Into the light: A new exhibit at Chicago museum, based on an NIU oral history project directed by NIU anthropologist and center associate Judy Ledgerwood, captures painful memories of the Khmer Rouge period in Cambodia. Ledgerwood discusses the five-year project in this week’s center lecture. See below. (CSEAS photo)

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1. This week’s lecture: Judy Ledgerwood on ‘Remembering the Killing Fields’ exhibit

Anthropology professor and center associate Judy Ledgerwood will present “Remembering the Killing Fields: An Exhibit at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial” at this week’s CSEAS lecture at noon Friday, Sept. 30, Room 110, Campus Life Building. The exhibit, which opened Sept. 15, is the culmination of Ledgerwood’s Cambodia Life History Project began in 2006, a five-year collaboration between NIU and the museum to collect the life histories of Cambodian elders who survived the Khmer Rouge era, 1975–79. Ledgerwood, a cultural anthropologist with many years in the field studying the aftermath of the Khmer Rouge period in Cambodia, directed the grant-funded project. She found eager assistance among both American and Cambodian students at NIU who conducted the interviews of 48 elder survivors, videotaping some of the survivors as they relived painful memories. These interviews and videotapes form the basis of the exhibit, which will be on display at the museum for a year. “The importance of the Cambodia Life History Project comes through clearly when you meet the survivors of the Khmer Rouge regime,” Ledgerwood says. “As they are aging, many of them feel strongly that they want to tell their stories before they are gone.” Bring your lunch and feed your mind.

Editor’s note: Living Memory of the Khmer, a series of videotaped interviews with Cambodians who experienced the 1950s to the 1990s in Cambodia, is now part of the Southeast Asia Digital Library at NIU. The project was coordinated by NIU alum Pisith Phlong (M.A. anthropology, 2009), now a contract lecturer at the Royal University of Phnom Penh. See it online at the SEADL website.

2. Indonesian embassy education attaché visits NIU

NIU’s growing connections to Indonesia and its institutions of higher education was the topic of remarks by the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia’s education attaché Haryo Winarso and NIU Provost Raymond Alden, who both spoke at a lunch Sept. 21 with NIU officials and center associates at the Holmes Student Center. Alden and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Chris McCord are traveling to Washington, D.C., Oct. 31 to represent NIU at a U.S. Department of Education U.S.-Indonesia education summit where McCord has been asked to facilitate a dialogue session. Winarso was in the Midwest to visit NIU and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. “He was particularly interested in the
exchange of students between Indonesia and the U.S. and was most pleased to hear of the plans in process for faculty-led study abroad programs to Indonesia,” said Associate Provost for International Programs Deb Pierce. Before leaving DeKalb, Winarso visited NIU political science professor emeritus and former center director Dwight King at his home in DeKalb. The Indonesian Consulate in Chicago recently honored King for his contributions to Indonesian society.

3. Summer study abroad programs announced: Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand

NIU is offering three opportunities to study abroad in Southeast Asia next summer with NIU faculty members. Center associate Andrea Katalin Molnar (anthropology) is reprising her 2011 Culture and Diversity in Thailand program; center associate Eric Jones (history) will take students to Malaysia for the seventh time; and center adjunct Tomoyuki Shibata (nursing and health studies/public health) is conducting his first study abroad program to Indonesia. All are NIU study abroad programs offering course credit for both graduate and undergraduate students. For details on programs, financial aid, travel grants, scholarships, and applications, contact the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. Study Abroad 101, a workshop on the ins and outs of studying abroad, meets at 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in 417 Williston.

- **Public Health and Health Programs in Indonesia, June 4–22:** Three-week program open to a wide academic audience, including students of public health, nursing, pre-med, nutrition, geography, environmental studies, and Southeast Asian studies. Program builds on [summer 2011 research project](mailto:tshibata@niu.edu) in Makassar, Indonesia conducted by assistant public health professor Tomoyuki Shibata (tshibata@niu.edu) in cooperation with Hasanuddin University. **Deadline to apply: TBA.**

- **Cultural Diversity in Thailand, June 15–July 14:** Four-week program focuses on cultural diversity in Thailand and the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. The course introduces students to diversity of cultural groups in Thailand, existing power relations between dominant and minority groups, and practical implications of these relations in everyday Thai life.
Program includes lectures, briefings, field trips in and around Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Hat Yai and Phuket. On field visits, NIU students will be paired with Thai students as often as possible. **Deadline to apply:** March 1.

- **Study Abroad Malaysia: History and Culture of Southeast Asia, July 22–Aug. 10:**
  Three-week program will be of interest to students interested in history of Southeast Asia, globalization, comparative religion, colonial and post-colonial culture and incorporates significant time in Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Penang, the jungles of Sarawak and Borneo, and the agricultural Cameron Highlands. **Deadline to apply:** March 15.

4. **Center associates update: Subject-verb-Tagalog, Indonesia lunch and more**

- Associate Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail (foreign languages and literatures) is in full dictionary mode these days, in addition to teaching beginning and intermediate Tagalog, Philippine literature, and a translation course. Her *Tagalog Verb Dictionary*, co-authored with CSEAS adjunct Michael Hawkins (Ph.D. history, 2009 and a former center FLAS fellow now teaching at Creighton University), was published by NIU Press earlier this year. The two are also collaborating as translators on *My First Webster’s English-English Tagalog Dictionary*, due out in October from Harper Collins-UK.

- A number of CSEAS associates and NIU faculty members joined Indonesian embassy education attaché Haryo Winarso at lunch **Sept. 21** at NIU, including Michael Buehler (political science), Kikue Hamayotsu (political science), Andrea Katalin Molnar (anthropology) and Lina Ong (International Training Office). Others attending included center adjunct Tomoyuki Shibata (nursing and health studies/public health), Heesun Majcher (International Studies and Faculty Office), Scot Schraufnagel (political science) and Jim Wilson (geography).

- Associate Kikue Hamayotsu (political science) is in print this month with “Beyond Faith and Identity: Mobilizing Islamic Youth in Democratic Indonesia” (**The Pacific Review** 24.2 [2011]) and “The Political Economy of Islamist Mobilization in a Muslim Democracy: Political Rise of PKS in Post-authoritarian Indonesia” (**Asian Survey** 51.5 [September/October 2011]).

5. **See the spring/summer 2011 issue of Mandala online**

NIU alumna Lyndy Worsham uses Geographic Information Systems technology to map displaced persons in Burma; a record number of NIU students travel to Southeast Asia for intensive summer language training; faculty associates researching, writing, presenting, traveling, and promoting NIU throughout SEA; and the center makes some changes as it adapts to new budget realities. Check out these stories and more in the latest issue of *The Mandala*, now posted on the **center** website.
6. **Save the dates: Taste of Thai, fall conferences, and Wayang Kulit**
   - **Oct. 4:** Taste of Thai at Ellington’s. Green papaya and carrot salad; red pork curry with young corn; sweet and sour vegetables; and mango sticky rice are on the menu this date and Nov. 1 at Holmes Student Center restaurant run by FCNS 320 students. Service from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $9 per person. Reservations required. Call 753-1763 or use [online reservation form](#).
   - **Oct. 6:** Join the Southeast Asia Club for its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. in 456 DuSable. The club has set the rest of its fall meeting dates: Oct. 20, Nov. 3 and Nov. 17.
   - **Oct. 7–8:** Council on Thai Studies conference at University of Wisconsin-Madison. See details in Conferences below.
   - **Oct. 29:** Fall symposium at NIU on cultural heritage sites and museums in mainland Southeast Asia, co-sponsored by CSEAS, the Center for Burma Studies, and University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. (see item below)
   - **Through Oct. 30:** “Echoing Balance,” exhibit of pieces inspired by Wayang Kulit shadow puppetry and created by center FLAS fellow Siew Lian Lim, at DeKalb Area Women’s Center gallery, 1021 State Street. Gallery open Friday evenings and by appointment; call 815-758-1351.

7. **Fall symposium on mainland SEA heritage sites, museums set for October at NIU**
   CSEAS, the Center for Burma Studies, and the Collaborative for Cultural Heritage and Museum Practices (CHAMP) at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, are co-sponsoring a fall symposium, Mainland Southeast Asia: Museums and Heritage Sites, on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Holmes Student Center. The final schedule has not been set, but speakers so far include center associates Catherine Raymond, art historian and director of the Center for Burma Studies, and Judy Ledgerwood, anthropologist; Helaine Silverman, anthropologist and director of CHAMP; U Nyunt Han, Regional Center for Archeology and Fine Arts (SPAFA), Bangkok; Rungsima Lertjanyarak, Vongchavalitkul University, Thailand; and Suprapa Somnuxpong, Kamphaeng Phet, Thailand. Watch this space and the center [website](#) for details.

8. **Keeping up with SEAYLP: New alumni project in Vietnam**
   The center’s Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) is not simply a three-week trip to the U.S.; the most important component is the implementation of the participants’ action plans in their home countries, according to CSEAS Director Jim Collins. Recently “The Melody of the Heart,” a music gala, was held Sept. 3 at the American Club in Hanoi, organized by fall 2010 SEAYLP alumni Minh Vu Huynh, Hanh Kim Vu, Hoang Anh Pham Trang Ngo, Duc Linh Phan, and adult leader Diem Sukhothai, a World Heritage Site, will be one topic of discussion at the upcoming NIU-UIUC fall symposium on heritage sites and museums in mainland.

   **Fall 2010 SEAYLP alumni on stage before their music gala begins. (Photo courtesy of the U.S. Embassy, Hanoi)**
Hong Truong. Attended by more than 100 students, parents, and expatriates, the gala featured performances by thirty children and volunteer teachers from the Art Center for Disadvantaged and Disabled Children, in addition to exhibit booths displaying handicrafts made by children from the center. The event was part of the SEAYLP group’s “NOT AS YOU THINK” project, the goals of which are to attract more attention and support from the public for disadvantaged children and to help the children from the center pursue education and social integration.

Speaking at the event, U.S. Embassy Hanoi Cultural Affairs Officer David Moyer commended the SEAYLP alumni and volunteers for their efforts in turning their ideas in reality and helping their community to become a better place. SEAYLP is a U.S. State Department-funded program.

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

NIU is actively looking for families to act as hosts Oct. 30–Nov. 10 for twenty-five high school students and six adult leaders from Brunei, 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. 5–6), and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. For details, contact NIU host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or e-mail lshive@niu.edu. See host family application and SEAYLP information on the center website.

10. The pen is mightier I: Indonesian writing contest

The Indonesian Embassy in Washington, D.C., is offering a week’s vacation in Indonesia for three winners of a national writing contest it is sponsoring in collaboration with the University of Michigan’s Center for Southeast Asian Studies for essays in either Indonesian or English. The theme of the contest is “Indonesia: Its Beauty, Diversity and Challenges.” The English language essay is open to both graduate and undergraduate students; the Indonesian language essay is open to both college students and non-students. All entrants must be U.S. citizens. The deadline to submit an essay, between 1,000 and 4,000 words, is Oct. 31. For information, contact center associate Michael Buehler at mbuehler1@niu.edu. Also, see the embassy website.

11. The pen is mightier II: Burma Studies Foundation writing prize

The Burma Studies Foundation will award $500 for the two best original research papers, essay or articles on a subject dealing with Burma/Myanmar in the second biennial Sarah M. Bekker Prize competition. The competition is open to currently enrolled graduate and undergraduate students. Papers should be no more than 10,000 words and postmarked by Jan. 31, 2012. The
winners will be notified after June 1. The awards will be announced at the fall 2012
International Burma Studies Conference and the submission will be reviewed for publication in the Journal of Burma Studies. For details, e-mail Julian Wheatley at wheatley@mit.edu.

12. Conferences and calls for papers

- **Council on Thai Studies**, Oct. 7–8, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison. A block for rooms has been reserved at the Double Tree Hilton, 525 W. Johnson St., Madison, WI; group code is COTS and rooms are $179/night, single/double deluxe. For reservations, phone 608-251-5534. **Students: Sleeping bag space available with advance notice.** For details, email Kate Gillogly at gillogly@uwp.edu.

- **Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Oct. 28–30, St. Paul, MN. Annual conference at Macalester College. For details, see conference website.

- **Third International Graduate Student Conference on Indonesia 2011**, Nov. 8–9, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Theme: “Indonesian Urban Cultures and Societies.” For details, see conference website.

- **International Seminar: Twenty Years of Greater Mekong Sub-region**, Dec. 8–9, Chiang Mai University, Thailand. Call for papers to be presented at conference examining impact and future of creation of the sub-region. Two days of field studies follow the conference. **Deadline for submission: Oct. 31.** See posted details.

- **Southeast Asia: Between the Lines**, Dec. 9–10, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. An interdisciplinary graduate student conference to be held in Ann Arbor. Submit 500-word abstract by **Oct. 28** to Kate Wright at the UM Center for Southeast Asian Studies at katemw@umich.edu. If accepted, graduate students will receive a modest travel subvention and meals during the conference. For details, call 734-764-5261.

- **Third SEE-SEA International Conference**, Feb. 10–12, 2012 University of Chicago. Co-convened by CSEAS and the UC Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies. Theme: “From the Adriatic to the Sulu Sea: Islam and Identity in Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia.” Details will be posted on the center website.


- **Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference**, March 15–18, 2012 Toronto, Canada. Registration open. For details, see the conference website.

- **Ninth International Conference on the Philippines**, May 22–25, 2012, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. **Deadline for proposals and abstracts: Nov. 11.** Send to ICOPHIL Committee, Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1035. For details, contact asiansc@msu.edu.

13. Job opportunities

Center for Global Awareness

- Marketing director for Albuquerque, N.M.-based center to produce globally-focused educational materials for students and educators in grades 9–14. Education and marketing experience. For details, see www.global-awareness.net. NEW

Idealist.org

Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. Current listings include Cambodia fellow for the World Faiths Development Dialogue, Vietnam researcher for Human Rights Watch, Indonesia country representative for The Asia Foundation, and English language teacher at Burma University Foundation School in Yangon. For more information, see Idealist website. NEW

Ohio University

- Tenure-track opening for assistant professor in Political Science Department in area of human security with regional specialization (Southeast Asia, Latin America, or Middle East preferred). Apply by Oct. 15. See position description at university website.

U.S. State Department

- Area studies can lead to a career in the diplomatic corps. Check out job opportunities and career paths at the State Department website.

14. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- The Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute is a non-profit group dedicated to the education, preservation, and promotion of Thai culture and fine arts in the Chicago area. For details, call 312-725-0640 or write Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute, 1960 Oak Knoll Drive, Lake Forest, IL 60045.
- The Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see consulate website.
- The Cambodian Association of Illinois holds free traditional Cambodian music and dance lessons Sundays at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago.

Persons needing assistance at any CSEAS event may contact office manager Nancy Schuneman at 815-753-1771 or nschunem@niu.edu. To no longer receive this bulletin, please reply to this e-mail with a request to remove your name. Thank you.