

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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This week ends on many high notes Friday, Nov. 5, with an evening of Balinese shadow puppetry, Thai folk and court music, Javanese gamelan and more at the 125th Anniversary Celebration Showcase of Southeast Asian Performing Arts. Details below,

A celebration of Southeast Asian performing arts

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World Music Professor Jui-Ching Wang

From wayang to gamelan, a night of SEA performing arts

Ever since last spring's pandemic shutdown, CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang, professor of world music, looked forward to rescheduling what was going to be a showcase of Southeast Asian performing arts to celebrate NIU's [125th anniversary year](#) and to mark NIU's long [history](#) with Southeast Asian studies. This free public event is now back on the calendar, set for this Friday, **Nov. 5**, at 7 p.m. CDT in the Boutell Memorial Concert Hall on campus. In addition, Balinese shadow puppetry expert Jennifer Goodlander of Indiana University and Cambodian composer Chinary Ung of the University of California-San Diego will present two lectures before the event.

The 125th Anniversary Celebration Showcase of Southeast Asian Performing Arts, directed by Wang, will feature *wayang kulit* puppetry from Indonesia, Thai music and dance, Javanese gamelan, Vietnamese guitar. The performance also features two world premiere contemporary percussion pieces, one by Cambodian composer Chinary Ung, professor of music at the University of California-San Diego, and the other by NIU School of Music alumnus David Gordon. Gregory Breyer, director of percussion studies at NIU, will perform the Ung piece on marimba. He will also direct the Gordon piece, inspired by Javanese gamelan music, performed by the NIU Percussion Ensemble.

The concert leads off with shadow puppetry performed by guest artist Jennifer Goodlander, whose writing and research has been devoted to this art as interpreted in Bali, Indonesia. In her career, Goodlander has performed Balinese *wayang kulit* at international festivals and around the United States. Other performers include Vietnamese classical guitarist and NIU guitar faculty member An Tran, the NIU Javanese Gamelan Ensemble, the Friends of the Gamelan in Chicago, the NIU Thai Music Ensemble, and the Thai Culture and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago.

In conjunction with the concert will be an opening reception at 6 p.m. for "Looking at Women in Contemporary Burma," an exhibit of Burmese contemporary art from the Burma Art Collection, on display in the adjacent Whitney Gallery through **Dec. 12**.

The evening's events are co-sponsored by the NIU Center for Southeast Asian Studies; the Center for Burma Studies; the Office of Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; the College of Visual and Performing Arts; and the School of Music.

Prior to the event, Goodlander will give a lecture about her longtime study of Balinese puppetry at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, **Nov. 4**, in Campus Life 100 and via Zoom (register [here](#)). Ung will give an in-person lecture at 3 p.m. Friday, **Nov. 5**, in Room 202, Music Building. In addition, NIU faculty member An Tran will give a faculty recital at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, **Nov. 16**, in the Music Building Recital Hall. For information on any of these events, contact Liz Denius at edenius@niu.edu or Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.



University of Saskatchewan anthropologist Susanna Barnes is this week's Friday speaker. (Photo/Ronin Films)

This week's virtual lecture: 'Custom' care in Timor-Leste

University of Saskatchewan anthropologist Susanna Barnes will present "Holding Tightly: Culture and Healing in Timor-Leste" at noon CDT **Nov. 5** via Zoom (register [here](#) to attend and to be sent a link ahead of time to privately screen Barnes' documentary "Holding Tightly: Custom and Healing in Timor-Leste"). In her talk, Barnes will discuss her three-year project observing seven approaches to healing in remote, rural and urban parts of the Baucau municipality in east Timor-Leste. Depending on accessible resources, families often share treatments for everyday ills while specialist healers use diagnostic and therapeutic skills for more complicated conditions. Barnes' research, as shown in the film, demonstrates how healing is intimately tangled with forms of belief and care grounded in deep connections between people and their environments. In addition to a private screening available to registered lecture participants, the film also will be shown at 6:30 p.m. **Nov. 4** in Cole Hall 100, with discussion to follow led by CSEAS associate Micah Morton (Anthropology). For information on any CSEAS lecture, contact Outreach Coordinator Rachael Skog at rskog@niu.edu or CSEAS at cseas@niu.edu.

It's that time again: Sign up for spring courses

Registration opens this week to sign up for spring courses, including these [SEA classes](#), nearly all of which will be face-to-face. The Center's foundational course, SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World, will also include an Honors section. HIST 342, History of Southeast Asia to Ca. 1800, taught by Trude Jacobsen, is also open to graduate students (sign up for SEAS 590, Advanced Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies). Classes marked with an asterisk are online.

In addition to our continuing SEA language classes in Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai, spring SEA courses include:

- ANTH 407/507, Peoples and Cultures of Mainland Southeast Asia (Micah Morton)
- ARTH 328, Introduction to the Arts of Asia (Catherine Raymond)
- ARTH 457/657, Topics in Asian Art (Catherine Raymond)
- *FLBU 400, Special Topics in Burmese Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture (Tharaphi Than)
- *FLIN 300, Special Topics in Indonesian Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture (Rahmi Aoyama)
- *FLIN 400, Special Topics in Indonesian Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture (Rahmi Aoyama)
- FLTH 400, Special Topics in Thai Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture (Kanjana Thepboriruk)
- FLTH 500, Special Topics in Thai Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture (Kanjana Thepboriruk)
- HDFS 384, Asian American Families (Florensia Surjadi)
- HIST 342, History of Southeast Asia to Ca. 1800 (Trude Jacobsen)
- POLS 285, Introduction to International Relations (Aarjen Glas)
- POLS 376, Political Violence (Kikue Hamayotsu)
- POLS 664, Politics of Identity: Ethnicity, Religion and Conflict (Kheang Un)
- MUHL 431/531, Music of Southeast Asia (Jui-Ching Wang)
- MUSE 321/621, Thai Music Ensemble (Chamni Sripraram, instructor)
- MUSE 370/670, Gamelan Ensemble (Alex Yoffe, instructor).
- SEAS 590, Advanced Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies: History of Southeast Asia to Ca. 1800 (Trude Jacobsen)
- SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (Eric Jones with Dan McCoy).
- SEAS 625, Southeast Asia: A Multidisciplinary Perspective (Eric Jones)

Burmese refugee exhibit open through Nov. 12

The Center for Burma Studies exhibit, “The Art of Surviving: The Journey of Burmese Karen Refugees in Illinois,” is on display through **Nov. 12** at the NIU Art Museum. The [exhibit](#) examines the Burmese Karen refugee experience through recreations of home, glimpses of refugee camps, artifacts, textiles, oral histories, and photographs. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday; noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday; and noon to 3 p.m. Saturday. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, will become a traveling exhibit in 2022. For more details, see **Sept. 14** [article](#) by Katrina J. E. Milton in the *Midweek*. For more about Karen resettlement in other parts of the country, CSEAS friend Michael Roe shared this [video](#) about the Karen community in Minnesota.

2020-21 Mandala online and in print

How did the CSEAS community spend the pandemic year? Virtual conferences, online classes, virtual exhibits, online cultural events, and dealing with COVID-19 in SEA. Check out our take on a year and a half like no other, plus faculty activities, student news, and alumni updates, in the combined summer [2020-21 Mandala](#) newsletter, now in print and online.

Save the dates: COTS, International Ed Week, Culture Fest

- **Through Nov. 12:** “The Art of Surviving: The Journey of Burmese Karen Refugees in Illinois” at the NIU Art Museum.
- **Through Dec. 12:** “Looking at Women in Contemporary Burma,” Whitney Gallery, NIU Music Building.
- **Through May 14:** Exhibit exploring nine textile-making practices from around the world including Southeast Asia on display at the Pick Museum of Anthropology in Cole Hall. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.
- **Nov. 5:** 125th Anniversary Celebration Concert: Showcase of Southeast Asian Performing Arts, 7 p.m. CST, Boutell Hall. Accompanied by “Looking at Women in Contemporary Burma” exhibit, on display in the adjacent Whitney Gallery **Sept. 30 to Dec. 10**. Opening reception at 6 p.m. before concert.
- **Nov. 6:** Asian American Association Cultural Fashion Show, 7 to 8 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, HSC. **NEW**
- **Nov. 12–13:** Council on Thai Studies ([COTS](#)) virtual conference, hosted by Ohio University.
- **Nov. 15–19:** International Education Week. Virtual SEA language tables, featuring a different country every day, 8 to 9 a.m. **NEW**
- **Nov. 18:** Southeast Asia Culture Fest, 6 to 8 p.m. Campus Life Building. Presented by the Southeast Asia Club. **NEW**

Latest Crossroads podcast: A Cambodian village across the decades



In the latest [episode](#) of Southeast Asia Crossroads, CSEAS Director and anthropologist Judy Ledgerwood sits with host Eric Jones to talk about her latest research and unprecedented study of one Cambodian village through 60 tumultuous years. With 73 episodes, Southeast Asia Crossroads’ following has grown to 50,000 listens since its 2016 debut with listeners in 100 countries; topics range from history and politics to art and culture. Tune in also to [Napalm in the Morning](#), an exploration of films dealing with the Vietnam War.

Conferences, workshops, webinars

Conferences

- **COTS 2021**, Nov. 12–13: Council on Thai Studies annual meeting, Ohio University. Virtual.
- **2021 National Humanities Conference**, Nov. 11–14, Detroit. See [website](#).
- **Modern Language Association Conference**, Jan. 6–9, Washington. DC. Covering such issues as big data and social media in Southeast Asia. See [website](#).
- **East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference**, Feb. 17–20, virtual. See [website](#).
- **(De)Constructing Southeast Asia**, March 11–13, virtual. Call for papers. **Abstracts due: Nov. 30**. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **Association of Asian Studies Conference**, March 24–27, Honolulu. See [website](#).

- **Midwest Political Science Conference**, April 7–10, Chicago IL and virtual. Call for papers, roundtables and panel proposals. See [website](#).

Webinars

- **The Politics of Climate Vulnerability in Southeast Asia**, 11 a.m. CDT Nov. 3, via Zoom (register [here](#)). Hosted by the New York South East Asian Network. Talk by Rutgers University professor of human ecology Pamela McElwee will address how climate politics play out in Southeast Asia and how they relate to current COP26 talks in Glasgow. See [website](#). **NEW**
- **Repossessing Shanland: Myanmar, Thailand and a Nation-State Deferred**, 6 p.m. CDT, Nov. 3, via Zoom (register [here](#)). Hosted by UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies. Australian National University anthropologist Jane Ferguson, editor of the *Journal of Burma Studies*, discusses how the Shan people have created a homeland and identity by using state building as an ongoing project of resistance, resilience and accommodation in both countries. **NEW**
- **Political Violence in Southeast Asia since 1945: Case Studies from Six Countries**, 11 a.m. CDT Nov. 3, via Zoom (register [here](#)). Yale anthropologist Eve M. Zucker and historian Ben Kiernan discuss postwar waves of violence in Indonesia, Burma/Myanmar, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam, subjects of their recent book by the same title (Routledge, 2021). **NEW**
- **Breaking the Taboo: Discussions of the Monarchy in Thailand**, 7 p.m. CDT, Nov. 4, via Zoom (register [here](#)). Hosted by UC Santa Cruz Center for Southeast Asian Coastal Interactions. Speaker: Pavin Chachavalpongpun, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University. **NEW**
- **Managing and Mismanaging the Pandemic in Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam: Approaches and Consequences**, 9 p.m. Nov. 8, via Zoom (register [here](#)). Hosted by ISEAS Yusof Ishak Institute. **NEW**

Money for study

Library of Congress

- **2022 Summer Fellowships**: Virtual opportunity for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students. May 23 to July 29, 2022. Exposure to broad spectrum of library projects. Includes special project for Indonesian speakers: Winning Hearts and Minds: Malay and Indonesian Titles. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 8.** See [website](#). **NEW**

U.S. Department of State

- **Critical Language Scholarships**: Intensive summer 2022 language program in Indonesian. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 16.** See [website](#).

Council of American Overseas Research Centers

- **Fellowships**: For U.S. doctoral candidates and postdocs. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 16.** See [website](#).

U.S. Department of Defense

- **Boren Awards**: Intensive language scholarships for undergraduates, fellowships for graduate students. **Apply for scholarships by Feb. 2; apply for fellowships by Jan. 26.** See NIU Boren advisor Lauren Mock (lmock1@niu.edu) or Boren [website](#).

Blakemore Foundation

- **Blakemore-Freeman Fellowships**: Awarded for one academic year of full-time intensive language study of Asian languages, including Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Khmer or

Burmese, in approved language programs in East or Southeast Asia. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 30.** 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](#).

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](#).

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ProFellow

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

Careers

Japan Information Center

- **Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program:** Live and teach English for a year in Japan. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 12.** See [website](#).

SUNY-Cortland

- **Assistant professor of Asian history:** Southeast Asia specialty encouraged for full-time tenure-track position. **Application review begins Nov. 5.** See [job posting](#).

Rutgers University-New Brunswick

- **Assistant global studies professor:** Tenure-track position; regional and disciplinary focus open but expert knowledge of one or more Asian country and language requires. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 31.** See [job posting](#).

U.S.-ASEAN Business Council

- **Policy and research internships:** Semester [internships](#) based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. Email internships@usasean.org. 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 interested in gaining practical experience in public policy. 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. Compensation in college credit. 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](#). **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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