Hands-on experience: Center outreach coordinator Julie Lamb demonstrates a traditional Thai greeting as she takes members of the Sycamore Middle School Multicultural Club through a Thai Bai Sri (Lao Baci) ceremony on Oct. 6.

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1. This week’s lecture: John MacDougall on politics in Bali
Social anthropologist John MacDougall will discuss post-Suharto cultural politics on Bali at noon Friday, Oct. 15, in Room 110, Campus Life Building. MacDougall discusses what he sees as the transition from New Order politics to inclusion in today’s Indonesian leaders. Bring your lunch and feed your mind.
2. Thomas, Wright-Parsons to receive 2010 CLAS awards
M. Ladd Thomas, NIU political science professor emeritus whose long involvement with CSEAS goes back to the center’s founding in 1963, and center associate Ann Wright-Parsons, director of the NIU Anthropology Museum, will step on to the Altgeld Auditorium stage Friday, Oct. 15, to receive one of this year’s eleven Distinguished Alumni, Faculty, and Staff Awards given by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS). Thomas, who retired from NIU in 2005 after 42 years at NIU, was co-nominated by the center and the political science department. Wright-Parsons was nominated by the anthropology department. The college inaugurated the awards honoring individuals who have made a lasting impact on the college and its reputation last year; CSEAS office manager Nancy Schuneman was among the first recipients. Profiles of Thomas, Wright-Parsons, and the other nine honorees will be posted on the college website. The center warmly congratulates Thomas and Wright-Parsons.

3. Decentralizing fiscal power in Southeast Asia topic of Thursday lecture
Syracuse University public administration professor Larry Schroeder is one of the world’s leading experts on intergovernmental finances in Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. Here at NIU this Friday to accept a distinguished alumnus award from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Schroeder will give a special lecture from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, in the Illinois Room of the Holmes Student Center. The lecture is co-sponsored by CSEAS, the departments of economics and public administration, administration chapter of Phi Beta Delta.

4. Southeast Asian studies at NIU: An update
The center received notice last week that the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences’ Curriculum Committee has approved two more contract majors for Southeast Asian studies, bringing the total to three. Alyssa DeLuca, Joslyn Nielsen, and Emily Kruse are scheduled to graduate in spring 2011. The center is currently working to establish a major in Southeast Asian studies at NIU. Meanwhile, 37 students are signed up with the center as Southeast Asian studies minors. Director Jim Collins also reports that three graduate students with concentrations in Southeast Asia, Shahin Aftabizadeh (anthropology), Matthew Jagel (history), and Aaron Johnson (political science), all FLAS fellowship awardees, have applied for Fulbright research fellowships.

5. Two new members join CSEAS Council
The CSEAS Council welcomes NIU Khmer language instructor Kheang Leang as a center associate and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville anthropologist Nancy
Lutz as a center adjunct. Leang, who has taught Khmer at NIU as a graduate teaching assistant, was appointed an instructor over the summer; Lutz is an expert on eastern Indonesian culture and rituals as well as the East Timor independence movement. On Oct. 3–4, Director Jim Collins traveled to SIU-Edwardsville to discuss plans for collaboration in outreach, student exchange, and project development.

6. There are a lot of good reasons to be a host family for SEAYLP

A number of families have already signed up, but NIU is still actively looking for 18 households to act as hosts Oct. 31–Nov. 11 for 28 high school students and seven adult leaders from Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam participating in the fall session of the center’s Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). Students are placed in pairs and adults may be placed as singles. Host families provide a bed for each participant, breakfast each day and most dinners, all meals during one free weekend (Nov. 6–7), and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. There will be

### Top 10 reasons to be a host family

10. You can experience a different country without getting on a plane
9. It beats watching “Law and Order” reruns
8. You’ll be able to pick out Southeast Asia on a map
7. Your kids may start answering you in Khmer or Malay or Vietnamese
6. You could become an expert at making sticky rice
5. It’s something different to write about on Facebook
4. You’ll be the envy of family and friends
3. Your house will be all ready for holiday company
2. Your family portrait could replace the flying corn cob as the international symbol of DeKalb County
1. Your family will make friendships of a lifetime
a host family orientation at 7 p.m. **Oct. 25** in the Heritage Room of the Holmes Student Center. For details, contact NIU host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or e-mail lshive@niu.edu. For details about the fall SEAYLP program, see the [center website](#).

### 7. Study abroad in SEA through NIU: Malaysia/Brunei and Thailand

NIU is offering two opportunities to study abroad in Southeast Asia during the summer of 2011 with NIU faculty members and center associates. Associate anthropology professor Andrea Molnar is leading a group to Thailand to explore cultural diversity, while associate history professor Eric Jones will take students to Malaysia and Brunei. Both are NIU study abroad courses offering credit for graduate and undergraduate students. For information about programs, financial aid, provost travel grants, scholarships, and applications, contact the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; call 815-753-0304; or e-mail [niuabroad@niu.edu](mailto:niuabroad@niu.edu).

- **Study Abroad Malaysia/Brunei: History and Culture of Southeast Asia, May 15–June 3:** Three-week program led by associate history professor Eric Jones incorporates a home-stay experience with significant time spent in Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Penang, the jungles of Sarawak and Borneo, and the Islamic center of Brunei. Financial aid available to qualified applicants. For a video about the program, including images from the 2007 trip, see Jones’s video on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). **Deadline to apply:** March 15.

- **Cultural Diversity in Thailand, May 30–June 25:** Three-week program led by associate anthropology professor Andrea Molnar focuses on cultural diversity in Thailand and the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. The course introduces students to the culture and diversity of cultural groups in Thailand, the existing power relations between dominant and minority groups, and the practical implications of these relations in everyday Thai life. **Deadline to apply:** To be determined.

### 8. Stanford journal seeking grad and undergrad article submissions

The *Stanford Journal of East Asian Affairs* is looking for outstanding papers on East Asia and Southeast Asia from all academic disciplines for its 2011 volume. Published editions of the journal, which is supported by the Stanford Center for East Asian Studies, have covered politics, international relations, history, economics, literature, and the arts. The journal also is accepting book reviews for books published between 2008 and 2010. The journal’s submission deadline has been extended; for guidelines, see the journal [website](#).

### 9. Executive director sought for U.S.-Indonesia education partnership

The Joint U.S.-Indonesia Council for Higher Education Partnership, which is engaged in expanding college-level bilateral programs between the two countries, is accepting
applications and nominations for the position of executive director. Applicants should submit a letter of application, a current resume, and three references. Nominations should include the nominee’s name, present position, address, telephone number, and the nominee’s e-mail address. Applications and nominations should be submitted to jobs@usindo.org by Oct. 18. For details, call 202-232-1400 or see the Careers tab on the CSEAS website.

10. Save the dates: Indonesian ambassador to visit NIU, trickster tales, and more

- **Oct. 18:** New Indonesian ambassador to the United States, Dr. Dino Patti Djalal, will visit NIU and give a talk about bilateral relations between the two countries at 4 p.m. in the Capitol Room of the Holmes Student Center. A reception will follow at 5:15 p.m. on the second floor in the University Suite. **NEW**
- **Oct. 20:** The trickster tales of Sri Thanonchai, or Xiang Miang, as he is called in Laos, are part of a widely shared cultural package—about a prototypical hero with different names and traits as he moves across the Mekong and Southeast Asia. Language professor and center associate John Hartmann will present “Translating Humor: Examples from Southeast Asian Trickster Tales” at noon in 110 Watson, part of the Foreign Languages and Literatures department’s fall Brown Bag Lecture Series. Political science graduate student Pinitbhand Paribatra, a Ph.D. candidate, helped research and write the presentation.
- **Oct. 20:** NIU Career Services’ Job Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Convocation Center.
- **Oct. 29–30:** Council on Thai Studies annual conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Keynote speaker: Niti Pawakapan, anthropology professor, Chulalongkorn University, currently visiting scholar at NIU. Contact: Kathleen Gillogly at gillogly@uwp.edu.
- **Nov. 8:** *Hanoi Eclipse: the Music of Dai Lam Linh*, a documentary directed by University of London ethnomusicologist Barley Norton about a controversial contemporary Vietnamese band in Hanoi, will be shown at 10 a.m. in Room 205 in the Music Building. The screening is co-sponsored by CSEAS, the Center for Burma Studies, and the College of Visual and Performing Arts. **NEW**

11. Money for study: Fellowships, scholarships, and more

- The U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs is actively seeking three graduating seniors and master’s-level students for its new Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship program in Laos for the 2011–12 academic year. Students must be committed to teaching English in Laos for 10 months. All instruction is in English, but knowledge of some Lao will be needed. **Deadline to apply: Oct. 18.**
- The Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies at Leiden (KITLV) is looking for a historian to participate in its Health, Disease, and Medicine in Southeast Asia project. Candidates will be expected to live in Leiden for four to six months. Senior KITLV researcher Peter Boomgaard is the supervising scholar. Applications should include a resume, brief research
proposal, and timetable; send to Gerry van Klinken at klinken@kitlv.nl. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 1.**

- Undergraduate or graduate students learning Indonesian are eligible for a summer scholarship through the U.S. State Department’s [Critical Language Scholarship Program](#). Scholarships provide fully funded, group-based intensive language training and cultural enrichment for seven to ten weeks. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15.**

- The [Council of Overseas American Research Centers](#) (COARC) is expanding its multi-country research fellowship program for 2010–11 to include master’s degree candidates. Doctoral candidates are already eligible for the fellowships, which are given to both individuals and teams who carry out research in two or more countries outside the United States.

- The Center for Khmer Studies, the American Overseas Research Center in Cambodia, invites applications from U.S. scholars in all disciplines who wish to conduct research in Cambodia. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15.** For details, e-mail publishing@khmerstudies.org.

- The National Security Education Program’s David L. Boren scholarships and fellowships provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. graduate and undergraduate students to study in Southeast Asia. Applications for the 2011–12 scholarships and fellowships are online at the [NSEP](#) website. Boren Scholarships provide up to $20,000 for an academic year’s study abroad. Boren Fellowships provide up to $30,000 for language study and international research. **Deadlines to apply: Feb. 1 for fellowships; Feb. 10 for scholarships.** For details, e-mail boren@iie.org or call 800-618-NSEP.

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- **Governance, Human Rights, and Development: Challenges for Southeast Asia and Beyond, First International Conference on International Relations and Development**, May 19–20, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand. Scholars and graduate students are encouraged to submit abstracts. E-mail to abstracts@icird.org. **Deadline for abstracts: Oct. 30.** See conference website.

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