

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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As Indonesian Consul General Rosmalawati Chalid looks on, center, NIU Acting Provost Christopher McCord, right, shakes hands with Dr. Ir. H. Irianto Lambrie, governor of North Kalimantan, after signing a memorandum of understanding Sept. 22 between the Indonesian province and NIU. Details below. (CSEAS photo / Sharjeel Siddique)

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### 1. This week's lecture: Sustainable development in Myanmar **NEW**



Wilson



Shibata

CSEAS associates Tomoyuki Shibata (Public Health) and Jim Wilson (Geography) will present "Sustainable Development Goals in Myanmar" at noon Friday, **Sept. 29**, in Campus Life 100. Shibata and Wilson will discuss their recent work in Myanmar, where they conducted workshops this past summer with local researchers at Yadanabon University and the University of Mandalay on environmental and public health research initiatives, health and medical geography and open-source geographic information systems. 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. NIU signs MOU with Indonesian province



*Governor Lambrie of North Kalimantan presents a gift to Ill. State Rep. Robert Pritchard at the signing ceremony. He also presented a sape, a traditional Kalimantan lute (seen at right), to Acting Provost Christopher McCord for NIU's collection of traditional world music instruments. (CSEAS photo / Sharjeel Siddique)*

In the first such agreement between NIU and an Indonesian governmental body, Acting Provost Christopher McCord and Dr. Ir. H. Irianto Lambrie, governor of the Indonesian province of North Kalimantan, signed a Memorandum of Understanding **Sept. 22** at the Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center. The MOU outlines a general framework for human resource development and educational cooperation between NIU and North Kalimantan. The signing ceremony at NIU concluded a day of activity in Chicago where Acting College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean Judy Ledgerwood, Graduate School



Dean and Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies Bradley Bond, and CSEAS Acting Director Eric Jones met with the North Kalimantan delegation and Indonesian consulate officials to go over the MOU and discuss NIU programs, including the master's in public administration, international programs and training, and CSEAS. From Chicago, the group traveled to NIU where the Indonesian delegation attended prayers at the Islamic Center of DeKalb before going to the Barsema Center. There the governor, an economist before he entered politics, gave a detailed presentation about North Kalimantan to 80 students, faculty and others attending the signing ceremony, including Ill. State Rep. Robert Pritchard (R-DeKalb).

### 3. Center associates update: Presenting and publishing **NEW**

\* Kenton Clymer (History) presented "A Delicate Relationship: The United States and Burma/Myanmar since 1945" **Sept. 22** at the University of Michigan's Center for Southeast Asian Studies' Fridays-at-Noon Lecture Series.

\* Judy Ledgerwood (Anthropology) contributed the introduction to the forthcoming book, *Svay: A Khmer Village in Cambodia*, written by her mentor May Mayko Ebihara (1934-2005) and edited by Andrew Mertha (Cornell University Press, 2017). The book is an edited version of Ebihara's groundbreaking dissertation research, which she carried out as the first American anthropologist to conduct ethnographic study in Cambodia. Her subject was a small village outside Phnom Penh in 1959-60, long before the Khmer Rouge killed more than half its population in the 1970s. Ledgerwood later worked with Ebihara as a post-doctoral researcher in the 1990s when Ebihara returned to the village to document the survivors' lives.

\* Kheang Un (Political Science) traveled to the University of Oxford to present "Hybrid Legacy: Cambodia's Economy and Democracy after the 1993 United Nations Intervention" at the **Sept. 19–20** workshop, *After Exit: The Legacies of Peacekeeping*. The British Academy, Nuffield College, the Oxford Department of International Development, and the Centre for International Studies/Department of politics and International Relations sponsored the workshop.

\* Kanjana Thepboriruk (Foreign Languages and Literatures) was in Thailand over the summer where she presented

"สตรีไทย: Phibun's Cultural Mandates and the New Thai Womanhood" **July 17** at the

13<sup>th</sup> International Conference for Thai Studies, hosted by Chiang Mai University at the Chiang Mai International Exhibition and Convention Center. She also met with the head of the Performing Arts Department at Phayao University to discuss possible collaborations with NIU and Chicago's Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute.



Kheang Un at University of Oxford's Brasenose College.

#### 4. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts **NEW**



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).

#### 5. **Save the dates:** From lectures to career fairs to lantern festival **NEW**

- **Oct. 4:** History doctoral student JoAnn LoSavio presents "Modern Mandala: The Young Women of Post-Independence Burma and Malaysia," noon to 1 p.m., Room 103 Reavis Hall. Hosted by the NIU Center for the Study of Women, Gender & Sexuality.
- **Oct. 9:** Edson Cabalfin, associate professor in the School of Architecture and Interior Design, University of Cincinnati presents "Uncle Sam in the Orient: American Colonial Influence on early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Architecture and Urbanism," 5 p.m., Room 100, School of Art.
- **Oct. 10:** Career Fairs Prep Workshop, 5 to 7 p.m., Capitol Room, Holmes Student Center.

**NEW**

- **Oct. 17:** Graduate and Professional School Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center. **NEW**
- **Oct. 18:** All-Majors Internship and Job Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Convocation Center. **NEW**
- **Oct. 21:** NIU STEM Fest 2017. CSEAS will be there with the math behind the mandala. **NEW**
- **Oct. 29:** CSEAS in the Sycamore Pumpkinfest Parade. Stay tuned for details—many ways to participate! **NEW**
- **Nov. 8:** Colegio de Mexico anthropology professor John Marston discusses his research in Cambodia, noon to 1 p.m., location TBD. **NEW**
- **Nov. 13–17:** International Education Week at NIU. **NEW**
- **Nov. 17:** Lantern Festival, 3 to 5 p.m., East Lagoon. Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club.

## 6. Student news: A pilgrimage to Thai Fest **NEW**



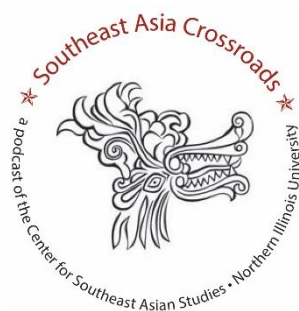
First-year Thai students, above, enjoy a Thai Fest performance, right, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, Wis.

Eight Beginning Thai students accompanied CSEAS associate Kanjana Thepboriruk and Thai language Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Duangkamon Winitkun to Thai Fest **Sept. 24** in Madison,



Wis., where they enjoyed traditional Thai performances by the Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago, along with other Thai performers from New York and Los Angeles. “Thai Fest is held annually at the Thai Pavilion in the Thai Garden at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison,” Thepboriruk said. “The Thai Pavilion, or *sala thai*, is one of only two in the United States. The other *sala thai* is located on campus at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa.” The Royal Thai Consulate of Chicago sponsored this year’s celebration.

## 7. Tune in to our latest podcast: Agency and refugee cultural heritage **NEW**



Take a listen to our latest [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast: Refugee Learning: Agency and Refugee Cultural Heritage with Clara Chu and Laila Mustafa. Check out our other podcasts as well: 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 Sebro, 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 2,300 times with listeners in 50 countries.

## 8. 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).

## 9. Travel for teachers **NEW**

Vietnam and Cambodia are on the list of 2018 teacher travel programs sponsored by Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEEO), a nonprofit founded in 2007 to provide 7- to 21-day study tours and educational support for teachers. Professional development credits available and educational materials provided for teachers to bring into the classroom. Programs are open to K-12 teachers and university educators, administrators and retired educators. See the [GEEEO](#) website for details.

## 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. **NEW**

*ProFellow*

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

*International Institute for Asian Studies*

- **Postdoctoral Fellowship:** Ten-month fellowship followed by two-month residency in Paris for researchers focusing on topics of Asian cities, Asian heritages or global Asia. PhD candidates may apply. **Deadline to apply: Oct. 1.** See [website](#). **NEW**

*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](#). **NEW**

*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 **NEW**

- **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. Call for abstracts. **Deadline to submit: Oct. 6.** 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](#). **NEW**
- **Midwest Political Science Association**, April 5–8, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago. Call for papers, roundtables and complete panels. **Deadline to submit: Oct. 6.** 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](#). **NEW**

## 12. Careers

### *Texas Christian University*

- **History Instructor:** Position with an emphasis on survey courses in one or more areas, including Asia and world history. Begins August 2018. **Applications close Oct. 10.** See [job listing](#).

### *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](#).

### *National Institute of Education in Singapore*

- **Assistant or Associate Professor, History:** Full-time tenured or tenure-track Southeast Asia specialist. **Posted Feb. 6;** position will remain open until filled. 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 [WHO website](#).

## 13. 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](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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