of the fictional character Temperance Brennan in books and the TV series *Bones*, will give a public lecture at 4 p.m. **Oct. 23** in Sandburg Auditorium.



**Techno-SEA:** The Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection in Founders Library is featuring an exhibit "Computer Science and Information Technology: A Southeast Asian Perspective." It features materials on education and technology, computer sciences, graphic design, and web design in SEA, in addition to [SEASite](#) and the [Southeast Asia Digital Library](#). (Photo / Julien Ehrenkönig)

Yet another SEA exhibit on campus, this time on computer science and Southeast Asia, is on display at Founders Memorial Library; see photo).

### 3. Center associates update: Thai Embassy hosts Thai studies reps in DC **NEW**

\* Grant Olson (Foreign Languages and Literatures) and Chalermsee Olson (University Libraries) flew to Washington DC for two days of meetings at the Royal Thai Embassy in Washington, DC **Sept. 2–3**. Thai Ambassador to the United States Vijavat Isarabhakdi and Songsak Saicheua, Director General of the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Department of American and



*Thai Ambassador Vijavat Isarabhakdi, center front, and Songsak Saicheua, left front, with Thai studies scholars and students invited to the Royal Thai Embassy Sept. 2–3 in Washington, DC. (Photo courtesy Grant Olson)*

South Pacific Affairs, hosted a gathering of representatives of Thai studies programs in Thailand (Thammasat and Chulalongkorn) and the US (NIU plus six others) as well as members of eleven Thai student clubs in the US. “It was an engaging two days of sharing information about the history of Thai studies, current activities and future plans and challenges,” Grant Olson said, noting the recent decline in Title VI funding at many schools (including NIU). In the past several years, the Thai government has helped support Thai studies programs and student clubs, with an emphasis on Thai language instruction, Thailand-related research, and the promotion of Thai studies and culture. “More recently, the Thai government has expanded its funding to start-up programs (dubbed ‘Thai Corner’) in Canada, New Zealand, and several countries in South America,” Olson said. “In the US, the emphasis is shifting more towards other subject fields, such as business, economics, and Buddhism. Thai clubs were also encouraged to incorporate more academic interests into their activities.” The meetings allowed participants to gain many new ideas for future initiatives within their own academic communities, Olson said. Stay tuned.

### 4. Apply for student grants to fall COTS this week

Graduate students submitting papers to the **Oct. 17–19** Council on Thai Studies (COTS) annual meeting at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are invited to apply by **Sept. 19** for grants from the Thai Studies Fund Committee at NIU. The committee will consider applications for up to three NIU students to receive small grants to present their research work in Thai studies. Applications must include a concise description of the presentation and the acceptance letter from conference organizers. Successful applicants must both present and attend COTS. Applications should be addressed to the Thai Fund Committee and emailed to CSEAS associate

Chalermsee Olson at [eteolson@niu.edu](mailto:eteolson@niu.edu). Rooms have been reserved at the Lowell Center on campus; deadline for hotel registration is **Sept. 16** (use group code COTS); call 866-301-1753 or reserve [online](#). Email brief abstracts and panel proposals, including contact information and institutional affiliation, to COTS chair Ian Baird, [ibaird@wisc.edu](mailto:ibaird@wisc.edu). See COTS [website](#) for details.

#### 5. **Save the dates: Exploring majors, grad school, study abroad fairs**

- **Sept. 18:** Gallery talk and mini-reception from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for “Dressing Difference” exhibit at NIU Art Museum, co-curated by Center for Burma Studies Director and CSEAS associate Catherine Raymond and Sherry Harlacher, director of the Denison University Museum in Ohio.
- **Sept. 19:** [Imaging the Others: The Art of Ethnography in Modern Burma](#) symposium, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (lunch on your own), 315 Altgeld. Hosted by the Center for Burma Studies.
- **Sept. 23:** Exploring Majors Fair, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center (HSC).
- **Sept. 23:** Opening reception for “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum” exhibit, 4 to 7 p.m., Anthropology Museum, Cole Hall. Refreshments and live music. Exhibit runs through May.
- **Sept. 25:** Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Duke Ellington Ballroom, HSC.
- **Sept. 30:** Graduate and Professional School Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, HSC.

#### 6. **Special lecture: Scholars compare decentralization reforms in Thailand, Indonesia** **NEW**

Two Thai scholars will compare the progress of decentralization reforms in Thailand and Indonesia from a fiscal perspective in a special lecture from 4 to 6 p.m. **Oct. 1** in Room 315 Altgeld. Speaking will be Achakorn Wonpredee, associate professor in the Graduate School of Public Administration at the National Institute of Development Administration in Bangkok, and NIU alum Tatchalerm Sudhipongpracha (PhD political science, 2011), now a lecturer in the College of Local Administration at Khon Kaen University in Khon Kaen. The lecture is sponsored by CSEAS and the divisions of Public Administration and International Affairs. Light refreshments will be served.

#### 7. **Boren awards offer opportunity for intensive language study** **NEW**

NIU political science PhD candidate Thomas Rhoden is spending this year in Thailand perfecting his Karen language skills courtesy of a prestigious Boren fellowship, one of 106 students nationwide receiving the award. The David L. Boren fellowships and scholarship program, an initiative of the national Security Education program, is open to U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to hone their language skills abroad, including Southeast Asian languages. Grants range from \$20,000 for undergraduates to \$30,000 for graduate students. The deadline to apply for Boren fellowships for undergraduates is **Jan. 27** for graduate students and **Feb. 4** for undergraduates. The Boren advisor at NIU is Study Abroad Director Anne Seitzinger; contact her at [aseitz@niu.edu](mailto:aseitz@niu.edu). For information on the program, see the [Boren website](#).

#### 8. **Money for study**

*International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden University*

- **IIAS fellowships:** Funding available for scholars focusing on three topic areas: Asian Cities, Asian Heritages, and Global Asia. Interdisciplinary interests encouraged. **Deadline: Oct. 1.** See [website](#) for details.

*Social Science Research Council*

- **International dissertation research fellowships:** Nine- to 12-month support for graduate students in humanities and humanistic social sciences. Amounts vary depending on research plan. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 4.** See [website](#) for details.

*American Institute for Indonesian Studies*

- **AIFIS/CAORC research grants:** U.S. scholars invited to apply for \$5,750 grants to support research in Indonesia. **Deadline: Oct. 15.** See [website](#) for details.
- **AIFIS Henry Luce Foundation grants:** U.S. and Indonesian scholars invited to apply for \$5,000 grants to support research across the field of contemporary and traditional Indonesian studies. **Deadline: Nov. 14.** See [website](#) for details.

*University of Cambridge*

- **Charles Wallace Burma Trust Visiting Fellowship:** Centre of South Asian Studies three-month fellowship (Jan. 13 to March 13, 2015) open to Burmese scholars working in any field. **Deadline to apply: Oct. 31.** See [website](#).

*East-West Center*

- **2015–16 graduate fellowship opportunities:** Apply to study in Honolulu through variety of programs. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 3.** See [website](#).

*United States-Indonesia Society*

- **2015 Sumitro Fellowships:** \$10,000 travel/study grant for postdocs, PhD candidates, senior academics and qualified candidates. Two grants offered, one for U.S. citizens and one for Indonesian citizens. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 31.** See [website](#).

## 0. Job/internship opportunities

*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. See the [Idealist website](#).

*Hess International Educational Group*

- **Teach English across Asia:** Taiwan-based organization offers free training, benefits, and flexible scheduling. Contact NIU alum Derek Wright at [derek.wright@hess.com.tw](mailto:derek.wright@hess.com.tw) or see the Hess [website](#) for details.

## 10. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **Association of South-East Asian Studies in the UK 28<sup>th</sup> Conference,** Sept. 12–14, Brighton, England. Theme: Illiberal Pluralism in SE Asia's Economic Reform Experience.
- **Congress of the Asian Political and International Studies Association,** Sept. 19–20, Chiang Mai University Institute for Southeast Asian Affairs, Thailand. See [conference website](#).

- **Council on Thai Studies**, Oct. 17–19, University of Wisconsin-Madison. See [link](#) for details.
- **12<sup>th</sup> Northeast Conference on Indonesia**, Oct. 25, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Hosted by Cornell Indonesian Association and Yale Indonesian Forum. Call for abstracts. **Deadline: Sept. 21.** See [conference website](#).
- **1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Salween-Thaniwin-Nu Studies**, Nov. 14–15, Chiang Mai University. Theme: State of Knowledge: Environmental Change, Livelihoods and Development.
- **Symposium on ‘Social Resistance in Non-Democracies,’** Nov. 24–26, Lund University, Sweden. See [symposium website](#).
- **4<sup>th</sup> International JSA-ASEAN Conference**, Dec. 15–16, Thammasat University Institute of East Asian Studies. Theme: State and Non-state Actors in Japan-ASEAN Relations and Beyond. See [conference website](#).
- **International Symposium on Cambodia**, Dec. 15–16, Royal University of Fine Arts, Phnom Penh. See [symposium website](#).
- **Dynamics of Religion in Southeast Asia (DORISEA)**, Jan. 23–24, Humboldt University, Berlin. See [conference website](#).
- **Workshop: Religious Pluralism, Magic and Gender/Sex Diversity in Southeast Asia**, Jan. 21–22, Humboldt University, Berlin. Precedes DORISEA conference (see separate listing). Call for papers. Some travel funding available. **Deadline: Sept. 30.** Email [peter.jackson@anu.edu.au](mailto:peter.jackson@anu.edu.au) for details.
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region**, Feb. 12–14, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI. **Deadline for abstracts and travel grants: Sept. 26.** See [conference website](#).
- **Year of ASEAN: Integrating Southeast Asia**, March 20–22. 4<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Studies symposium at Sunway University, Kuala Lumpur. Organized by Project Southeast Asia at University of Oxford. Call for panels. **Deadline: Oct. 1.** See [conference website](#).
- **Third Hmong Consortium Conference**, April 10–11, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Theme: Hmong around the World. Call for papers. **Abstracts due: Dec. 31.** Email to conference chair Ian Baird at [ibaird@wisc.edu](mailto:ibaird@wisc.edu). See [consortium website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia**, June 22–24, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. Theme: Asia in Motion: ideas, Institutions, Identities. Call for panels and roundtables. **Deadline: Oct. 31.** See [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **International Convention of Asia Scholars 9**, July 5–9, Adelaide, Australia. See [conference website](#).
- **EuroSEAS 2015**, Aug. 11–14, University of Vienna, Austria. Call for panel proposals. **Deadline: Sept. 30.** See [conference website](#).

## 11. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- “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 Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. See consulate [website](#).

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