Trouble in Mindanao: Thousands of families have ended up in evacuation centers during 40 years of violence in Mindanao in the southern Philippines. Here a husband and wife living in such a center in Datu Piang cook traditional rice cakes they hope to sell for income. Anthropology professor Susan Russell will discuss Mindanao violence and the media at a Jan. 28 lecture at NIU. (Photo by Abdullah Ampilan / Oxfam)

Special lecture: Mindanao violence and the media

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‘Who are the good guys here?’: Susan Russell to speak on Mindanao and the media
Deciphering the media’s coverage of violence, war, and peace in the southern Philippines will be the subject of a **Jan. 28** special lecture by NIU anthropologist and center associate Susan Russell from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the Holmes Student Center. Russell, along with International Training Office director and center associate Lina Ong, has spent the past six years working with the Philippine Youth Leadership Program to promote conflict resolution and peace building among young people in the region. The lecture is co-sponsored by CSEAS, NIU, and the DeKalb Interfaith Network for Peace and Justice. For details, contact [cseas@niu.edu](mailto:cseas@niu.edu) or 815-753-1981.

Applications for FLAS, Neher fellowships due Feb. 1
Graduate students are invited to submit applications to the center by **Feb. 1** for the 2010–11 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships. Pending funding, the grants will be awarded for the fall 2010 and spring 2011 semesters. FLAS fellowships provide for Southeast Asian language study at NIU. Applications for the 2010–11 Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia are also due Feb. 1. Applicants must be a graduate student in good standing who demonstrates a commitment to a career involving Southeast Asian studies. Application and fellowship guidelines for both the FLAS and Neher fellowships are available at the [center website](http://centerwebsite), Student Funding. Look for information on summer FLAS fellowships, a different program, later in January.

Freeware for foreign language teachers: Hands-on workshop offered Jan. 8
Foreign language teachers are invited to “Recession-Proof CALL: Foreign Language Instruction with Free Applications,” an all-day workshop on Friday, **Jan. 8**, in NIU’s Digital Conversion Lab (Room 337) in Founders Library. Participants will learn how to use the wide variety of freeware and other technological tools available for foreign language instruction and will also be introduced to the languages and culture of Southeast Asia. Space is limited to 20. Register at [www.forlangs.net/workshops/form.php](http://www.forlangs.net/workshops/form.php). The workshop is a pilot project sponsored by the center and the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department’s Foreign Language Technology Certificate Program. For details, e-mail [jsealt@att.net](mailto:jsealt@att.net).

The center says hello to Darus and goodbye to Francis
The center welcomes Darus Tharim, who arrived in DeKalb from Kajang, Malaysia, on Jan. 1 to begin a 2½-year stint managing the research materials for the center’s online multimedia Malay-English dictionary project. Darus, who has a degree in humanities, previously was a research assistant at the National University of Malaysia and the French Research Institute (EFEO) in Kuala Lumpur. Under the direction of center
director Jim Collins, Darus will be working with a team of center associates on the dictionary project, including Jim Henry, Patricia Henry, Eric Jones, and Robert Zerwekh. The dictionary project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The center bids farewell to student assistant Francis Enrique, who got the unexpected news over the holiday that he had received an international fellowship to do post-graduate studies in Philanthropy and Social Innovation at Universita di Bologna in Italy. The only catch? He had to be in Bologna by Jan. 18 (coincidentally Francis’s birthday) to start the program. Francis held a quick garage sale, packed his bags, and left Dec. 30 for Manila to get his Italian visa before flying on to Italy. Francis came to the center as a graduate assistant in 2008 while working on his MBA. His cheery demeanor and excellent multi-tasking skills will be greatly missed. Congratulations and happy birthday, Francis! Arrivederci!

► International Ramayana Conference paper proposals extended to Feb. 15
Scholars are invited to submit presentation proposals by Monday, Feb. 15 for next year’s Third International Ramayana Conference. The two-day event, co-sponsored by CSEAS, the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Illinois, and the International Ramayana Institute of North America, is set for Sept. 17–19, 2010 at NIU’s Naperville campus. The conference will include presentations and a Ramayana-based teacher workshop. For details, see the conference website.

► March 5 is deadline to apply for faculty, student Thai travel grants
Center faculty associates and NIU students are invited to apply for travel grants for research in Thailand through the Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund. Individual faculty travel awards are $1,000 and must be applied to research-related travel incurred by June 15, 2011. Applications should be submitted to center office manager Nancy Schuneman by March 5. Travel awards for individual students are $1,500 for graduate students and $1,000 for undergraduates. Eligible students must be in good standing with a research project with a Thai studies focus. Applications should be submitted to Chalermsee Olson at the NIU Library by March 5. For information, see the center website.

► Apply in spring to study abroad in Southeast Asia through NIU
   • History and Culture of Malaysia, May 9–28, Kuala Lumpur: Three-week program beginning in Kuala Lumpur led by assistant history professor Eric Jones. Students will visit nature reserves (orangutans and proboscis monkeys), historical sites, religious centers, and rural areas throughout Malaysia and Brunei, where they will interact with the region’s ethnically and religiously
diverse populations. Three credit hours. Open to graduate and undergraduate students. **Application deadline: March 1.** Contact the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; call 815-753-0304; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu.

- **Cambodia Field School, July 15–Aug. 15, Phnom Penh:** Four-week **ethnographic field school** led by anthropology professor Judy Ledgerwood. Students will study Cambodian culture, religion, and various field-study methods, including surveys, interviews, and participant observation. A collaborative project with the Royal University of Fine Arts in Phnom Penh. Three or six credit hours. Open to graduate or advanced undergraduate students. **Application deadline: April 1.** Contact the Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; call 815-753-0304; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu.

**SEAYLP at State:** The first class of NIU’s Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) visited Rep. Danny Davis in his D.C. office during its trip to the nation’s capital in December. In this photo from left are Ng Yui Yun, Fatin Amalina S. Salleh, Anne Tan Qiu Ying, Gabriel Goh, Minh Tuấn Nguyễn, Firdaus Adanan, Nabilah Fariz, Amin Feisal, Muaz Mf, Diamanta Vania Lavi, Anne Tan Qiu Ying, Abdul Rahman, Aez Idris, Duong Tran, NIU anthropology professor Kate Wiegele, Firdaus Adanan, Noor Amirah Bte Rohaizad, Mariah Kadir, Dalin Hy, Syazwana Wan Ali, NIU graduate assistant Steven Rogers, Julia Lamb, CSEAS Outreach Coordinator, Vu Thi Ngoc Bich, Kosal Han, Tran Thi Ngoc Han, Sreang Thearith, Quynh Corn, Thearanita Khin Chn, and Pisey Sreng. The students and adult leaders left for their home countries after the Washington, D.C., visit.

► **NIU grad student conference offers new venue to present research**

The NIU Graduate Student Research Association is accepting proposals until **Jan. 15** for its March 27 Conference on Human Development, Education, and Learning to be held at the Holmes Student Center. The goal of the interdisciplinary conference is to provide a venue for graduate students in diverse disciplines to share their research and to promote interdisciplinary collaboration. The program will consist of presentations in addition to workshops on technology and grant writing, led by NIU faculty, staff, and graduate students. **Proposal submission guidelines** are available online and should be submitted to Kristopher Kopp at kkopp@niu.edu.

► **Advanced Indonesian abroad program applications due Feb. 11**

Applications for priority consideration for the 2010 Advanced Indonesian Abroad (COTIM) program set for June 14 to Aug. 14 at the Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana in Salatiga, Indonesia are due **Feb. 11.** Letters of recommendation are due **Feb. 25.** The nine-week intensive Indonesian language program is Fulbright-funded and coordinated
through the Southeast Asian Studies Program at Ohio University. NIU is a participating COTIM institution. For details and application materials, see the COTIM website or contact Anthony Medrano at 740-593-1841 or medrano@ohio.edu.

► State Department to hold conference on U.S. experience in Southeast Asia
The U.S. State Department’s Office of the Historian is seeking papers and presenters for its upcoming conference on American policy and war in Southeast Asia: 1946–1975 set for Sept. 29–30 at the department’s George C. Marshall Conference Center in Washington, D.C. Proposals are welcomed for original papers and panels dealing with, but not limited to, the following topics:

- The Cold War and United States policy in/for Southeast Asia
- Early U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia: Truman to Kennedy
- Americanization of the Vietnam War: Policy, strategy, and operations
- U.S. relationships with and/or involvement in South Vietnamese governments
- Role of force and diplomacy in the implementation of policy
- Air war against North Vietnam
- Vietnamese Communists’ approaches to the war
- Influence of non-governmental players, e.g., the media and the anti-war movement, on policy and public opinion
- Intelligence and policy
- Pacification and nation-building in South Vietnam
- Embassy Saigon and implementation of U.S. policy in South Vietnam
- Explanations for the outcome of the Vietnam War
- Legacy of Vietnam War for American military and foreign policies

Paper and panel proposals should be sent by March 1 to Dr. John M. Carland, Program Committee Chair, U.S. State Department Office of the Historian. E-mail vietnamconference@state.gov or send by fax to 202-663-1289. For details, see the conference website.

► New Indonesian exchange program seeks undergrads
The deadline to apply for the Institute of International Education’s Freeman Indonesia Nonprofit Internship Program (FINIP), a new nine-week exchange program set for June 15 to Aug. 17, is Feb. 15. The institute seeks to pair ten Indonesian students pursuing U.S. degrees with ten U.S. undergraduates and arrange internships for them to work together in an Indonesian nonprofit organization. The program will run in three cities: Jakarta, Bandung and Yogyakarta. All program-related costs will be covered. American and Indonesian sophomores and juniors enrolled in U.S. institutions are encouraged to apply online. For details, e-mail finip@iie.org, call 212- 984-5542.

► Time to apply for Advanced Filipino Abroad Program
Applications are due Feb. 8 for intermediate Tagalog students (juniors, seniors, or graduate students) interested in traveling to the Philippines this summer for an
intensive eight weeks of language training at De La Salle University at Dasmarinas. The U.S. Department of Education-funded project is supported by the SEA Consortium Centers (including CSEAS) and the Consortium for the Advancement of Filipino. Grants covering transportation and partial program costs are available. For details, see the program website or contact director Teresita Ramos at teresita@hawaii.edu.

► Calls for papers

- **Cornell Southeast Asia Program 12th Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference**, March 12–14, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Keynote speaker: Cornell historian Eric Tagliacozzo, director of the Cornell Modern Indonesia Project and author of *Secret Trades, Porous Borders: Smuggling and States Along a Southeast Asian Frontier*. Limited number of travel grants available. **Papers due: Jan. 10.** For details, see the conference website.

- **Third International Conference on Lao Studies**, July 14–16, Khon Kaen University, Khon Kaen, Thailand. Presented by the Center for Research on Plurality in the Mekong Region, Khon Kaen University, and the Center for Lao Studies, San Francisco. **Abstracts due: Jan. 31.** For details, see the Center for Lao Studies website. Optional Lao study tour program is also planned.

► Area Southeast Asia cultural events

- The Chicago-based **Friends of the Gamelan** will present a spring concert of traditional and contemporary Javanese gamelan music, led by artistic director Joko Sutrisno of Minneapolis, at 6 p.m. Sunday, **April 25**, at the Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn, Chicago. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students. For details, e-mail info@chicagogamelan.org or see the group’s website.

- The Indonesian Consulate in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see the consulate website.

If you are a person with a disability who may need assistance at any center-sponsored event, contact office manager Nancy Schuneman at 815-753-1771 or nschunem@niu.edu. If you no longer wish to receive this bulletin, please reply to this e-mail with a request to have your name removed. Thank you.

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