Politics of heritage: The dispute between Thailand and Cambodia over the Preah Vihear World Heritage site will lead off the presentations at the center’s Oct. 29 symposium on mainland SEA heritage sites and museum practices. See item 3.

Symposium: Politics of heritage in mainland SEA

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1. **This week’s lecture: Eric Jones on customary law in colonial Indonesia**

Associate history professor and center associate Eric Jones will present “The Good Orientalism? The Hopes and Horrors of Customary Law in Colonial Indonesia” at this week’s CSEAS lecture at noon Friday, **Oct. 5**, Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Initiated by pre-eminent Dutch comparative law scholar Cornelis van Vollenhoven, the colonial-era Customary Law project was an important 50-year endeavor to record and codify *adat*, hundreds of legal traditions and customary practices of the disparate peoples of the then-Dutch East Indies. This codification of customary law undoubtedly had a dark side, e.g., allowing the colonial state to exclude “natives” from the progressive rights and privileges granted Europeans, such as modern land tenure and labor rights. But using van Vollenhoven and his work, Jones argues for a more careful, case by case, use of the Orientalist label, the scarlet “O.” **Bring your lunch and feed your mind.**

2. **NIU opens the field for tenure-track Burmese language position**

CSEAS and the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures announce that applications are now being accepted for a tenure-track position to teach Burmese language at all levels at NIU beginning in fall 2012. Native or near-native fluency in Burmese and English and a Ph.D. in Burmese or a relevant field by the time of appointment are required. As an assistant professor, the successful candidate will mentor students, liaise with the centers for Southeast Asian Studies and Burma Studies, and participate in local, national, and international committees in addition to teaching. **Complete applications are due Dec. 1.** Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and dossier including three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Katharine Barbe, Chair, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115. For a complete job description, see the [NIU Human Resources website](#).

3. **Mainland SEA heritage sites, museum practices focus of fall symposium Oct. 29**

Increasing global tourism, the desire for economic development, and ethnic or political conflicts—all are putting pressure on cultural heritage sites in mainland Southeast Asia. How are art historians, anthropologists, archeologists, and museum curators addressing these competing interests? CSEAS and the Center for Burma Studies are hosting a fall symposium, Mainland Southeast Asia: Museums and Heritage Sites, Saturday, **Oct. 29**, at the Holmes Student Center, co-sponsored by the Collaborative for Cultural Heritage and Museum Practices (CHAMP) at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Speaking will be 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 Sukhothai, a World Heritage site in Thailand, will be discussed at the upcoming NIU-UIUC fall symposium on heritage sites and museums in mainland Southeast Asia.
4. **On the road: Spreading the word about lexicography and the Malay dictionary project**

CSEAS Director Jim Collins travels to Indonesia this week as an invited plenary presenter for the **Oct. 9–13** International Conference of the Indonesian Linguistic Society in Bandung. Collins will present “Indonesian Dictionaries and the Online Profile of Indonesian,” one of 116 papers being presented by scholars from the U.S., Australia, Brunei, Malaysia, and Indonesia. “My topic flows directly from CSEAS’s online Malay dictionary project, now in its third year,” Collins said. The paper focuses on advances in Indonesian lexicography, in particular monolingual dictionaries, from 1989 to 2008. Contemporary, Indonesian-language, electronic media can now be incorporated as important sources of lexicographic data, Collins said. “After the United States, Indonesia has the largest number of users of Facebook,” Collins said. “More than 40 million Indonesians use the social network and they comprise 16.5 percent of the country’s population. Future directions of Indonesian lexicography should be considered in the context of the political and economic emergence of Indonesia in the Southeast Asian region and on the global stage.” For the past year, Collins has traveled to Indonesia and Malaysia to spread the word about the NIU Malay dictionary project and enlist regional support. Earlier this year, Collins delivered public lectures about the project at two Indonesian universities (Universitas Negeri Makassar and Universitas Kairun) and led a one-day project-focused workshop on lexicography at Universitas Negeri Gorontalo in north Sulawesi. He also gave a public lecture about the dictionary in June at NIU’s partner university in Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Pahang, which earned NIU local press and website coverage. In May, Collins gave the keynote address, “Maluku Development and Locality: Culture and Language in the Islands,” at Universitas Pattimura (in Ambon, Indonesia), touching on language and dictionary issues; the address will soon be published as an essay by that university.

5. **Center associates update: Hartmann presents, Komodo night, Southeast Asia art in Paris**

* Center associate and newly named Board of Trustees Professor John Hartmann (foreign languages and literatures), will present “Teaching Language and Culture: Going Global with Two Tongues” from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, **Oct. 4**, in the Capitol Room of the Holmes Student Center. Hartmann will address how he uses campus and community resources in his intensively taught Thai program, which uses no textbook but incorporates face-to-face and online learning, as well as monitored and mentored cultural
activities. “On a more philosophical/pragmatic level, I will discuss my notions of ‘moral imagination’ as a guiding principle in reaching out to and motivating students and the ‘walking management’ style I use in engaging each individual student in the classroom,” Hartmann said. The event, a Presidential Teaching Professor seminar sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the Faculty Development and Instructional Design Center, is free and will be preceded by refreshments from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

* Center associates Andrea Katalin Molnar (anthropology) and Deb Pierce (International Programs) were on hand in the Crystal Garden at Navy Pier Sept. 22 for Komodo Night, an evening celebrating the Komodo dragon and its habitat in eastern Indonesia sponsored by the Indonesian Ministry of Culture and Tourism and hosted by the Indonesian consulate in Chicago. Molnar, an expert on Flores Island, one of few Komodo habitats, was one of the featured speakers. “I spoke on the natural biodiversity, cultural, linguistic and ritual diversity, and the scientific significance of the island,” said Molnar, who gave an ancestral blessing in the Flores language before her talk and later received a “Friends of Komodo” certificate of appreciation from the ministry. The event, which drew about 200 people, showcased Indonesian fabrics, dancers and musicians from the region, including dancers from Flores.

* Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond (art history) and fellow art professor Sinclair Bell are leading a three-week study abroad program to Europe next summer which will incorporate a special emphasis on Southeast Asian art, she said. “We are organizing numerous visits to museums with the best collections in Europe of Southeast Asian art accumulated during the colonial period,” Raymond said. “The workshops and the visit of Asian museums such as Musee des Arts Asiatiques in Paris and the cabinet of Asian prints in Amsterdam will be lead by art historians and historians specializing in Southeast Asian art.” The program, entitled Art, Appropriation and Display: The Museums of Paris, Cologne, and Amsterdam, is scheduled for May 28–June 15 and will be preceded by on-campus instruction May 21–24; see the Study Abroad Office website for details or email Raymond at craymond@niu.edu.

6. Play ‘Family Feud’ Southeast Asian-style at SEA Club meeting this week

Fun and games with the Southeast Asia Club, featuring ‘Family Feud’ Southeast Asian style, is on tap for the group’s next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, in DuSable Hall, Room 456. Refreshments will be served. The club has set the rest of its fall meeting dates: Oct. 20, Nov. 3 and Nov. 17. The club is currently seeking volunteers.
to prepare authentic Southeast Asian dishes, and performers to take the stage, for its Oct. 28 culture night event (see item in Save the Dates). For details, email niuseaclub@gmail.com or find the club on Facebook (Southeast Asia Club at NIU).

7. SEA summer study abroad with NIU: Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand

NIU is offering three opportunities to study abroad in Southeast Asia next summer with NIU faculty members. Center associate Eric Jones (history) will take students to Malaysia for the seventh time; center associate Andrea Katalin Molnar (anthropology) is reprising her 2011 Culture and Diversity in Thailand program; 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 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.**

8. **Save the dates:** Taste of Thai this week, Southeast Asia Club, October conferences

- **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. 7–8:** Council on Thai Studies conference at University of Wisconsin-Madison. See details in Conferences below.
- **Oct. 28:** Southeast Asia Culture night, 6 to 8 p.m., Wirtz Hall auditorium, sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club. Come for Southeast Asian food and performances. Free. **NEW**
- **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 above)
- **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.
- **Oct. 31:** Last day to submit essay in Indonesian or English on the subject, “Indonesia: Its Beauty, Diversity and Challenges,” in national writing contest sponsored by the Indonesian embassy and the University of Michigan. Winners receive a free week’s vacation in Indonesia. See details on [embassy website](#).

9. **Share your experience: Be a host family for SEAYLP**

As previous families will attest, ten days of hosting a SEAYLP participant equals one unforgettable experience. 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

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**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 Lao 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 company
2. Your family portrait could replace the flying corncob as the international symbol of DeKalb County
1. Your family will make friendships of a lifetime
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.

10. Skin deep: History of Burmese tattoo art in NIU exhibit

Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond (art history) knows NIU’s Burma Art Collection like no one else. So when the NIU School of Art mounted “Inked: Tattoo Imagery in Contemporary Art” in September in the Jack Olson Gallery, it was just a matter of time before the center associate found something from the Burma collection to go along with it in the hallway gallery just outside. Her fall exhibit, “Tattoo Art in Burmese Cultures,” explores the history, techniques, and symbolic designs in traditional Burmese tattoo age. “The traditional art of tattooing is deeply rooted in Burma’s history: from kings to commoners, tattoos were exemplars and devices of masculine strength, feminine beauty, cultural identity and aesthetic appeal while endowed as well with spiritual powers serving as protection from evil forces,” Raymond said. “Tattoos were also used for punishment.” The Burmese exhibit is on display through fall semester. The “Inked” exhibit will be open through Oct. 13.

11. Deadline approaches for International Programs’ awards

There is still time to nominate a faculty member, student, or department for the Division of International Programs’ three annual awards for outstanding international educator, outstanding department, and outstanding student contributing to international education, to be awarded during International Education Week at NIU, Nov. 14–18. The deadline for nominations is Oct. 14; for information, see the division’s website. The awards will be presented Monday, Nov. 14, at an international recognition reception from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Holmes Student Center Sky Room. For details, contact Sara Clayton at 815-753-9526 or sclayton@niu.edu. Go global with International Programs, too, on their new blog.

12. The pen is mightier: 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 at NIU and the submission will be reviewed for publication in the Center for Burma Studies’ Journal of Burma Studies. For details, e-mail Julian Wheatley at wheatley@mit.edu.

13. 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.** 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. Conference examining impact and future of creation of the sub-region followed by two days of field studies. **Deadline for paper submission: Oct. 31.**
- **Southeast Asia: Between the Lines**, Dec. 9–10, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. An interdisciplinary graduate student conference. Submit 500-word abstract by **Oct. 28** to Kate Wright at UM Center for Southeast Asian Studies at katemw@umich.edu. If accepted, graduate students will receive modest travel subvention and meals. 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.” Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Nov. 11.** Details 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**, Oct. 28–30, 2012, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. **Deadline for proposals and abstracts: March 1.** Send to ICOPHIL Committee, Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1035. For details, contact asiansc@msu.edu. **NEW DATE**
- **International Cambodia Studies Conference 2012: Imagining Cambodia**, Sept. 14–16, 2012, Northern Illinois University. Individual papers and suggestions for panel speakers and themes are invited. **Deadline for abstracts: March 15; deadline for papers: June 15.** See details on [center website](#).

### 14. Job opportunities and internships

*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.

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.

15. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- **Gamelan Open House:** 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, Hyde Park Union Church. Evening of music, refreshments, and introductory lesson variety of gamelan instruments. Free class begins one week later, Tuesday, Oct. 18. For details, email info@chicagogamelan.org. **NEW**

- 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.

- “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit is now open at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The Cambodian Association of Illinois also holds free traditional Cambodian music and dance lessons Sundays. **NEW**

**Persons with a disability who may need 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.**