SEAYLP at IMSA: Students from the Illinois Math and Science Academy show SEAYLPer participant Lia (Brunei), second from left, and adult leader Jo (Malaysia), right, around one of IMSA’s science classrooms during the group’s visit.

It’s a leadership thing: SEAYLP week 2

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1. This week’s lecture: James Hoesterey on shame and anti-pornography politics in Indonesia

James Hoesterey, a faculty fellow with the University of Michigan Center for Southeast Asian Studies, will present “Shaming the State: Pop Preachers, Psikologi Islami, and the Anti-Pornography Campaign in Indonesia” at noon Friday, Nov. 11, Room 110, Campus Life Building. When an anti-pornography bill was debated in post-authoritarian Indonesia, opponents bemoaned the Islamization of Indonesia while those in favor lamented the degradation of national morality. Celebrity TV preacher cum pop psychologist Abdullah Gymnastiar used his platform to admonish politicians for not having any shame. During television programs, congressional testimonies, and public rallies to support the anti-pornography legislation, Gymnastiar summoned government officials to heal the Indonesian state through an Islamic Psychology — or Psikologi Islami — that depends on shame as a productive social and moral force. In Hoesterey’s talk, he will explore how Gymnastiar invoked a politics of affect that sought to redefine the moral and religious commitments of state officials and citizen-believers. Bring your lunch and feed your mind.

2. Ideas, ideals, and leadership: SEAYLP participants dig in to the program

With a busy weekend behind them of learning how to express themselves effectively, dressing up for Halloween, and moving in with their host families, Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) participants and their adult leaders didn’t miss a beat in their first full week of activities. On Monday, Oct. 31, the group learned about river ecology from local specialist Peggy Doty and practiced water testing in the NIU lagoon before learning how to create a community action plan for service projects in a session led by Judith Hermanson, director of NIU’s Center for NGO Leadership and Development (NGOLD). Before heading home with their host families, the group did a team-building activity with SEAYLP leader Maria “Rai” Hancock and SEAYLP assistants Eric Boetje and Jordan York. The group learned about media and society on Tuesday, beginning with a social media and video workshop, led by NIU web team specialist Holly Nicholson, video producer Jennifer Howard, and the center’s communication manager Liz Denius, and ending with an afternoon presentation on civil society led by former CSEAS Director and political science professor emeritus Clark Neher.
During lunch that day, the adult leaders met with individual mentors drawn from NIU faculty and staff, including Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond (art history), Alan Zollman (mathematical sciences), Lynn Neeley (management), and Associate Director for International Admissions Sim Chin. The rest of the week students and adult leaders were on the move, traveling to Chicago Wednesday to visit the Willis Tower and the Museum of Science in Industry, followed by water testing with the Friends of the Chicago River at Bubbly Creek. Thursday the group spent interacting with students and teachers at the Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA), Illinois’ premier school for advanced students chosen from around the state, and finished up Friday with a trip to Springfield to explore the life and leadership qualities of Abraham Lincoln. By Friday the group was looking forward to an unstructured weekend with their host families. The week ahead includes a trip to the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium in Dubuque, Iowa, workshops on leadership, NGOs, Southeast Asia issues, mediation and conflict resolution, action planning, dinner at CSEAS Director Jim Collins’ home, and the first part of the diplomatic simulation the group will present at the U.S. State Department during their five days in Washington, D.C., before their departure home Nov. 19. SEAYLP is funded by the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by CSEAS with assistance from the Division of International Programs.

3. Keeping up with SEAYLP: Ngo Thuy Quynh (fall 2009)

Fall 2009 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) participant Ngo Thuy Quynh recently got in touch with center associate Kate Wiegele (anthropology), manager of that first SEAYLP session, to share news of her group’s pediatric-cancer awareness project, called Future Smile. “Our project to help Vietnamese cancer pediatrics has successfully finished,” Quynh writes. “After a year and a half (from January 2010 to June 2011), we have organized many programs to help the cancer patients at the National Pediatrics Hospital in Hanoi. We managed hospital visits on special occasions like in New Year and in Mid-Autumn Festival, in which we brought to the hospital many presents and played a lot with the children. We also organized a Foto Contest with the subject about ‘Children’s Smiles.’ This contest successfully attracted attention from the public. Many photos from both professional and unprofessional photographers were sent to us with good

During a recent visit to Cambodia, Jennifer and Tim Mescher of DeKalb met up with their host-family daughter SEAYLP alumna Quynh of Vietnam.
quality. The project is finished successfully because we were able to draw attention from the public, especially from the youth, to the issue of pediatric cancer. At the moment, five of us are concentrating on our university study, but there are still many youths following our idea.” Quynh, who is studying German in Hanoi in preparation for taking the exams to be admitted to the Goethe Institut in Germany next year, said more than 20 young people in Hanoi have joined the Future Smile group (see the group’s Facebook page: facebook.com/nucuoichoem). “I think that is our best success to have recruited such a big and enthusiastic group like that,” Quynh says. Recently, she was delighted to meet up with her NIU host parents, Tim and Jennifer Mescher of DeKalb, in Cambodia, along with her Cambodian host-family roommate Dalin Hy and other SEAYLP-1 participants.

4. Education diplomacy: Indonesian delegations visit NIU
NIU’s educational initiatives in Indonesia are continuing to draw visitors from Indonesia to DeKalb. On Friday, Nov. 4, representatives from two universities from Indonesia were on campus to meet with NIU officials, including CSEAS Director Jim Collins: Universitas Negeri Makassar, with which NIU has a memorandum of understanding, and Universitas Negeri Surabaya, whose rector met Provost Raymond Alden and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Christopher McCord at a U.S.-Indonesia educational summit in Washington, D.C., earlier in the week. “We’re very glad to be able to host delegations from Universitas Negeri Makassar and Universitas Negeri Surabaya,” said Associate Provost for International Programs Deb Pierce. “We first started working with UNM in 2008 on the Sandwich program [in which three Ph.D. candidates at UNM came to NIU for four months], and now we have a fully signed agreement with them.” On Monday, Nov. 7, a delegation of government officials from Aceh province on a U.S. study tour, led by Clare Banks of the Institute of International Education in New York, will be on campus to learn about public-administration programs available for both degrees and short-term training, according to Associate Provost for International Programs Deb Pierce.

5. Peace-building in conflict areas of SEA focus of Dec. 1 seminar
NIU anthropologists and center associates Judy Ledgerwood, Andrea Molnar, and Susan Russell will join NIU political scientist Chris Jones (Associate Vice Provost for University Honors Program) and two visiting Thai scholars from 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 1, for a morning seminar and roundtable discussion on peace-building in conflict zones of Southeast Asia in Room 334 Graham Hall. The participating Thai scholars are NIU alumni Srisompob Jitpiromsri (Ph.D. political science, 1997), director of the Center for Conflict Studies and Cultural Diversity at Prince of Songkla University, and Chandranuj Mahakanjana (Ph.D. political science, 2004), assistant professor of public administration at the National Institute for Development Administration. The presenters, all of whom have expertise in peace and conflict studies in SEA, will focus on the efforts of academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, and civil society to develop new peace norms and create opportunities for peace-building dialogue, said Molnar, who is organizing the event. The group will also discuss development of an NIU curriculum focusing on peace and conflict studies, she said, noting that the two Thai participants already have such a curriculum at their institutions. The event is a
collaboration between the Department of Anthropology, the Center for NGO Leadership and Development (NGOLD), and CSEAS.

6. Apply for summer FLAS fellowship by Dec. 1
Information and forms to apply for a summer 2012 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship are now posted on the CSEAS website; deadline to apply is Dec. 1. FLAS fellowships, which are funded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, provide for the study of Southeast Asian languages at any educational institution, especially those in Southeast Asia, over the summer. Top priority will be given to students planning to study a language in a Southeast Asian country. Summer FLAS awards are expected to provide a stipend of $2,500; in addition, the program covers tuition at a Southeast Asia language program to $4,000. Qualified undergraduate or graduate students from any accredited U.S. higher education institution may apply, but must do so as a visiting student (undergraduate) or as a student-at-large (graduate) at NIU. For details and a list of accepted language schools, see the center website.

7. Summer study abroad: Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand; Indonesia info session next week
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 Shibata, left, tests water samples in Makassar in summer 2011.
University. **Deadline to apply: TBA.** Learn more at information sessions next week: noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in 316 Wirtz Hall OR 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 in 220 Wirtz Hall. Contact Professor Shibata if planning to attend.

- **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. Assistant professor openings: Burmese language; anthropology/NGOLD

- 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](http://www.niu.edu/humanresources/).

- The Department of Anthropology and the Center for NGO Leadership and Development announce an Aug. 2012 appointment for a tenure-track anthropology position to teach courses in anthropology and in community leadership at undergraduate and graduate levels. A Ph.D. in anthropology or closely related field, and
active research program is required, along with experience working with local and transnational NGOs or underserved communities. While geographic area is open, preference will be given to candidates with Southeast Asia experience. **Applications are due by Jan. 1**, when review will begin. For complete job description, see the NIU Human Resources website. **NEW**

9. **First NIU-UIUC symposium on SEA museums and heritage sites draws 28**

Twenty-eight people attended last weekend’s first joint NIU-UIUC symposium on mainland Southeast Asia museums and heritage sites co-sponsored by CSEAS and the Center for Burma Studies with the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The **Oct. 29** symposium featured a full day of presentations by a selected panel of experts of NIU faculty and visiting scholars, leading off with U of I speakers on Thailand and Malaysia. Anthropologist Helaine Silverman, director of U of I’s Collaborative for Cultural Heritage Management and Policy (CHAMP), presented “The Politics of Heritage in Thailand: The Preah Vihear Dispute,” followed by Rungsima Lertjanyarak from Vongchavalitkul University, Thailand, with “The Oral Heritage of a Living Ancient Khmer Town: Phimai, Thailand” and Azwin Aksan, a Ph.D. candidate at CHAMP, who presented “Heritage Policy of Malaysia and the World Heritage Cities of Melaka-Georgetown.” Laos, Cambodia, and Burma were the focus of the afternoon presentations by two NIU center associates and a visiting scholar. Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond (art history) presented “Laos: Museums and Heritage Patrimony,” Judy Ledgerwood (anthropology) presented “Remembering the Killing Fields: An Exhibit at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial,” and visiting Center for Burma Studies fellow U Nyunt Han, former deputy general of the Archeological Department of Myanmar/Burma, who presented “Preservation and Issues in Heritage Conservation at Bagan (Burma/Myanmar).” Attendees included NIU faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and a middle-school teacher. Silverman and CSEAS Director Jim Collins are committed to co-convening a similar symposium at U of I in fall 2012.

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

There are a few days left to submit abstracts for 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 March 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.

11. AAS/SSRC dissertation workshop planned for AAS conference
The Association for Asian Studies and the Social Science Research Council have announced plans for the first jointly organized AAS/SSRC Dissertation Workshop, which will be held March 12–15 in conjunction with the AAS annual conference in Toronto. The workshop, titled Rewriting History: Nationalism, Identity, and the Politics of the Past, will be organized and led by David Szanton. The workshop is intended to bring together doctoral students in the humanities and social sciences who are developing dissertation proposals or are in early phases of research or dissertation writing; and who are also dealing with the kinds of issues mentioned above in the context of contemporary or historic Asian states and societies. The workshop will be limited to twelve students, ideally from a broad array of disciplines and working on a wide variety of materials in a variety of time periods, and in various regions of Asia. It also will Application instructions and forms will be available on the SSRC website (www.ssrc.org) by Dec. 1, and must be submitted by Jan. 3. For details, contact Szanton at Szanton@berkeley.edu.

12. 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 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.

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.

13. Conferences and calls for papers
- **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 Conference on Advancement of Development Administration (ICADA) 2011**, Nov. 24–26, National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), Bangkok. “Theme: “Governance and Poverty Reduction in Developing Countries.” For details, see conference website or email Pradit Wannarat, associate professor of business administration at NIDA, pradit@nida.ac.th.
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. 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.

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.

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. 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.

**East-West Center**

- **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.
15. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- Lao writer/director/producer Thavisouk Phrasavath of Elgin will talk about his book, *Stepped Out of the Womb*, and the film *The Betrayal*, will be screened from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, **Nov. 27**, in the Community Room at the Elgin Gail Borden Library. The event is free but registration is requested at 847-429-4597. For details, contact Aloune Khotisene, Southeast Asian Youth Program Director, Elgin YWCA, at akhotisene@ywcaelgin.org.

- “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit 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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