

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Raden Adjeng Kartini, a Javanese noblewoman, pioneered women's rights and education for native Indonesians in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Learn about a virtual exhibit detailing her accomplishments and those of other notable women in Southeast Asia below.

## Women's voices in Southeast Asia

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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## Virtual exhibit features women in Southeast Asia

In recognition of Women's History Month, and drawing from the Hart Southeast Asia Collection's vast troves of materials, Southeast Asia Library Assistant Joanna Kulma has put together a digital exhibit about [women in Southeast Asia](#). Kulma, who has worked in the Hart Collection since 2013, spent weeks pulling together images, books, quotes, and profiles of SEA women ranging from royalty to revolutionaries. From participating in nationalist movements and fights for independence in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, the exhibit reveals that women have continued to actively shape the future with their leadership efforts in SEA politics, education, the environment, and rights movements among other areas. Among those featured in the exhibit is Her Royal Highness Princess [Maha Chakri Sirindhorn](#) of Thailand, who received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from NIU in 2013. The exhibit will be a permanent part of the collection's digital archives, Kulma said.



*Nisha Ayub, a Malaysian transgender rights activist, received the International Women of Courage Award in 2016, the first openly transgender woman to receive that award.*

## Visiting Fulbright Scholar to discuss Myanmar air quality issues



Oo

Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholar Chit Wityi Oo, a lecturer in the Department of Industrial Chemistry at West Yangon University in Myanmar who has been on campus this spring, will discuss her research into how public perceptions of air quality play into public participation in mitigating air pollution in a virtual lecture at noon Wednesday, **April 7**. Catch her presentation, "Current Challenge and Future Actions to Improve Air Quality in Myanmar," via [Zoom](#). Oo's lecture is co-sponsored by the Center for Burma Studies and the School of Health Studies.

## Cultural resilience in Borneo subject of last spring Friday lecture



Allred

CSEAS presents its last spring Friday lecture at noon **April 16** as a virtual event 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 now experiencing environmental and development pressures. CSEAS thanks the NIU Graduate Colloquium for its support of the spring series.

## Call for papers: 2021 International Burma Studies Conference

The Center for Burma Studies (CBS) announces its [call for papers](#) for the 2021 International Burma Studies Conference, which will be held **Sept. 16–19** either on campus at NIU or virtually (stay tuned to the [conference website](#) for future announcements). The theme of the conference, which was postponed in 2020 due to COVID-19 health and safety protocols, is “Burmavision 2021: Political Crisis, Social Resilience, and Cultural Vibrance in Myanmar.” CBS and the Burma Studies Foundation Board of Trustees and the Burma Studies Group invite papers or multi-media presentations on all aspects of Burma/Myanmar studies. **Deadline to submit is April 30.**

## Notes from all over

If it's spring, it must be Songkran. The Thai Buddhist temple Wat Dhammaram at 7059 W. 75<sup>th</sup> Street in Chicago will open to the public **April 11** to celebrate the Thai New Year with a Songkran festival. The celebration includes ceremonies that pay homage to the Buddha and other ways of making merit, and emphasizes such moral virtues as gratitude and respect of elders. The festival begins at 7 a.m. with morning chanting beginning at 8 a.m., an alms offering ceremony at 10 a.m., followed by blessing chanting, lunch, and Dhamma preaching (in Thai), holy-water sprinkling, and expressing thanks. ●●● CSEAS associate emeritus Kenton Clymer (History) joins prominent experts rethinking U.S.-Southeast Asia relations in a [special edition](#) this month of Oxford University's *Diplomatic History* journal with his article “Southeast Asia: Where We Have Been, Where We Can Go.” Clymer notes that his article and the others can be downloaded for free for the next few weeks. ●●● Kudos to CSEAS graduate assistant Sinta Febrina (MA sociology), who has been selected to receive the fall 2021 [Mothers Memorial Scholarship](#).



*Wat Dhammaram, Chicago*

## Save the dates: Virtual lectures, spring conference, concert

- **March 26:** 2 p.m. CDT, CSEAS associate Micah Morton (Anthropology) talks about the give and take of participant observation for the Qualitative Inquiry Collaborative (QUIC) Online Speaker Series. Via [Zoom](#). **NEW**
- **April 6:** Noon to 1 p.m., virtual pop-up lecture with Fulbright ASEAN Visiting Scholar Chit Wityi Oo, Lecturer, Department of Industrial Chemistry, West Yangon University, Myanmar. Via [Zoom](#). **NEW**
- **April 7:** 5 to 6 p.m., Undergrad Employment Open House, sponsored by the Huskie Academic Support Center. Campus tutoring jobs for fall 2021. Via [Blackboard](#). **NEW**
- **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 11:** 3 p.m., World Music Concert, Boutell Memorial Concert Hall. Limited seating. Concert will also be live-streamed on School of Music [website](#). **NEW**

- **April 11:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2021 Songkran Festival, Wat Dhammaram, 7059 W. 75<sup>th</sup> St., Chicago. **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.”
- **April 21:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. CDT, *Foreign Affairs* magazine Virtual Graduate School Fair. See [website](#). **NEW**

## Recent Indonesian air disaster 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*).

## 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

## Conferences, workshops and webinars

### Conferences

- **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](#).
- **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](#).
- **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](#).

#### Webinars and workshops **NEW**

- **Refracting the Vietnam War: Critical Refugee Studies and Southeast Asian American Cultural Production: Mini Speaker Series**. 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](#).
- **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](#).
- **Far Right Regimes: A Global Comparison**, April 9, noon CDT. **VIRTUAL** Talk by Walden Bello, former MP of the Philippines and adjunct professor of sociology at SUNY-Binghamton. Sponsored by University of Wisconsin-Madison CSEAS. Register [here](#). **NEW**
- **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](#).
- **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](#).

## Money for study

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

*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](#).

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*ProFellow*

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

## Careers

*U.S.-ASEAN Business Council*

- **Policy and research internships:** Semester [internships](#) based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. **Deadline for fall 2021 placement: June 10.** For details, email [internships@usasean.org](mailto:internships@usasean.org). Singapore internship also available. 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. Seeking taff Editor for *Foreign Affairs* magazine currently (**applications close April 30**). See [website](#). **NEW**

*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. Compensation in college credit. See [website](#). **NEW**

*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](#). **NEW**
- **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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