

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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School of Art graduate student interns Larissa Barnat, left, and Angie Redmont, work on the placement of original artworks in the new storage unit of the NIU Burma Art Collection in progress at Founders Library. Details below.

## Moving ahead this spring

Due to current campus COVID-19 guidelines, CSEAS office is open during regular office hours with visitors by appointment only. To see a staff member, please contact them by email or phone to make arrangements (see [contact info](#) on the CSEAS website). Masks and social distancing apply in the office. Thank you.

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### 1. Campus notes: The art of the move **NEW**

Progress continues on rehousing the NIU Burma Art Collection in a new state-of-the-art storage facility at Founders Library. This spring, School of Art and Design graduate students Larissa Barnat and Angie Redmont, funded by a grant from the [Institute of Museum and Library Sciences](#) (IMLS), joined the Center for Burma Studies (CBS) project as part of completing their Museum Studies certificates, said CSEAS associate and CBS Director Catherine Raymond. “Artists in their own right, they choose to intern with us and took the lead in surveying, digitizing, mapping and exhibiting for the first time the exceptional Burmese paintings in the collection dating from independence in 1948 to today,” Raymond said. “[The paintings] reflect the evolution of the Burmese society as well as the new art market as the country started to open during the last decade.” The entire Burma Art Collection is scheduled to be moved into the new storage facility later this spring. A virtual catalogue and e-exhibit is in the works for summer 2021, Raymond said. IMLS is the primary source of federal support for U.S. libraries and museums.



*Catalogued and organized, Burma paintings hang in their new home in the Burma Art Collection's new storage facility.*

### 2. Library update: Seeking Thai speaker for cataloging project **NEW**



*Hao Phan*

CSEAS associate Hao Phan, curator of the [Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection](#) at Founders Library, is seeking student assistance in cataloging 2,400 books in the Thai language. The nine-month, 20-hour/week position is open to an undergraduate or graduate student who can read Thai to help library staff transliterate the publication information from Thai script to the Latin alphabet using Library of Congress Romanization tables. The collection, founded in 1963, currently holds approximately 160,000 titles related to the 11 Southeast Asian countries, including books, periodicals, and microform materials among others. Thailand materials, including about 25,000 titles, form the second largest grouping in the collection (after Indonesia titles) about 64 percent are in Thai. “For many years, while continuing to collect Thai materials, the library has not had a full-time Thai-speaking cataloger to catalog the materials,” Phan said. “Although the staff of the library have made efforts in processing Thai materials, there has always been a discrepancy between the number of materials acquired and the number of materials cataloged.” If interested, contact Hao Phan at [hphan@niu.edu](mailto:hphan@niu.edu).

### 3. March 19 lecture to be both virtual and in person **NEW**



*Hawkins*

With easing of COVID-19 guidelines on campus, the **March 19** Friday lecture will be presented both in person and online (via Microsoft Teams). 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” both virtually and in person at noon March 19 in Campus Life 100. Attendance is limited to 40. 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 Conference (see below). The last spring Friday lecture will be [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" at noon virtually. 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 now experiencing environmental and development pressures. CSEAS thanks the NIU Graduate Colloquium for help funding the spring series.



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#### 4. Get your presentation on for spring student conference

Final preparations for the [March 20](#) Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference, a virtual event from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. via Microsoft Teams, are underway. The conference's keynote speaker will be Creighton University historian Michael Hawkins, 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.

#### 4. **Save the dates:** Virtual lectures, spring conferences **NEW**

- **March 19:** Noon to 1 p.m., virtual and in person in Campus Life 100, Spring Lecture Series, Michael Hawkins, Creighton University Department of History, "Sensational Savages: Marketing the Moro Village at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, 1904."
- **March 20:** Virtual Southeast Asian Studies Spring Student Conference. Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club, CSEAS, and the NIU Graduate Colloquium. Keynote speaker: Michael Hawkins.
- **April 9:** NIU History Graduate Student Association Conference. 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."
- **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."

#### 5. Recent Indonesian air disaster's subject of latest SEA Crossroads podcast

In the most recent [episode](#), host Eric Jones interviews Chicago lawyers Thomas Gardiner and Brittany Hebler (a former FLAS fellow who studied Bahasa Indonesian while a student at NIU) about their firm's litigation representing victims of recent Indonesian airline disasters. (For information about the firm, GKWW, see their [website](#)). Also, [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](#). Southeast Asia Crossroads' following has grown to nearly 49,000 listens since its 2016 debut with listeners in 95 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*, *Nixon*, and *We Were Soldiers*).





## 6. 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. *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

## 7. Conferences, workshops and webinars **NEW**

### Conferences

- **2021 Spring Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference**, March 20, Northern Illinois University. **VIRTUAL** Keynote speaker: Michael Hawkins (Creighton University): For details, email [niuseaclub@gmail.com](mailto:niuseaclub@gmail.com).
- **2021 Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, Links and Fractures, March 19–21, Cornell University. **VIRTUAL** See [website](#).
- **2021 Association of Asian Studies Conference**, March 21–26. **VIRTUAL** SEA panels [list](#). See [website](#).
- **NIU History Graduate Student Association Conference**, April 9. **VIRTUAL** 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](mailto: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 Hong Kong**, May 1. **VIRTUAL** Theme: Northeast Asian Countries' Soft Power in Southeast Asia and South Asia. Call for papers. Honoraria will be awarded to selected papers. Send to Trevor Wan at [trevortw@connect.hku.hk](mailto:trevortw@connect.hku.hk).
- **University of California-Riverside Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference**, May 14. **VIRTUAL** Theme: Making and unmaking Southeast Asian Spaces. See [website](#).
- **InterAsia Water(s) Graduate Conference**, May 28–29, Yale University. **VIRTUAL** 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](#).
- **Rethinking Southeast Asia in World Politics**, June 24–25, University of Lodz (Poland). **VIRTUAL** or **IN-PERSON**. **Deadline for abstracts: March 31**. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **Chulalongkorn Institute of Thai Studies Asian Heritage Forum**, Aug. 19–20, Bangkok. **IN-PERSON** or **VIRTUAL**. See [website](#).
- **Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies Conference**, Oct. 21–24, Vancouver. See [website](#).
- **2021 National Humanities Conference**, Nov. 11–14, Detroit. Theme: Borders. Call for proposals. **Deadline for abstracts: April 9**. See [website](#). **NEW**

### Webinars and workshops

- **Korean Cultural Influence in Southeast Asia**, March 17, 8 to 10 p.m. CST. Hosted by George Washington University Institute for Korean Studies. **VIRTUAL** Panel discussion. Details and register [here](#). **NEW**
- **Republicanism in Thailand, Then and Now**, March 18, 7 p.m. CST. **VIRTUAL** Speaker: Patrick Jory, associate professor of SEA History, University of Queensland. Hosted by University of California-Berkeley CSEAS. Register [here](#).
- **Refracting the Vietnam War: Critical Refugee Studies and Southeast Asian American Cultural Production**: Mini Speaker Series. March 18: artist Antonius-Tin Bui, “upon skin, upon stone” presentation; April 1: Lao poet Krysada Phounsiri, “LAOMERICA, A Wandering Narrative” reading; April 22: Ma Vang (University of California-Merced, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies), “Hmong American Literature and Refugee Presence,” lecture. All sessions 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. CST. Co-sponsored by the Committee on the Degrees of History and Literature and the Harvard University Asia Center. Register [here](#). **NEW**
- **The Spirits and Spiritual Life of the Mekong**, April 7, 6 p.m. CST. [Spring 2021 Webinar Series](#): The Mekong, China and Southeast Asian Transitions. **VIRTUAL** Co-hosted by University of Hawaii-Manoa CSEAS and Chinese Studies, East-West Center, Michigan State University and Chiang Mai University. Register [here](#).
- **An Archaeology of Religious Change**: Community Response in 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Century CE Angkor, April 22, 7 p.m. CST. Speaker: Piphah Heng (affiliate, University of Hawaii-Manoa Anthropology Department). Register [here](#). **NEW**
- **Mekong Dams: Debates and the Politics of Evidence**, April 28, 6 p.m. CST. [Spring 2021 Webinar Series](#): The Mekong, China and Southeast Asian Transitions. **VIRTUAL** Co-hosted by University of Hawaii-Manoa CSEAS and Chinese Studies, East-West Center, Michigan State University and Chiang Mai University. Register [here](#). **NEW**

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

### *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 for 2022–23: May 15.** See [website](#). **NEW**

### *U.S. Department of Education*

- **Fulbright-Hays fellowships**: Competition open for Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad fellowships. **Deadline to apply: April. 5.** See [website](#).

### *Council of American Overseas Research Centers*

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

### *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](#).

### *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](#).

### *ProFellow*

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

## 9. Careers

### *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](mailto: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](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](#).

### *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](#).

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