On-the-job training: Malay dictionary project manager Darus Tharim, second from left, acquaints undergraduate assistants, from left, Ben Dummer, Jo Ann LoSavio, and Dave Stouffer with the software the team will be using to input items for the pioneering dictionary. The group is working out of the NIU Computer Science Department, where the project is headquartered. See page 2.

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1. This week’s center lecture: Jim Collins, CSEAS director

CSEAS Director Jim Collins will present “Dictionaries, Malay Dictionaries, and the NIU Dictionary of Malay” at this week’s center lecture series at noon Friday, Feb. 5, in Room 110, Campus Life Building. Collins, who came to NIU in 2008 from Malaysia where he was a professor of Malayo-Polynesian linguistics at the National University of Malaysia for 15 years, will look at the relationship of the center’s major learning materials project, the Multimedia Online Learners Dictionary Project, to the history of dictionary writing and to the needs of today’s world. 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 others.

2. Dictionary team begins training and work on project

The entire team working on the center’s Multimedia Online Learners Dictionary of Malay met for the first time Saturday, Jan. 23, at NIU’s Computer Science Department to be introduced to the project and its online data input technology. Professors Jim Henry and Robert Zerwekh (Computer Science), Jim Collins and Patricia Henry (Foreign Languages and Literatures), and Eric Jones (History), authors of the successful proposal to the U.S. Department of Education, were joined by project graduate assistants Sarah Wiley and Bret McCabe, undergraduate input specialists JoAnn LoSavio, Ben Dummer, and Dave Stouffer, NIU Fulbright instructor of Malay Aileen Adam, and project manager Darus Tharim, who came from Malaysia in early January. Zerwekh introduced the group to the software program that will be used to produce the dictionary and to the role NIU students will play in this pioneering project. After a hands-on session with the project computers and programs, the team shared sandwiches and chips before adjourning. Work on the dictionary began in earnest last week with more training sessions at project headquarters as well as numerous meetings to sort out programs and work schedules. Project director Collins and CSEAS office manager Nancy Schuneman have been reworking the project’s budget and human resource requirements to allow for adding more staff. The dictionary is scheduled for completion in August 2011.

3. Deadline Monday for FLAS and Neher fellowships

Monday, Feb. 1, is the deadline to apply for the 2010–11 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships or the Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. FLAS fellowships are open to undergraduate and graduate students; pending federal funding, the grants will be awarded for fall and spring semesters. The Neher fellowship is open to graduate students in good standing who demonstrate 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.

4. Filipino human rights activist to speak Tuesday

Veteran Filipino human rights activist Marie Hilao-Enriquez, seen at left testifying before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations in March 2007, will speak about human rights and social movements in the Philippines from 6 to 8:40 p.m. Tuesday, **Feb. 2**, in the Cavan Auditorium (Room 126) of Gabel Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Hilao-Enriquez, a leading proponent of democracy in the Philippines and outspoken critic of human rights abuses there and abroad, serves as chairperson of the Filipino human rights group Karapatan. The non-governmental organization submits reports of human rights violations to the Philippine government and campaigns for the release of political prisoners. Hilao-Enriquez, a former political prisoner herself, was nominated to receive the Human Rights Award in the Netherlands and the John Humphrey Freedom Award in Canada. Her NIU visit, part of the John A. Niemi International Lecture Series, is co-sponsored by CSEAS, the Department of Anthropology, the Division of International Programs, the International Training Office, the Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of DeKalb, and the Graduate Colloquium Committee.

5. Deadline extended to Feb. 19 for SEA Club conference papers

There’s still time to submit papers for the Southeast Asia Club’s annual conference coming up on March 20. This year’s theme is “Sex and Violence in Southeast Asia: Examining Power Dynamics.” **Papers are due Friday, Feb. 19.** The conference’s keynote speaker will be Barbara Watson Andaya, director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Hawaii-Manoa and most recently the author of *The Flaming Womb: Repositioning Women in Early Modern Southeast Asia* (University of Hawaii Press, 2008). The club is accepting any written papers relating to the topic. There will be a $100 prize awarded for best undergraduate paper and a $250 award for best graduate paper. E-mail inquiries and papers to conference coordinator Matthew Jagel at Reebok74@comcast.net. Call 630-709-3999 or e-mail seaclubniu@yahoo.com for details.

6. Six attend grant-writing workshop

Assistant professor Eric Jones (History) and Deborah Pierce (Associate Provost for International Programs) presented a workshop on how to write strong grant/fellowship proposals **Jan. 27** at the Holmes Student Center. Half a dozen students attended the session where strategies and approaches for effective grant writing were discussed, part of a center initiative to grow strong graduate students who can compete not only for fellowships at NIU but also in national competitions. “Grant proposals, statements of
purpose and the like are their own peculiar genre,” Jones noted, “and we wanted to demystify some of those writing conventions and help our students better frame their already solid projects.”

7. Russell discusses violence in the southern Philippines

Thirty people came out to the Holmes Student Center on a cold night Jan. 28 to hear anthropology professor Susan Russell discuss the history and status of violence in the southern Philippines, an area where she has focused recent efforts to engage young people in conflict-resolution and other community leadership activities. (CSEAS file photo)

8. 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.

9. International Ramayana Conference proposal deadline Feb. 15

Presentation proposals are due Monday, 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. See the center website under Conferences.

10. 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 Chalermsee Olson at the NIU Library by March 5. For details, see the center website under News & Events.

11. 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.

- **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 niubroad@niu.edu.

12. Deadlines approaching for summer SEASSI scholarships

Summertime and the language learning is easy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison at the June 14–Aug. 6 Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI). 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). **Deadline for full scholarships (tuition and stipend) offered by SEASSI: Feb. 19. Deadline for partial tuition scholarships: 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.

13. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs

Students interested in taking language or area studies abroad through non-NIU programs should work through NIU’s Study Abroad Office, says Associate Provost for International Programs Deborah Pierce. By doing so, students can receive NIU credit and possibly have NIU financial aid apply. The Study Abroad Office also protects student interests with regard to liability and insurance, she added. The Study Abroad Office is located in 417 Williston Hall.

- **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.** To apply, call the NIU Study Abroad Office at 815-753-0304 or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. For program details, see the program website or contact director Teresita Ramos at teresita@hawaii.edu. Note: Because the U.S. State Department has issued a warning on travel to the Philippines, undergraduate NIU students may not travel there for NIU credit or use NIU facilities or funds to go there. Graduate students may travel to the Philippines through NIU only if they are approved by the Study Abroad office.

- **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 the auspices of Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian and Malay. **Application deadline: Feb. 11.** To apply, call the NIU Study Abroad Office at 815-753-0304 or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. 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. **Application deadline: Feb. 15.** To apply, call the NIU Study Abroad Office at 815-753-0304 or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. For program 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.** To apply, call the NIU Study Abroad Office at 815-753-0304 or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. For program details, e-mail sak@hawaii.edu or call 808-956-8070.

- **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.** To apply, call the NIU Study Abroad Office at 815-753-0304 or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. For program details, see the U.S.-Indonesia Society website.

14. **Student to speak about genocide research in Cambodia**
NIU senior and Lincoln Laureate Shay Galto will speak about her research on genocide in Cambodia at the NIU Presidential Commission on the Status of Women and the
Women’s Resource Center’s networking luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, **Feb. 19**, at the Chandelier Room in Adams Hall. Galto is also the president of the NIU chapter of STAND, a student run anti-genocide coalition. Lunch reservations are required; call 815-753-9824 or e-mail mwoiwode1@niu.edu by Monday, **Feb. 8**.

15. **International Programs weekly lecture series: Nalika Diyadawagamage**

Bring your lunch and listen to Nalika Diyadawagamage present “Rebuilding the pearl of the Indian Ocean: Sri Lanka” at the Division of International Programs lunchtime lecture series from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, **Feb. 11**, in Room 300, Faraday West. For a complete list of spring speakers, see the division website.

16. **SIT Study Abroad new Pell Match Scholarship Program for undergrads**

To give more undergraduates the chance to study abroad, the Vermont-based SIT Study Abroad program is now offering a new scholarship for undergraduate Pell grant recipients. The federal Pell Grant program provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate students to promote access to postsecondary education. Beginning with fall 2010 programs, SIT will automatically match a student’s Pell award used for a semester program with SIT, thereby placing high-quality, field-based study abroad programs within greater financial reach of a wider range of undergraduate students. The grant program will apply to more than 30 different SIT programs abroad. NIU students must go through the NIU Study Abroad Office to apply. Undergraduates are restricted from studying abroad in countries with active U.S. State Department travel warnings.

17. **Call for papers**

- **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.

18. **Area Southeast Asia cultural events**

- **Year of the Tiger:** Chicago’s annual Lunar New Year parade will take the streets in the city’s Chinatown neighborhood at 1 p.m., Sunday, **Feb. 14**, with 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 Joko Sutrisno, artistic director of the Sumunar Gamelan Ensemble 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 remove your name. Thank you.*

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