

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of September 9, 2019



Selamat datang to this year's Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants, from left, Indi Kurniawan (Indonesian), Chaw Su Su Tin (Burmese), Ni Luh Putu Bunga Mastari Dewi (Indonesian), John Paul Dela Rosa (Tagalog) and Songwut Bhattachaiyakorn (Thai).

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1. This week's lecture: Grassroots politics in SEA **NEW**



Weiss

State University of New York-Albany political scientist Meredith Weiss, director of the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, will present "Roots of Resilience: Party Machines and Grassroots Politics in Southeast Asia" at noon Friday, **Sept. 13**, in Campus Life 110 (in the Honors Program office). Drawing on her research in Malaysia and Singapore, Weiss will discuss how we can better understand and conceptualize regime persistence, collapse or reform by looking at how, where and when regime actors and challengers insert themselves into or engage with the grassroots. 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 \$6 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. For lunch details, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com. Feed your body and mind.

2. Center associates update: Grantsmanship and conferences near and far **NEW**

* Hao Phan (University Libraries) received good news over the summer that the Henry Luce Foundation has awarded a \$1.2 million grant to the Association of Asian Studies' Committee on Research Materials on Southeast Asia ([CORMOSEA](#)), \$610,000 of which is coming to NIU's [Southeast Asia Digital Library](#). The four-year grant will go toward hiring a full-time web developer and digitize new content for the 14-year-old digital archive, established in 2005 and funded by the U.S. Department of Education from 2005 to 2011. Phan, a published poet, is also in print with *Radio Mua He* [Summer Radio], a collection of poetry in Vietnamese (Nhan Anh Publisher, California, 2019).



Music Professor Emeritus Kuo-Huang Han, center in suit, visited with CSEAS Asst. Director Jui-Ching Wang and NIU world music students while introducing two Mongolian musicians performing at the Taiwan Culture Center in Westmont over the weekend.

* Catherine Raymond (Art History) will lead the panel, Challenging the Visual Representations of Women in Burmese Art, and present "Myanmar Women Performing Artists Emerging from Isolation and Censorship" at the **Oct. 4-6** Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs ([MCAA](#)) at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Also on the panel: Center for Burma Studies Research Assistant Carmin Berchiolly (MA art history, 2017), who will present "Finding the Odalisque in Burma: Notes on Colonial Photographs and Picture Postcards of Women," and MA art history candidate Markie Striegel, who will present "Beyond the Threads of *Luntaya Acheik*: An Examination of the Traditional Weaving Industry in Amarapura, Myanmar." CSEAS Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) is also attending MCAA to present "I Sing, Therefore I am: Javanese Children's Singing Games and Their Historical, Local, and Global Contexts."

* Tharaphi Than (World Languages and Cultures) is on sabbatical this fall, researching feminism and feminist movements in Myanmar. Than, who has been in SEA since this summer, was a speaker in the seminar, "'New' and Competing Nationalisms in Myanmar," on **June 28** at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Yusof Ishak Institute in Singapore.

* Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) is presenting “Making the Majority in the Name of Islam: Democratization, Moderate-Radical Coalition and Religious Intolerance in Indonesia” at the **Sept. 10–14** European Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) conference in Berlin. Earlier in the month, Hamayotsu participated in a mini-conference sponsored by the American Political Science Association (APSA) Southeast Asian Politics Group, “Citizenship in the Peripheries: Identities in Southeast Asia,” serving as discussant for the Indonesia/Malaysia/Singapore session at the APSA’s annual meeting in Washington, DC.

3. New in class: Welcome to Matthew Trew **NEW**



Trew and Bat Uorn holding a model of Battambang’s bamboo train attraction, which Uorn invented in 1980.

CSEAS welcomes new Anthropology instructor Matthew Trew (PhD candidate, anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison) to campus. He is teaching ANTH 422, Gender in Southeast Asia; SEAS 490, Tourism and Cultural Heritage in Southeast Asia; SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World; and Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. Trew, a cultural anthropologist who works primarily in Battambang, Cambodia, is interested in tourism studies, urban development and narratology. His research focuses on thematic tourism as a strategy for establishing competitive symbolic economies in smaller urban areas of the developing world. He also studies themed spaces, theme park design and strategy, and the Disneyization process. Other interests include cultural heritage management, postcolonial space, dark tourism (the tourism of death and tragedy), religious

tourism, performance and circus, and visual anthropology/ethnographic film. In addition to his research, Trew has also worked closely with Cambodia's Phare Ponleu Selpak Fine Arts School and Circus, most recently collaborating with their performance school to write a circus show based on his historical research. He also consults with the government of Battambang regarding tourism management and the city’s ongoing application for UNESCO World Heritage Status, and also runs the website BambooTrain.com to help promote and preserve Battambang’s endangered bamboo train attraction.

4. Campus notes: Indonesia Cultural Caravan and a match made in Altgeld **NEW**

The 2019 Indonesia Cultural Caravan, a 27-member group touring four universities in the U.S. from **Sept. 26 to Oct. 12**, will present Sundanese and Javanese gamelan and traditional Indonesian dance at 6:30 p.m. Friday, **Sept. 27**, in Boutell Concert Hall. Sekolah Bogor Raya, an international school in Bogor, West Java, and the Indonesian Big Ten Alumni Association is staging the caravan with support from the Indonesian government to commemorate 70 years of diplomatic relations (1949–2019) between the Republic of Indonesia and the U.S. The caravan will also tour the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Indiana University and the University of Michigan. . . . In the Perks of Studying Southeast Asia at NIU Department, CSEAS graduate assistant Qi Yu (MM candidate, recording arts) and former CSEAS graduate assistant Michael McSweeney (MM world music, 2016) have announced they will be



Happy together: McSweeney and Qi Yu

making a lifetime of melodies together. McSweeney surprised Qi Yu on bended knee with an engagement ring **Aug. 24** in front of Altgeld Hall, following in the earlier steps of his father and grandfather, who proposed to McSweeney's mother and grandmother in the same location.

5. CSEAS offers distance Indonesian class **NEW**

Indonesian language professor Rahmi Aoyama is offering a 10-week beginning Indonesian [distance class](#) through CSEAS this fall. No prior knowledge of the language is required. Instruction will be live and conducted by Aoyama. Contact her at rhartati1@niu.edu for details.

6. **Save the dates:** Burmese story time, Indonesian concert **NEW**

- **Sept. 14:** CSEAS Outreach presents "Burmese Story Time: Myanmar Folktale" 11 to 11:30 a.m. in the Malta Public Library, 203 Adams St. **NEW**
- **Sept. 18:** Majors and Minors Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, HSC.
- **Sept. 19:** Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, HSC.
- **Sept. 27:** Indonesian Cultural Caravan concert, 6:30 p.m., Boutell Concert Hall, School of Music.
- **Oct. 18–20:** Council on Thai Studies annual meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Southeast Asian Studies. See [website](#).

7. Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast: Famine in Khmer Rouge Cambodia



Get your earbuds on and tune in to CSEAS's [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast series. In our latest conversation, host Eric Jones and Rachel Jacobs, PhD candidate at University of Wisconsin-Madison, talk about the causes of non-violent deaths, primarily famine, in Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge (1975–79) her research on the history of opium in colonial Southeast Asia. Our following (more than 17,800 listens since its 2016 debut) keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

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. Visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates should contact adviser Matt Jagel at mjagel2@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

9. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts **NEW**



Northern Illinois University Press is seeking quality scholarly, accessible book-length manuscripts in Southeast Asian Studies to consider for publication. Address inquiries to Kenton Clymer, editor, Southeast Asian Series, NIU Press (an imprint of Cornell University Press), at kclymer@niu.edu.

10. Money for study

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. **Deadline to apply: May 31.** See [website](#).

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.

11. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers **NEW**

- **EuroSEAS 2019**, Sept. 10–13, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. See [website](#).
- **Of Peninsula and Archipelago: The Landscape of Translation in Southeast Asia**, Aug. 31–Sept. 1, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Hosted by the International Association for Translation and Intercultural Studies. See [website](#).
- **Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Oct. 4–6, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **Council on Thai Studies**, Oct. 18–20, University of Wisconsin-Madison. See [website](#).
- **Conference of Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies**, Power in Southeast Asia, Oct. 24–26, Montreal, Quebec. For details, email Serge Gagner, University of Sherbrooke or Erik Martinez Kuhonta, McGill University.
- **SEASIA Biennial Conference 2019**, Dec. 5–7, Academia Sinica, Taipei. Change and Resistance: Future Directions of Southeast Asia. See [website](#).
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific**, Feb. 13–15, East-West Center, Honolulu. Call for papers. **Abstracts due: Oct. 15.** See [website](#). **NEW**

12. Careers **NEW**

U.S.-ASEAN Business Council

- **Policy and research internships:** Semester [internships](#) based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. **Deadline to apply for for spring internships: Oct. 10.** For details, email internships@usasean.org. See [website](#). **NEW**

Yale-NUS College

- **Assistant anthropology professor:** Tenure-track [position](#) for 2020-21 academic year. **Application review begins Oct. 31.** Apply online. See [website](#). **NEW**

VIA

- **Global Community Fellowship:** 13-15-month program for graduating seniors (2019) and young professionals to work at NGOs, schools, universities and social enterprises in Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Monthly stipend, travel insurance, 10-day training in Thailand, midyear conference and year-end wrap-up provided; participants pay for transport to and from Asia, plus funds for food during VIA gatherings. See [website](#).

Bridge to Success

- **English Teachers in China:** Ten-month- internships and jobs for English speakers with bachelor's degree minimum. See [website](#).

Center for Strategic and International Studies

- **Internships:** Full- and part-time internships for undergraduates, advanced students and recent graduates who are interested in gaining practical experience in public policy. Based in Washington, DC. Rolling deadlines to apply. See [website](#).

Eurasia Group

- See [website](#) for job opportunities.

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 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](#).

ASEAN/ASEC

- **Job listings:** Check [website](#) frequently for open positions at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC).

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. See [website](#).

Idealist.org

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. See [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: Asian pop-up films

- Check out Asian Pop-Up Cinema, a semi-annual film festival in Chicago sponsored by nonprofit film organization Sophia's Choice. Season 9 runs from **Sept. 10–Oct. 10** and includes 17 new films and special guests, including films from the Philippines and Thailand. Screenings are held in various Chicago sites. See the season's [fall lineup](#).

- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum's co-curation team at 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. 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. See the consulate's [Facebook](#) page.
- Indonesian Dance of Illinois offers traditional dance and gamelan music lessons Saturdays in Evanston. See [website](#).

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