Luang Prabang: Problems facing this newly designated World Heritage Site in Laos will be discussed this week at the center’s Oct. 29 fall symposium, Mainland Southeast Asia: Museums and Heritage Sites. See first item for details.

Symposium, SEAYLP, and SEA culture night

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Southeast Asia Culture Night!
The Southeast Asia Club hosts its first culture night of the year on Friday, Oct. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Wirtz Hall auditorium. Hear Southeast Asian music, see Southeast Asian performances of all kinds, and partake of Filipino, Thai, and other Southeast Asian food. Students from NIU’s Indonesian, Malay, and Tagalog classes will be among the performers. The event is free and family-friendly. For details on this and any club activity, email niuseaclub@gmail.com or find the club on Facebook (Southeast Asia Club at NIU).
1. Fall symposium on SEA heritage sites, museums Saturday

Too many tourists visiting Angkor Wat. Thailand and Cambodia disputing ownership of a temple site on the Thai-Cambodia border. Railroad construction damaging pagodas in an archeologically sensitive town in Burma. The center’s fall symposium coming up Saturday, Oct. 29, will address these and other issues facing museums and heritage sites in mainland Southeast Asia. The free event in the Heritage Room at the Holmes Student Center is hosted by CSEAS and the Center for Burma Studies and co-sponsored by the Collaborative for Cultural Heritage and Museum Practices (CHAMP) at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Students, faculty, and teachers are invited to attend. Speakers include center associates Catherine Raymond, art historian and director of the Center for Burma Studies, and Judy Ledgerwood, anthropologist; Helaine Silverman, anthropologist and CHAMP director; U Nyunt Han, Regional Center for Archeology and Fine Arts (SPAFA), Bangkok; and Rungsima Lertjanyarak, Vongchavalitkul University, Thailand. Attendees are asked to register in advance. Register and see the symposium program on the center website.

2. Fall 2011 SEAYLP gears up; last call for host families

Twenty-five high school students and six adult leaders from Brunei, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam arrive at NIU Wednesday, Oct. 26, for the fall 2011 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). They will stay at the Holmes Student Center for orientation and workshops until Sunday, Oct. 30, when they are picked up by their host families. Fourteen families have signed up, but the center is looking for two more households to act as hosts for one set of boys and one male adult leader Oct. 30–Nov. 10. 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. SEAYLP is a U.S. State Department-funded program managed by CSEAS. For details, contact NIU host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or e-mail lshive@niu.edu.

3. NIU signs two more MOUs in eastern Indonesia

The Asia-focused Obama administration (see “America’s Pacific Century,” Foreign Policy [Nov. 2011]) has been working steadily to restore and strengthen U.S. ties to Indonesia, the fourth largest country in the world and the country with the largest Muslim population. Part of that has included a $65 million investment in deepening academic ties between the two countries. NIU and CSEAS have risen to the challenge, building on the center’s pioneering role in Indonesian studies, says CSEAS Director Jim Collins. In
fall 2009, NIU started signing memoranda of understanding with Indonesian universities to facilitate student and faculty exchange, first with Universitas Hasanuddin (Unhas), then Universitas Negeri Yogyakarta. In 2010, CSEAS began to explore cooperating in particular with universities in East Indonesia. During the past month, at the request of College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean Chris McCord and Associate Provost for International Programs Deb Pierce, Collins extended his stay in Indonesia after a conference in Bandung in order to visit NIU’s collaborating institutions in Sulawesi and to complete two more agreements with Indonesian institutions. On Oct. 11 he visited Universitas Hasanuddin in Makassar to discuss second-level MOUs with the deans of the colleges of Engineering and Public Health and a study abroad program featuring non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and conflict resolution. The next day, he flew to Kendari to return an NIU visit made by the rector of Universitas Haluoleo (Unhalu) this past June and to sign an MOU with the school. Collins returned to Makassar the following day to sketch out plans for Universitas Negeri Makassar (UNM) to cooperate with NIU in the fields of NGO leadership development, sociology, public administration, and education sciences. This culminated in a ceremony in which UNM signed an MOU with NIU; plans are for a UNM delegation to visit DeKalb Nov. 3–6. Before leaving for DeKalb Oct. 14, Collins met with the dean of public health at Unhas to discuss dual degrees, possible 4+1 arrangements, as well as customized short courses, shared courses using Internet technology, and joint research (such as the public health and mapping research conducted by NIU professors Tomoyuki Shibata (nursing and health studies/public health) and James Wilson (geography) last summer.

4. Thai Studies Fund Committee offers 2011–12 travel grants

Editor's note: Last week’s bulletin item announcing the deadline for this year’s travel grants funded by the Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund was inadvertently written from an out-of-date notice and contained incorrect information. The Thai Studies Fund Committee has just released the details for the 2011–12 travel grant program. The center regrets the previous error.

Thai Studies students and faculty Thai specialists are invited to apply for travel funding from the center’s Thai Studies Fund Committee, which distributes funds from the NIU Foundation’s Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund. The committee considers applications on an ongoing basis, said committee spokesman and center associate Grant Olson (foreign languages & literatures). “We aim to allocate modest resources to worthy student projects and initiatives involving research and training in Thai Studies (domestic or international),” Olson said. “For example, students planning to present work at conferences related to Thai Studies are invited to apply for funding to cover a portion of their costs (which could include...
travel, accommodations or conference registration fees. Faculty members are also invited to apply for similar initiatives.” All applicants must submit a clear, concise description of the project’s purpose, a budget, and the ways in which funds would be used to further Thai Studies. Those seeking funding toward presentation of a paper must submit a clear abstract as well as evidence that the paper has been accepted for an upcoming conference. Students should also include a letter of recommendation from their faculty advisor. Student awards typically do not exceed $300 for domestic travel and $500 for international travel, but students are invited to apply for any amount. Only one trip or conference will be funded per year. Faculty who demonstrate a long-term impact to the university may be less restricted in terms of funding requests, Olson said. While applications are accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis, the committee formally considers received applications at least twice a year on Sept. 15 and Jan. 15. Applications should be addressed to the Thai Studies Fund Committee and emailed to center associate Chalermsee Olson, eteolson@niu.edu.

5. Back to Texas State to help evaluate its international studies center

The day after returning from Indonesia (see item 3), CSEAS Director Jim Collins got back on a plane Oct. 16 to travel to Texas, where he joined professors John Hart (University of Houston) and Gary J. Winek (Texas State University at San Marcos) for three days at the university to begin a five-year external evaluation of its Center for International Studies (CIS). Although CIS has a long tradition of European and Latin American studies, they have been working since 2009 to develop a certificate in Southeast Asian Studies. CSEAS associates have been the chief mentors in the development of that certificate, first offered in fall 2010; Michael Buehler (political science), Kenton Clymer (history), Eric Jones (history), Julie Lamb (CSEAS), Judy Ledgerwood (anthropology) and Kheang Un (political science) have all traveled to San Marcos to meet with their counterparts and explore curricula and syllabi. Trude Jacobsen (history) is serving as the external evaluator of the certificate. Texas State is a founding member of the Mid-America Consortium for the Southeast Asian Studies (MAXIS). Collins and Hart (a leading scholar in the history of Mexico) were invited to evaluate the overall program at CIS from two perspectives. In many ways, the structure of CIS is similar to NIU’s CSEAS, Collins said. For example, CIS has no faculty positions and relies on associates through the campus to offer courses with six different emphases. But, in contrast to CSEAS, at Texas State with its total enrollment of 32,572 students, there are 556 undergraduates majoring in International Studies and 59 graduate students in the area studies MA program. CIS Director Dennis Dunn has been successful in securing two $500,000 endowments, one for activities in Honduras and the other for Cambodia. This past summer, Texas State had 19 students in Cambodia, five faculty members, and a team of science faculty and students who developed a new introductory science curriculum for the Royal University of Phnom Penh. Texas State is
also looking to expand its programs to Indonesia and Malaysia. The evaluation team met with chairs, deans, CIS staff, undergraduate and graduate students. On Oct. 18, the team conferred with Gene Bourgeois, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Debbie Thorne, associate vice president for academic affairs; and Beth Wuest, director of assessment, to explore the administration’s links to CIS. The evaluation report will be submitted in a few weeks.

6. Center associates update: Wiegele in Milwaukee, Unger in Singapore, Hamayotsu in Ithaca
   - Kate Wiegele (anthropology) was in Milwaukee, Wis., over the weekend to present “Politics, Education and Civic Participation: Catholic Charismatic Modernities in the Philippines” Oct. 22 at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Wiegele will reprise her presentation Nov. 9 in Chicago at Loyola University for anthropologist Kathleen Adams’ course, Religion, Arts and Society in the Malay World.
   - Danny Unger (political science) is back from Singapore where he presented “Sub-National Government and the Development of the Electronic Industry in Thailand” Oct. 7 at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies’ Conference on State Policy and Industrial Transformation at the Sub-National Level. He is also in print with “Something is Happening: This Time in Thailand” in the Oct. 6 issue of the East-West Center’s Asia-Pacific Bulletin (No. 131) and “Trying to Make Decisions Stick: Natural Resource Policy Making in Thailand,” co-authored with Patcharee Siroros, in Journal of Contemporary Asia (vol. 41, no. 2).
   - Kikue Hamayotsu (political science) was off to Ithaca, N.Y., over the weekend to speak at the seventh annual Cornell-Yale Northeastern Conference on Indonesia on Oct. 22. She will present “A Conservative Turn in Democratic Indonesia? Rising Religious Intolerance and the Future of Muslim Democracy.”

7. What kind of research are engineers in Malaysia working on? Find out Tuesday
Two engineering professors from Universiti Malaysia Pahang, Malaysia’s premier engineering school, will present the latest research underway at the school’s Center for Academic Innovation and Competitiveness, at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in Room 358 in the Engineering Building. Speaking at the event co-sponsored by CSEAS, Division of International Programs, and the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology will be UMP engineering professors Wan Azhar bin Wan Yusoff and Kamal bin Yusoh. Refreshments will be served.

8. 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.

9. **Paper call: Southeast Europe/Southeast Asia conference**

Submissions are being sought for papers to be presented in the third in a series of conferences co-convened by CSEAS and the University of Chicago’s Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies (CEERES) comparing two edges of the Islamic world. **From the Adriatic to the Sulu Sea: Islam and Identity in Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia,** set for Feb. 10–12, will be held at the Franke Institute for the Humanities at the University of Chicago. (The
first conference was held in February 2009 at NIU, the second in January 2011 in Malaysia). “This third conference understands ‘identities’ in the broadest possible manner, and the papers will examine phenomena from music and literacy to politics and spirituality and beyond,” said CSEAS Director Jim Collins. Send a title and brief abstract to CEERES Associate Director Meredith Clason at mclason@uchicago.edu by Nov. 15. Acceptances will be sent by Dec. 15.

10. Save the dates: Peace-building at NIU, summer FLAS deadlines
   - Dec. 1: Seminar on peace-building in conflict regions of Southeast Asia, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Holmes Student Center. Co-sponsored by Department of Anthropology, CSEAS, and Center for NGO Leadership and Development. Details on Anthropology website.
   - Dec. 1: Deadline to submit applications for summer 2012 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships. For information, see the center website.

11. Get your T-shirt on: There’s one week left to order the Southeast Asia Club’s high-quality custom T-shirt featuring the flags of Southeast Asia. Available in small, medium, large and extra-large sizes. $15. Order forms are at the center, 520 College View Court, or on the club’s Facebook page. Last orders will be taken at the club’s Southeast Asia Culture Night, 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 28, at the Wirtz Hall auditorium.

12. Position open: Tenure-track Burmese language professorship at NIU
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.
13. Help sought for Lower Mekong Initiative

The U.S. State Department’s Lower Mekong Initiative (LMI), launched in July 2009, is a multinational effort to create integrated cooperation between Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, and the U.S. in the areas of education, health, environment, and infrastructure. Kim Oanh Nguyen-Lam, the U.S. Department of Education’s representative of the LMI Working Group, is seeking the center community’s help in gathering materials and information on these four countries that can be shared on the group’s website. “If you have articles, papers, studies related to the Lower Mekong countries that you could share, please let me know,” she writes. “Also, if you have had programs or projects that involved faculty or student exchange or joint curriculum development, we would like to have information on that as well.” Contact her at kimoanh.nguyen-lam@ed.gov.

14. And now for something completely different: The soundtrack of Cambodia

Students of the media and communication department at the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP) have put together a new downloadable magazine called DONTREY: The Music of Cambodia. It is an ambitious recap of Cambodia’s rich musical traditions from ancient tribal music to Khmer rock of the 1960s to today’s pop music. Read more about DONTREY on Facebook.

15. Job opportunities and internships

Association of Asian Studies

- Associate editor for Southeast Asia, Bibliography of Asian Studies: Contract position to index journal articles and book chapters in edited volumes in a wide range of academic disciplines that focus on Southeast Asia, as well as some retrospective work to fill in gaps in current bibliographical coverage. Contact immediately: Frank F. Conlon, Managing Director, Bibliography of Asian Studies, at conlon@u.washington.edu. 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 details, see the Idealist 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.

16. Conferences and calls for papers

- 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 submission: Oct. 31.

Southeast Asia: Between the Lines, Dec. 9–10, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. An interdisciplinary graduate student conference. Deadline for 500-word abstract: Oct. 28. Email 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.


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


17. Money for study

David L. Boren awards

Fellowships and scholarships: Opportunity for graduates and undergraduates to study abroad for one year and hone language skills. Grants range from up to $20,000 for undergraduates to $30,000 for graduate students. To apply for the 2012–13 programs, see the Boren website. Boren awards are administered by the Institute of International Education. Fellowship deadline to apply: Jan. 31. Scholarship deadline: Feb. 9.

National Science Foundation / Asia and Pacific

International fellowships: Eight-week research fellowships for U.S. science and engineering students in host laboratories in Singapore, Australia, China, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, and Taiwan. Stipends, round-trip airfare, living expenses. Deadline to apply: Nov. 9. For details, email eapsi@nsfsi.org or call 866-501-2922.
Graduate degree fellowships: Funding for graduate students to participate in residential, educational and research programs at East-West Center while pursuing degree at University of Hawai’i.

18. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- Last week to see “Echoing Balance,” exhibit inspired by Wayang Kulit shadow puppetry, and created by center FLAS fellow Siew Lian Lim, through Oct. 30 at DeKalb Area Women’s Center gallery, 1021 State St. Open Friday evenings or by appointment; call 815-758-1351.
- “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit now open for one year 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.
- 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.

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