‘The Burma Surgeon’: Dr. Gordon Seagrave, well-known American missionary doctor in Burma in the 1940s and ’50s and seen here on the cover of LIFE magazine in 1950, is the subject of a center lecture Friday by NIU history professor Kenton Clymer. Clymer’s presentation is the first of the center’s spring lectures.

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1. Weekly lectures resume with NIU history professor Kenton Clymer

The center’s weekly lecture series resumes at noon Friday, **Jan. 22**, with history professor and center associate Kenton Clymer, who will present “The Trial of Gordon S. Seagrave, the ‘Burma Surgeon’ for High Treason” in Room 110, Campus Life Building. Seagrave, a highly regarded missionary surgeon in Burma, was well-known in the United States through two of his books, *The Burma Surgeon* (1943) and *The Burma Surgeon Returns* (1946). After Burma achieved independence in 1950, the Burmese government put Seagrave on trial for allegedly assisting Karen rebels. Seagrave was convicted and imprisoned, but later released in 1951. He remained in Burma until his death in 1965. Clymer’s presentation focuses on the trial and its impact on U.S.-Burma relations at a time when the Cold War was governing U.S. foreign policy. To order a Thai lunch, call 815-753-1771 or e-mail cseas@niu.edu by noon Thursday. Lunches are $4 for students, $5 for all others, payable in cash at the door.

2. Susan Russell to speak on Mindanao, violence, and the media Jan. 28

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 and International Training Office director and center associate Lina Ong have 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.

3. East Timor book by Andrea Molnar in print

Associate anthropology professor Andrea Molnar’s new book, *Timor Leste: Politics, History and Culture*, was released by Routledge in December. Molnar’s book is a comprehensive overview of Southeast Asia’s newest country’s cultural and ethno-linguistic diversity, its political history through 2009, and the nation-building issues facing East Timor today. The book will be available soon in Founders Library. Molnar is on sabbatical this spring and will be doing research abroad during the summer.

4. **New this year:** FLAS fellowships open to undergraduates

Undergraduates are now welcome to join graduate students in applying for the 2010–11 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships. **Application deadline: Feb. 1.** Pending federal funding, the grants will be awarded for the fall 2010 and spring 2011
semesters. Applications are also due **Feb. 1** for the 2010–11 Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. 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 FLAS and Neher fellowships are available at the [center website](#) under Student Funding.

5. **International Ramayana Conference proposal deadline extended to Feb. 15**
Presentation proposals are due **Feb. 15** for the Third International Ramayana Conference set for Sept. 17–19, 2010 at NIU’s Naperville campus. The two-day event, co-sponsored by the center and the University of Illinois Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and the International Ramayana Institute of North America, will include a Ramayana-based teacher workshop. For details, see the [conference website](#).

6. **Faculty, student Thai travel grant applications due March 5**
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. Applications should be submitted to Chalermssee Olson at the NIU Library by **March 5**. For details, see the [center website](#).

7. **Seeking host families for April and May youth leadership programs**
NIU is looking for area families to act as hosts in April and May for participants in two programs bringing in high school students and adult leaders from Burma, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines, and Thailand. Home stays for the Southeast Asia Youth Fellowship Program (SEAYLP) are scheduled for April 11–22; home stays for the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP) are set for May 2–15. Students will be placed in pairs and adults may be placed as singles. For details, contact coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or e-mail lshive@niu.edu.

8. **Apply this spring to study abroad in Southeast Asia this year 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 [niubroad@niu.edu](mailto:niubroad@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.

9. **SEASSI offers scholarships for summer Southeast Asia language program**

Summertime and the language learning is easy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison at the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI), which will run June 14–Aug. 6. Graduate and undergraduate students are invited to apply for full and partial scholarships to attend this intensive eight-week Southeast Asia language program offering Burmese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Javanese, Khmer, Lao, Thai, and Vietnamese. (NIU language professor Saw Tun will be teaching the Burmese section). **The deadline for full scholarships (tuition and stipend) offered by SEASSI is Feb. 19; the deadline for partial tuition scholarships is April 16.** Students may apply online at the program website. For details, e-mail seassi@intl-institute.wisc.edu or call 608-263-1755. SEASSI is also on YouTube. SEASSI is a cooperative program of Southeast Asian studies programs at 12 U.S. universities, including NIU.

10. **International Programs’ lecture series begins Feb. 4**

Bring your lunch and listen to Nalika Diyadawagamage present “Re-building the Pearl of the Indian Ocean - Sri Lanka” at the first spring lecture in the Division of International Programs lunchtime lecture series from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, **Feb. 4**, in Room 300, Faraday West. For a complete list of spring speakers, see the division website.

11. **Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs**

- **Advanced Filipino Abroad, June 11–Aug. 7:** Open to intermediate Tagalog students (juniors, seniors, or graduate students) for eight weeks of intensive language training at De La Salle University at Dasmarinas and Manila. Funded by U.S. Department of Education and 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. **Application deadline: Feb. 8.** For details, see the program website or contact director Teresita Ramos at teresita@hawaii.edu.

- **Advanced Indonesian Abroad, June 14–Aug. 14:** Open to advanced Indonesian students for nine weeks of intensive language training at Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana in Salatiga, Indonesia. Fulbright-funded program coordinated through the Southeast Asian Studies Program at Ohio University under auspices of Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian and Malay. **Application deadline: Feb. 11.** For details, see COTIM website or contact Anthony Medrano at 740-593-1841 or medrano@ohio.edu.
- **Freeman Indonesia Nonprofit Internship Program (FINIP), June 15–Aug. 17:** New nine-week exchange program sponsored by Institute of International Education in three cities: Jakarta, Bandung and Yogyakarta. Program pairs 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. Interested students encouraged to apply online. **Application deadline: Feb. 15.** For details, e-mail finip@iie.org or call 212-984-5542.

- **Advanced Study of Khmer, June 14–Aug. 6:** Open to third-year Khmer students for eight weeks of intensive language training, cultural education, and one-week home stays in rural Cambodia. Administered by the Khmer Language Program at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. **Application deadline: Feb. 26.** For details, e-mail sak@hawaii.edu or call 808-956-8070.

- **Summer Study Abroad in Laos, June 15–Aug. 10:** Eight-week Lao studies program in Vientiane through Center for Lao Studies, San Francisco. Includes intensive language training, Lao history and culture, course, cultural excursions, and volunteer work with cooperating NGOs. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. **Application and scholarship deadline: March 15.** For details, e-mail studylao@laostudies.org or call 415-513-5108.

- **USINDO Summer language Program in Indonesia, June 4–Aug. 13:** Ten-week intensive language study of Bahasa Indonesian. Students live with host families and participate in cultural workshops, such as cooking, martial arts, and gamelan. **Application deadline: March 31.** For details, see the U.S.-Indonesia Society website.

12. **Calls for papers**

- **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.

- **U.S. State Department Office of Historian Conference on American Policy and War in Southeast Asia: 1946–75, Sept. 29–30, Washington, D.C.** Conference to be held at department’s George C. Marshall Conference Center. **Proposals due: March 1.** Send to Dr. John M. Carland, Program Committee Chair. E-mail vietnamconference@state.gov or fax to 202-663-1289. For details, see conference website.

13. **Area Southeast Asia cultural events**

- Chicago’s annual Lunar New Year parade will take the streets in the city’s Chinatown neighborhood at 1 p.m., Sunday, **Feb. 14.** The parade celebrating the Year of the Tiger will feature marching bands, floats, lion teams, and a 100-foot dragon. All will wind down Wentworth between 24th Street and Cermak Road.
Other activities start at 11:30 a.m. For details, see the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce website.

- 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.

- The Cambodian Association of Illinois holds free traditional Cambodian music and dance lessons Sundays at the Cambodian American History Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The music program runs from 10 a.m. to noon; the dance program from 1 to 3 p.m. For information, call Anneth Houy at 773-878-7090. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and on weekends by appointment.

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.