

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of January 25, 2021



World Music graduate student Glynnis White was invited to participate in the Indonesian Embassy's Angklung Goes to America program on Dec. 19. Details in Student News.

Catching up with faculty, students

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions on campus, CSEAS hours are restricted to appointments only. To see a staff member, please contact them by email or phone (see [contact info](#) on the CSEAS website). Masks and social distancing apply in the office. Thank you.

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1. Catching up with Center associates **NEW**

* Micah Morton (Anthropology) has published an [article](#) with Jianhua Wang (Yunnan Minzu University, China) in *Asian Ethnology* (Vol. 79, No. 2) entitled “Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Shifting State-Society Relations and Emerging Resource Frontiers in China’s Southwest Borderlands.”

* Tomoyuki Shibata (Public Health) is hosting visiting Fulbright fellow Chit Wityi Oo, a lecturer in the Department of Industrial Chemistry at the University of Yangon in Myanmar, this semester. Oo will be working with Shibata on air quality and public health research.

* Scot Schraufnagel (Political Science), whose expertise in American election law made him a regular figure in print and broadcast media during the 2020 election, was notified last week that his [article](#), “Cost of Voting in the American States: 2020 in the *Election Law Journal*, ranked No. 80 in the top 100 most-discussed articles (out of 3.4 million) tracked by [Altmetric](#) in 2020.



Micah Morton takes a break from online teaching with walks along the Kishwaukee River with son Aiden.

2. Student news: Say it with angklung **NEW**

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Republic of Indonesia, the Indonesian Embassy in Washington, D.C., invited communities, organizations, and institutions (including CSEAS) to participate **Dec. 19** in an Angklung Goes to America Program. Glynnis White (MM World Music) stepped in for invited CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music), who is currently on sabbatical abroad. White joined roughly 60 U.S. participants, including K-12 and university music educators and community music teachers, for the virtual event. The



The Indonesian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

group’s experience with angklung, a bamboo instrument from West Java, ranged from absolute beginner to one professor whose Ph.D. dissertation had focused on the instrument, White said. During the hour and a half workshop, the group worked together to set up the bamboo instruments, learn how to read unique angklung notation, warm up and learn/practice scales, and then made music together (including “Brahm’s Lullaby”). For her participation, White received several full sets of angklung and instructional materials for CSEAS; her participation also makes NIU eligible to participate in a yet unscheduled U.S. Angklung Festival later this year. ●●● Skylar McElroy, a senior in psychology and a first-year Indonesian student, won third place in a virtual poetry competition **Dec. 13** sponsored by the Indonesian Embassy in Washington, D.C. In addition to McElroy, five other first-year NIU students made it as finalists in the competition: Calvin Jackson, Courtney Huhta, Jennifer Chattic, Ashley Hines, and Jasmine Johnson. ●●● The NIU Thai Music Ensemble will perform in a live-stream event with the Thai Cultural Fine Arts Institute at the Asian American Coalition of Chicago’s 38th [Lunar New Year Celebration](#) at 7 p.m. **Feb. 20.**

3. Say it with 250 words: Abstract workshop advances student conference **NEW**

If it's spring, it must be conference time, which means honing one's abstract-writing skills. Twelve students attended an abstract writing workshop **Jan. 21** led on Zoom by CSEAS associate Micah Morton and sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club. "People said they got a lot out of the experience and felt more confident writing an abstract," said club president Matthew Werstler (MM World Music). The club hosted the workshop in advance of its **March 20** Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference, a virtual event via Microsoft Teams. **Abstracts from both graduate and undergraduate students are due Sunday, Jan. 31 with final papers due Friday, March 1.** Email inquiries or abstracts to niuseaclub@gmail.com (please put "Abstract" in the subject line). Best paper awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers. The keynote speaker will be Creighton University historian and NIU alumnus Michael Hawkins. A former Fulbright Fellow to the Philippines and NIU alumnus, Hawkins is the author of *Making Moros: Imperial Historicism and American Military Rule in the Philippine Muslim South* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2012) and *Semi-Civilized: The Moro Village at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition* (Cornell University Press). The NIU Graduate Colloquium is co-sponsoring Hawkins' visit to NIU; he will also be presenting a talk in the Spring CSEAS Graduate Colloquium Lecture Series **March 19** (also via Microsoft Teams).

4. Spring Virtual Lecture Series: Feb. 19, March 19, April 16



Tan

Mark your calendars for spring's virtual CSEAS Graduate Colloquium Lecture Series, starting **Feb. 19** with ethnomusicologist [Shzr Ee Tan](#) of at Royal Holloway University of London. Tan will present "Internet Sonorities of Transient Labour in Singapore/Southeast Asia" via [Microsoft Teams](#). Tan's research interests are impact-based issues of music and decolonization, aspirational cosmopolitanism and race discourses in music around the world toward examining marginality through the lenses of intersectionality. This past June, she co-organized the webinar [Orchestrating Isolation: Musical Interventions and](#)

[Inequality in the COVID-19 Fallout](#). On **March 19** historian and NIU alumnus [Michael Hawkins](#), chair of the History Department at Creighton University, will present Sensational Savages: Marketing the Moro Village at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, 1904." Hawkins' [lecture](#) will also be virtual via Microsoft Teams. Hawkins, a former Fulbright fellow in the Philippines, focuses his research on empire, Islam and agency in Asia with a particular interest in notions of historical time. He will also be the keynote speaker **March 20** for the 2021 Spring Southeast Asian Studies Student



Hawkins

Conference (see below). The spring lecture series will conclude **April 16** with [Shorna Allred](#), associate professor in Cornell University's Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, who will present "Cultural Resilience in Borneo." Allred's research blends human factors and natural sciences with the goal of improving resource management and conservation. Her [lecture](#), cohosted by the NIU Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, will focus on her research into the cultural resilience of the Penan hunter-gather peoples who have lived in the Borneo rainforest for generations but whose culture and way of life are



Allred

now experiencing environmental and development pressures. CSEAS thanks the NIU Graduate Colloquium for its help in funding the spring series.

5. Alumni notes: Curating, relocating and publishing **NEW**

Anthonie Tumpag (MA anthropology, 2016), curator and collections manager at the Trickster Cultural Center in Schaumburg, Ill., has collaborated with different ethnic communities on the [virtual exhibit](#) “CULTURALLY

CONNECTED While Physically Apart.” The exhibit highlights art, objects and stories from the Indonesian, Malaysian and Philippine communities among others.

“While the figurative carvings come from different cultures, people’s experiences with them can recollect feelings relevant in these unprecedented times,” Tumpag says. “While many of us must remain apart from loved ones during the pandemic, our love for our



Tumpag at the Trickster Cultural Center in Schaumburg.

cultures and their teachings can still bring us together and help us stay connected in uncertain

times.” ●●● Brett McCabe (MA anthropology, 2011) is working for Amazon Web Services in Seattle.

He and wife Mary McCabe moved from the Chicago area to the Northwest in October 2020. ●●●

Paul Chambers (Ph.D. political science, 2003), on leave from Naresuan University as a fellow at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Kyoto University, has contributed to a just published monograph in the Yale Southeast Asia Studies series, [Coup, King, Crisis: A Critical Interregnum in Thailand](#). The monograph explores the royal transition in Thailand from the 2014 coup through the 2017 Constitution and 2019 election, and is described as the first book-length analysis of this transition from the rule of King Bhumibol Adulyadej to his son and successor King Maha Vajiralongkorn.

6. GETSEA: Enhancing graduate SEA studies nationwide

This spring, the year-old Graduate Education and Training in Southeast Asian Studies (GETSEA)



consortium, hosted by Cornell University and to which CSEAS

belongs, is offering three [virtual Mini Courses](#) available to any graduate student pursuing SEA studies. The courses and dates are:

Feb. 19-March 26, Rethinking the Environmental Repertoire in Southeast Asia; **March 6-April 17**, Southeast Asian Politics and

Politics; and **June 1-July 6**, Transnational Representation of Southeast Asia: Race, Gender, and Identity. **Deadline to register is Feb. 12.**

GETSEA was established in 2020 with a \$275,000 Luce Foundation grant to strengthen graduate education in SEA studies across major Southeast Asia centers, such as CSEAS, across the U.S. The four-year award will support Cornell, NIU, and other U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Centers in pooling their resources and collaborating with each other to offer mini-courses and graduate seminars via distance learning. The goal also is to facilitate scholarly networks, mentoring and advising and to offer venues for shared language instruction.

7. **Save the dates:** Spring deadlines, lectures **NEW**

- **Jan. 31:** Deadline for abstracts, 2021 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference.

- **Feb. 12:** Abstract deadline for NIU History Graduate Student Association Conference. For details, email niuhistorygsa@gmail.com **NEW**
- **Feb. 19:** CSEAS Graduate Colloquium Virtual Spring Lecture Series begins with Shzr Ee Tan, University of London Department of Music, “Internet Sonorities of Transient Labor in Singapore/Southeast Asia,” noon to 1 p.m. Via Microsoft Teams [here](#).
- **March 19:** Noon to 1 p.m., Virtual Spring Lecture Series, Michael Hawkins, Creighton University Department of History, “Sensational Savages: Marketing the Moro Village at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, 1904.” Via Microsoft Teams [here](#).
- **April 9:** NIU History Graduate Student Association Conference. **NEW**
- **April 16:** Noon to 1 p.m., Virtual Spring Lecture Series, Shorna Allred, Cornell University Department of Natural Resources and Environment, “Cultural Resilience in Borneo. Via Microsoft Teams [here](#).
- **March 20:** Virtual Southeast Asian Studies Spring Student Conference. Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club, CSEAS, and the NIU Graduate Colloquium.

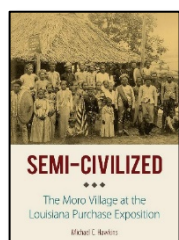
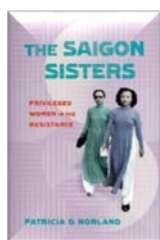
8. Tune in to the latest episode of SEA Crossroads podcast **NEW**



[Napalm in the Morning](#), an exploration of films dealing with the Vietnam War, has joined the Center’s wide-ranging podcast series, [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#). In the latest [episode](#), “Napalm in the Morning: Nixon Part 2,” host and historian Eric Jones and historian Matthew Jagel discuss the 1995 Oliver Stone film *Nixon* with Heath Hardage Lee, author of the 2019 book *League of Wives: The Untold Story of the Women Who Took on the U.S. Government to Bring Their Husbands Home* (St. Martin’s Press). They dissect what director Stone got right and wrong with the film as well as First Lady

Pat Nixon, the subject of an upcoming book by Lee. Southeast Asia Crossroads’ following has grown to nearly 40,000 listens since its 2016 debut with listeners in 70 countries; topics range from history and politics to art and culture. Since its June 2020 debut, *Napalm in the Morning*, also hosted by Jones and Jagel, has examined six Vietnam films (*Full Metal Jacket*, *Rambo First Blood*, *Platoon*, *Coming Home*, *Good Morning Vietnam*, and *We Were Soldiers*).

9. Two new books in NIU/Cornell Southeast Asia Series



Cornell University Press, where NIU Press has been an imprint since 2019, has released two new books in the NIU Southeast Asia Series. [The Saigon Sisters: Privileged Women in the Resistance](#), by Patricia D. Norland, was released in July. The book traces the lives of nine Vietnamese women who grew up in a French lycée and later fought for independence

beginning with the French occupation of Vietnam through the Second Vietnamese War’s end in 1975. “The Saigon Sisters is a rare glimpse into the experience of young women during the Vietnamese Revolution, the Vietnam War, and communist Vietnam,” writes California Polytechnic State University historian Christina Firpo. “This book is a valuable contribution to women’s history as well as twentieth-century Vietnamese history.”

A few good books

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

Semi-Civilized: The Moro Village at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, by Creighton University historian and CSEAS alumnus Michael C. Hawkins (PhD history, 2009), was released in March. Hawkins' book examines Moro (Filipino Muslim) contributions to the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, challenging the manifestations of "empire" at the event and in American discourse at the time. "There has not been a critical assessment of the Moro villages at the important 1904 World's Fair, and this book promises to bring such study into the scholarly record," writes University of North Carolina's Timothy Marr about the book.

10. Conferences, workshops and webinars **NEW**

Conferences

- **East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia-Pacific**, Feb. 11–13, Honolulu. **VIRTUAL** See [website](#).
- **2021 Spring Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference**, March 20, Northern Illinois University. **VIRTUAL** Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 31**. For details, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.
- **2021 Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, Links and Fractures, March 19–21, Cornell University. **VIRTUAL** See [website](#).
- **NIU History Graduate Student Association Conference**, April 9. **VIRTUAL** **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 12**. Keynote speaker Michael Vann (California State University-Sacramento): "Memory Holes and Crocodile Holes: Representing and Silencing Cold War-era Mass Violence in Southeast Asian Museums." For details, email niuhistorygsa@gmail.com.
- **Empire Competition: Southeast Asia as Site of Imperial Contestation**, April 8–9, Pace University. See [website](#).
- **Midwest Political Science Association**, April 14–18. **VIRTUAL** See [website](#).
- **University of California-Riverside Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference**, May 14. **VIRTUAL** Theme: Making and unmaking Southeast Asian Spaces. **Deadline for proposals for papers, panels, digital poster presentations and virtual performance spaces: Feb. 15**. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **AIFIS-MSU Conference on Indonesian Studies**, June 23–26, American Institute for Indonesian Studies and Michigan State University Asian Studies Center. Inaugural conference. **VIRTUAL** **Deadline for abstracts: March 31**. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **Chulalongkorn Institute of Thai Studies Asian Heritage Forum**, Aug. 19–20, Bangkok. **IN-PERSON** or **VIRTUAL**. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 14**. See [website](#).
- **Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies Conference**, Oct. 21–24, Vancouver. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 5**. See [website](#). **NEW**

Webinars and workshops

- **Asia Foundation**, Jan. 27. "Enduring the Pandemic: Surveys on the Impact of COVID-19 in Cambodia," 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. CST (9 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. in Cambodia). Panelists: Meloney Lindberg, Cambodia country representative for Asia Foundation; Chan Sophal, Director for Centre for Policy Studies; Ou Virak, founder and president, Future Forum, with moderator John Brandon, senior director International Relations Program, Asia Foundation. **VIRTUAL** See [Zoom](#) registration. **NEW**
- **University of Washington**, Jan. 28. Gerald Sim (Film and Media Studies, Florida State University), discusses his book *Postcolonial Hangups in Southeast Asian Cinema: Poetics of Space, Sound and Stability* with Singapore documentary filmmaker Tan Pin Pin, moderated by UW media and cinema professor James Tweedie. **VIRTUAL** See [weblink](#) to view.

- **University of Hawaii**, Jan. 27. “Markets for Mekong Commodities,” 6 to 7:30 p.m. CST (7 to 8:30 a.m. Jan. 28 in mainland SEA countries). Panelists: Ian Baird (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Ben Belton (Michigan State University), Nathan Green (National University of Singapore) and Patrick Slack (McGill University) with moderator Jefferson Fox (East-West Center). See [Zoom registration](#). First of four webinars in Mekong, China and Southeast Asian Transition Series. Others are [Feb. 24](#), Migration, Mobility and the Mekong; [April 7](#), The Spirits and Spiritual Life of the Mekong, and [April 28](#), Mekong Dams: Debates and the Politics of Evidence. Participating institutions are: Henry Luce Foundation, Michigan State University, East-West Center and Chiang Mai University. **VIRTUAL**
- **Association for Asian Studies**, May 6. Workshop on “New Threats to Academic Freedom in Asia.” **VIRTUAL** See [website](#). **NEW**

11. Money for study **NEW**

Council of American Overseas Research Centers

- **Fellowships**: For U.S. doctoral candidates and postdocs. See [website](#). **NEW**

Inya Institute

- **Short-term graduate fellowships**: 2021 CAORC field research fellowships for M.A. and Ph.D. students studying Myanmar. **Deadline to apply: March 1**. See [details](#). **NEW**

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Summer Junior Resident Fellows**: Applications invited from undergraduates and recent graduates for July 5–Aug. 13 program in Siem Reap and Phnom Penh. **Deadline to apply: March 31**. See [website](#). **NEW**

Center for Indonesian Policy Studies

- **Visiting research fellowships**: Opportunities for Indonesian and non-Indonesian students completing their Indonesia-related doctorate and post-graduate theses to conduct field research in Indonesia over 3-6 month period. **No deadline to apply**. 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. **2022–23 applications available February 2021**. See [website](#).

ProFellow

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

12. Careers **NEW**

Southeast Asia Resource Action Center

- **Remote internships**: Two positions (field and communications) at Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 25**. See [details](#). **NEW**

U.S.-ASEAN Business Council

- **Policy and research internships**: Semester [internships](#) based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. **Deadline for summer 2021 placement: March 10**. For details, email internships@usasean.org. See [website](#).

Council on Foreign Relations

- **Foreign Affairs Career Center**: Jobs board hosted by council’s respected *Foreign Affairs* journal. From internships to full-time positions listed. 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](#).

The future calls

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