

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Leading and Organizing for Change in Southeast Asia (LOCSEA), a US State Department program, debuts at NIU this week led by, from left, administrative directors Colleen Gray and Maria "Rai" Nihei and academic directors Nancy Castle of NGOLD and Judy Ledgerwood of CSEAS. Details below.

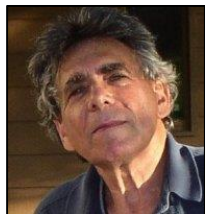
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Add a Southeast Asian Studies minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate certificate to an advanced degree and pull your resumé to the top of the pile. To learn more, visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at ehrenkonig@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at iloveroti@gmail.com.

1. This week's lecture: Visualizing hydropower in mainland SEA



Potkin

NIU adjunct Alan Potkin will present "The Visualization Toolbox in Evaluating Pharaonic Chinese Hydropower Schemes in Yunnan, PRC, and in Mainland Southeast Asia" at noon Friday, **Oct. 2**, in Room 100, Campus Life Building.

Potkin, who received his PhD in environmental planning from the University of California-Berkeley, will show through interactive media how China is relocating hydroelectric power projects to mainland Southeast Asia countries where there is less organized opposition. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday 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.

2. Welcome, LOCSEA! **NEW**

CSEAS and the Center for Non-Governmental Organization Leadership and Development (NGOLD) welcomes 21 Southeast Asian undergraduate students to NIU **Sept. 30** for a new five-week US State Department-funded institute that will focus on human rights, civil rights and civic engagement (<http://www.cseas.niu.edu/cseas/currentinitiatives/LOCSEA/index.shtml>). The State Department's Young Southeast Asia Leaders Initiative Academic Fellowship (YSEALI) institute, "Leading and Organizing for Change in Southeast Asia," will take participants from DeKalb, Chicago and Springfield in Illinois to Atlanta, Selma, and Birmingham in the South to trace the historical and contemporary roots of the civil, labor, women's and disability rights movements in the US. In workshop sessions, the group will explore community organization strategies and develop their own community projects to execute when they return to their home countries. CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood and NGOLD Director Nancy Castle are the academic directors of LOCSEA, with Colleen Gray (MA anthropology, 2014) and Maria "Rai" Nihei (MA history, 2011) serving as administrative directors. Partnering with NGOLD was essential for this new CSEAS initiative, Ledgerwood said. "We have been bringing Southeast Asian students to NIU for the State Department's Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) since 2009. NGOLD's expertise in community leadership is a good match for this new project's focus on civil and human rights," Ledgerwood said. Castle is enthusiastic about bringing NGOLD's experience to an international audience of young leaders. "NGOLD's Community Leadership and Civic Engagement major asks 'What happens when people band together to make a difference?' Nothing exemplifies that as eloquently as the rights movements in the US," Castle said. "The opportunity to work with CSEAS allows both centers to show what they are about and how interrelated topics cross boundaries here at NIU." LOCSEA participants will be on campus through **Oct. 26** and will depart the US **Nov. 4** from Washington, DC.



3. Be a LOCSEA host family for a day Oct. 18

The LOCSEA program includes a "Host Day" on Sunday, **Oct. 18**, for participants to spend a day with an American household. Participants are primarily from Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines, with the rest from all other Association for Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries except Singapore. Most of the participants are between the ages of 21-24 with a couple who are 19. Families may host one or two students from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (the schedule may be adjusted earlier or later if more convenient). If interested, a one-page registration application form is posted on the

LOCSEA website (link above). Please return by **Oct. 9** to CSEAS (email to cseas@niu.edu, fax to CSEAS at 815-753-1776, or send by mail to Liz Denius, LOCSEA host family coordinator, CSEAS, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115).

4. Learn about 2016 Cambodia field school at this week's Study Abroad Fair



Ledgerwood

CSEAS Director and anthropology professor Judy Ledgerwood will be on hand at this week's Study Abroad Fair Oct. 1 to talk about her summer 2016 Cambodia field school "Buddhism and Service Learning." The program is set for **May 27–June 23** in Siem Reap, Cambodia, the home of the Angkor Wat temple compound. Students will explore Cambodian Buddhism and cultural reconstruction in the post-Khmer Rouge era, learn ethnographic field methods, and be placed with a Buddhist or non-governmental organization group for the service component of the program. For more information about the program, visit with Ledgerwood at the CSEAS table at the Study Abroad Fair in Duke Ellington Ballroom, contact her by phone at 815-753-1771 or email her at jledgerw@niu.edu.

4. Center associates update **NEW**

* Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than (Foreign Languages & Literatures) has published a chapter, "Black Territory to Land of 'Paradise': The Changing Political and Social Landscape of Mongla" in *The Age of Asian Migration: Continuity, Diversity, and Susceptibility*, Vol. 2 (Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing).

* Catherine Raymond (School of Art, Center for Burma Studies) and Alan Potkin (NIU adjunct) have published "Laos' Plain of Menhirs: Hintang Archaeological Park: A Work in Progress" in the SEAMEO Regional Centre for Archaeology and Fine Arts journal, *SPAFA* 23.1.

* Susan Russell (Anthropology) will present "Youth Leadership and Conflict Resolution in the Southern Philippines" at the Lifelong Learning Institute brownbag, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Oct. 27** in the Holmes Student Center. Bring your lunch or just drop in.



* **Kenton Clymer (History)** with visiting Chinese scholars **Wen Ronggang from Bohai University** and **Pang Hai-hong from Yunnan University** at the Center's fall Sarong Soiree gathering Sept. 27.

5. SEA Club: Bonfire, mixers, culture and things that go bump in the night

Southeast Asia Club events are the places to be this fall. In addition to regular club meetings every second Tuesday of the month, the club has organized a full lineup of activities for fall semester.



Meet visiting college students from Southeast Asia at the [LOCSEA](#) (Leading and Organizing for Change in Southeast Asia) mixer from 6 to 7 p.m. **Oct. 7** in Cole Hall lobby. LOCSEA is a new U.S. State Department program managed by CSEAS. The next week bring your marshmallows and a warm jacket for the SEA Club fall mixer and bonfire from 5 to 7 p.m. **Oct. 13** at the East Lagoon. Southeast Asia-style ghosts, goblins and things that go bump in the night beckon 6 to 8 p.m. **Oct. 30** at the club's Halloween party in Cole Hall lobby. The club winds up the semester with a fun and festive Southeast Asia Culture Night from 6 to 8 p.m. **Nov. 13** at Newman

Catholic Student Center. All Southeast Asia Club activities are listed in Huskie Links or posted on Facebook ([Southeast Asia Club at NIU](#)). For info about the club, email niuseaclub@gmail.com or contact CSEAS Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at 815-753-1595.

6. Alumni Connect: Thinking global, working global



Brandon

What careers lie ahead for someone who's studied Southeast Asia? Ask a CSEAS alum who's made a career in the international arena. John Brandon got his master's degree in political science concentrating on Thai studies in 1985 and is now director of international relations for the Asia Foundation. CSEAS will host a "fireside chat" with him from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. **Oct. 9** at Pottenger House after he presents "Political Instability and the Role of the Military in Thailand: Historical Context, Current Events and Outlook" at the weekly CSEAS lecture series at noon in Room 100 Campus Life. Join us at our first Alumni Connect session for coffee, cookies and insightful conversation.

7. Caring for Cambodia: Changing lives through education

Join CSEAS for a special presentation **Oct. 14** by Jamie Amelio, founder of [Caring for Cambodia](#), a nonprofit non-governmental organization that works with Cambodian communities to improve local education. The group helps train teachers, purchase classroom supplies, maintain and upgrade facilities, and provide bicycles, uniforms and basic health care to Cambodian youngsters. Amelio will speak about his organization's work from 6 to 7 p.m. in Room 305 Holmes Student Center. For details, email cseas@niu.edu or call the center at 815-753-1771.

9. 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.



10. 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.

11. **Save the dates:** Grad school, study abroad fairs this week **NEW**

- **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 SEA Club.
- **Oct. 9:** CSEAS Alumni Connect with John Brandon, director of international relations, Asia Foundation, 1:30 p.m., CSEAS, 520 College View Court.
- **Oct. 13:** SEA Club fall mixer and bonfire. 5 to 7 p.m. East Lagoon.
- **Oct. 14:** Jamie Amelio, founder of [Caring for Cambodia](#), speaks about the work of his organization, 6 to 7 p.m., Room 305, Holmes Student Center.
- **Oct. 30:** SEA Club Halloween party. Time TBA, Cole Hall lobby. Join the club for Southeast Asia-style ghosts, ghouls and things that go bump in the night.
- **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](#).
- **Nov. 13:** Southeast Asia Culture Night, 6 to 8 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Center. Southeast Asia cultural activities and performances! Hosted by the Southeast Asia Club.

12. Money for study **NEW**

NIU

- **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](#). Students have between **Jan. 1** and **Dec. 31, 2016** to complete their projects. **Deadlines to submit proposals: Oct. 2 for fall and Feb. 12 for spring.**
- **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](#).

American Institute for Indonesian Studies

- **Short-term research fellowships:** Accepting applications for 2016 fellowships providing \$5,750 to US students for up to six weeks in Indonesia. **Deadline to submit: Oct. 15.** See [website](#) for details. **NEW**

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.

Bard Graduate Center/American Museum of Natural History

- **Post-doc fellowship in museum studies:** Two-year fellowship beginning fall 2016 focuses on textiles from all 11 Southeast Asian countries. Fellow teaches one graduate course each year and mounts one small exhibition. Salary \$35,000 with housing available. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 1.** For information, see [website](#). **NEW**

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. 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 available Dec. 1.** See [website](#).

13. 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

- **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:** 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](#).

14. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops **NEW**

- **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](#).
- **UC Berkeley-UCLA Southeast Asian studies Conference**, April 22–23, Berkeley, CA. Theme: Making Southeast Asian Cultures: From Region to World. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 8.** Email cseas@berkeley.edu. See [website](#). **NEW**

- **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](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia**, June 24–27, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan. Call for papers. **Deadline for proposals: Oct. 30.** 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](#).

15. Area cultural opportunities

- Kultura Festival: Filipino American food and arts festival, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Oct. 4**, Emporium Logan Square, 2363 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago Sponsored by Filipino Kitchen, a blog and pop-up food series that creates community around Filipino cuisine. Tickets for students with valid ID are \$5 (otherwise \$10); see [website](#). **NEW**
- 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.
- 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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