A photograph of a family barbecue in Java, Indonesia, is one of more than 60 images in the exhibit “Islamic Cultures in Reflection,” opening Monday, March 5, in the Holmes Student Center Gallery Lounge as the first event in a year of activities leading up to the center’s 50th anniversary next year.

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1. **This week’s lecture: Asia Foundation’s John Brandon on future of Southeast Asian Studies**

NIU alumnus John Brandon (M.A. political science, 1985), director of international relations programs and associate director of the Asia Foundation, Washington, D.C., will present “The Future of Southeast Asian Studies: Implications for U.S.-Southeast Asian Relations” at noon Friday, **March 2**, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. With the Obama administration’s recent announcement of a “strategic pivot” toward Southeast Asia in its foreign policy, Southeast Asian Studies programs like that at NIU and those at other U.S. universities are increasingly important in strengthening U.S.-Southeast Asia relations. This shift in U.S. attention toward the Asia Pacific will take at least a decade to turn around what many Southeast Asians have regarded as U.S. benign neglect of the region in the past 20 years, Brandon says. Brandon’s lecture also marks the beginning of the center’s year-long observance of its upcoming 50th anniversary on March 5, 2013. Bring your lunch and feed your mind. See entire lecture series schedule on the [CSEAS website](#).

2. **Former director and professor emeritus King receives award from Indonesian ambassador**

Political science professor emeritus and former CSEAS director Dwight King was honored **Feb. 11** by the Indonesian Ambassador to the U.S. Dino Patti Djalal, who traveled to DeKalb from Washington, D.C., to present King with an “Award of Distinction for Lifetime Contribution to the Understanding of Indonesia.” The award ceremony and luncheon took place at 11 a.m. in the Capitol Room of the Holmes Student Center and was attended by about 30 faculty, students, administrators and the Indonesian delegation, including the ambassador, Education and Cultural Affairs Attache Haryo Winarso, and Dwight King, left, chats with Indonesian Ambassador Dino Patti Djala, who earlier had presented King with a special award from the Indonesian government. Above, NIU faculty, students, administrators, and others joined the Indonesian delegation in honoring King at the Feb. 11 award ceremony at NIU. (Photo / NIU Media Services)
Consul General of Chicago Benny Bahanadewa. Associate Provost for International Programs Deb Pierce welcomed everyone, followed by College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Chris McCord and Ambassador Djalal. Before presenting King with his award, the ambassador expressed appreciation for King’s dedication and contributions to the study of Indonesian political science and history and to his dedication to his students, some of whom are now in Indonesian leadership positions. “As an Indonesianist, Professor King not only was a teacher, but also a mentor, who nurtured, protected and assisted the interests of hundreds of Indonesian students for four decades,” Djalal said. “His love of Indonesia and the tireless efforts in educating and guiding students has changed the lives of many students who have become leaders, aspiring leaders and influential figures in Indonesia.” Eleven of King’s former students videotaped testimonials about their former teacher that were shown during the ceremony. King, who has been retired since 2009, spoke briefly after receiving his award and was visibly touched by the display of his students’ testimonials.

3. Prepare for the podium: Abstracts deadline extended for student conference

The deadline for abstracts for student papers has been extended to March 5 for the Southeast Asia Club’s spring student conference set for April 7 at NIU. Submit a proposal, write a paper, and join University of Wisconsin-Madison historian and keynote speaker Michael Cullinane on the podium. Cullinane will present “Anti-Colonial Rebels: Arenas of Conspiracy and Revolution in the Philippines at the Turn of the 20th Century” in his keynote address. The conference theme is “Western Influence in Southeast Asia,” though papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to SEA. Papers will be accepted in undergraduate and graduate categories. For those wishing to compete in the best-paper competition, papers will be due March 19. For those wishing to present only, papers will be due March 30. Best paper awards will be given for both undergraduate and graduate papers. Send abstracts to conference organizer Robert Kollas at rkollas@niu.edu.

4. The rest of the story: How the new Anthropology Museum came home to Cole Hall

The NIU Anthropology Museum opened in its new home on the main floor of the renovated Fay-Cooper Cole Hall Sunday, Feb. 12, with a flurry of fanfare and media coverage. CSEAS associate Judy Ledgerwood (anthropology) and former associate Ann Wright-Parsons (retired director of the museum) could be seen beaming as they walked around the state-of-the-art exhibit space. As noted by Anthropology Department Chair Kendall Thu during the opening’s program, the two get the credit for proposing that the museum be moved from its tight and outdated quarters in the Stevens Building to Cole when NIU decided to repurpose the building after the
Feb. 14 shootings there in 2008. “We were aghast when the governor came to NIU and suggested that the building be torn down,” Ledgerwood said. It made sense, she said, to locate the museum to Cole, where the department’s collection of thousands of ethnographic and archeological specimens, artifacts, and objects, half from Southeast Asian cultures, had been permanently stored in the basement. And there was a bit of irony, too, Ledgerwood said. Prior to the museum’s establishment in Stevens, the museum’s exhibit space at one time consisted of a group of cases along the walkway just outside the museum’s new location, she said. After Ledgerwood and Wright-Parsons’ proposal was accepted, the Stevens Building space became temporary storage for the collection after it was moved from Cole during the building’s reconstruction. Now that the museum is open, interim museum director Sara Pfannkuche is overseeing the collection’s move back to permanent storage in Cole, where it can easily be accessed for future museum displays for years to come.

5. Center associates update: Jacobsen, Wang, and Hartmann

* CSEAS Interim Director Trude Jacobsen (history) has been invited to join the editorial board of the Asian Studies of Australia’s Women in Asia Series for 2012–15. “I am very honored to be joining the editorial board of the one of the world’s most significant series on gender in Asia,” Jacobsen said of the series, which is published by Routledge.

* Jui-Ching Wang (music) put all of her Asian musical knowledge to use at the DeKalb Public Library’s Feb. 1 celebration of Chinese New Year. Wang, who was asked by library programming director Edith Craig to put a program together to celebrate the Year of the Dragon, brought along Chinese musical instruments to play and listen to, and organized a sing-along and traditional lion dance. “I thought this should be an educational event so I thought we should get the kids involved,” she said. About 40 local residents attended the program.

* John Hartmann’s review of Tai Lands and Thailand: Community and the State in Southeast Asia (University of Hawaii Press, 2009) appears in the new issue of The Journal of Asian Studies (volume 71). “This is an enjoyable book, excellent for students of anthropology and political science, critical for NGO and development workers, and perfect for an enlightened understanding of contemporary mainland—especially Buddhist—Southeast Asia,” he writes.

6. Presentations proposals due March 15 for Teaching SEA to Undergraduates conference

CSEAS is hosting a one-day conference for college-level instructors, Building Our Global Future: Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates, at NIU this spring on Saturday, April 28, and is accepting proposals for presentations on teaching Southeast Asian history and politics, current events, religions and cultures, human rights, arts and music or geography. Modest
travel stipends may be available. Proposals should be submitted by March 15 to Julie Lamb at jlamb@niu.edu (or faxed to 815-753-1776). Conference keynote speaker will be NIU alumnus and The College of Idaho professor Robert Dayley (Ph.D. political science, 1997), who teaches about Southeast Asia to undergraduates and was named Idaho Professor of the Year in 2011.

7. Call for papers: Imagining Cambodia 2012

NIU’s Cambodia Studies Working Group and CSEAS, in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ohio University, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, and the Center for Khmer Studies in Cambodia, are inviting submissions for presentations and panels for an international Cambodia Studies Conference to take place Sept. 13–16 at NIU. Abstracts and panel proposals are due March 15; papers are due June 15. The conference theme is “Imagining Cambodia,” which opens up the field for presentations in the arts as well as social sciences and humanities, encourages multimedia/interdisciplinary project and promotes creative work on both future possibilities and re-imagined versions of the past, says CSEAS associate Judy Ledgerwood (anthropology), a member of the Cambodia Studies Working Group. Papers on Cambodian diaspora communities are also welcome. In addition to regular academic panels, the conference will feature themed panels for which papers will be circulated in advance to all registered participants for in-depth discussions on particular topics. The conference will also include a musical performance and a field trip to the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial in Chicago.

8. Call for papers: 10th International Burma Studies Conference

The board of trustees of the Burma Studies Foundation, the Burma Studies Group, and the Center for Burma Studies at NIU invite papers on all aspects of Burma studies for presentation at the 10th International Burma Studies Conference to be held Oct. 5–7 at NIU. Submissions welcome in the fields of anthropology, art history, environment, health, history, literature, linguistics, music, political science, popular culture, religions, and area studies. Panels and papers should be devoted primarily to new research, including recent events in Burma. Proposals for papers or panels are due April 15. Send the title, abstract and all queries to: bsc2012@niu.edu. The conference will feature both academic presentations and cultural events, according to Center for Burma Studies Director and CSEAS associate Catherine Raymond. For details, call 815-753-0512.

9. Save the dates: Study Abroad deadlines, Islamic cultures photo exhibit

- March 1: Deadline to apply for NIU Indonesia and Thailand Study Abroad programs.
- March 5: Opening reception for “Islamic Cultures in Reflection: A Southeast Asia Photographic Exhibition,” 4 p.m., Holmes Student Center Gallery Lounge. First CSEAS 50th anniversary event leading up to March 5, 2013 anniversary.
- March 15: Deadline to apply for NIU Malaysia Study Abroad program. See item below.
• April 7: Southeast Asia Club Student Conference.
• April 14: Southeast Asia Culture Night, sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club, 6 p.m. Wirtz Hall Auditorium. Free food and cultural performances.
• April 28: Building Our Global Future: Teaching Southeast Asian Studies to Undergraduates conference at NIU, sponsored by CSEAS.

10. At least 10 good reasons to be a host family for SEAYLP
NIU is actively looking for families to act as hosts April 12–25 for twenty-five high school students and five adult leaders from Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar (Burma), the Philippines and Thailand participating in the spring 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 any weekend days at home, and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. Host family orientation scheduled for 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, April 9.
There will be a farewell reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 25. For details and a host family application, contact NIU host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or email lshive@niu.edu. Host families are also being sought for the April 14–May 17 Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), another State Department-sponsored youth exchange program that brings young people and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and surrounding provinces in the Philippines to NIU for five weeks under the auspices of the International Training Office. The home stay dates for PYLP are April 29–May 10 (orientation for families is 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 23). As with SEAYLP, contact Leslie Shive for details or see the program website for applications and information.

11. Deadlines approaching to study abroad in SEA this summer with NIU
NIU is offering three opportunities to study abroad in Southeast Asia this summer with NIU faculty members. CSEAS adjunct Tomoyuki Shibata (nursing and health studies/public health), who is conducting his first study abroad program to Indonesia, recently received a grant that will shave $600 off the cost for each participant. CSEAS associate Eric Jones (history) will take students to Malaysia for the seventh time. Andrea Katalin Molnar (anthropology) is reprising her 2011 Culture and Diversity in Thailand program. As NIU programs, all offer undergraduate and graduate course credit. For details on programs, financial aid, travel grants, scholarships, and applications, contact the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niaabroad@niu.edu. Study Abroad 101 workshop meets at 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in 417 Williston.
• Public Health and Health Education in Indonesia, June 4–22: Three-week program open to a wide academic audience, including students of public health, nursing, pre-

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med, nutrition, geography, environmental studies, and Southeast Asian studies. Program builds on summer 2011 research project in Makassar, Indonesia conducted by Tomoyuki Shibata in cooperation with Hasanuddin University. Mandatory pre- and post-program meetings: March 5, April 2, May 14, and Aug. 27. Deadline to apply: March 1. For details, email Shibata at tshibata@niu.edu.

- **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. **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.**

### 12. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs

- **Advanced Study of Khmer (ASK) Summer Abroad Program, June 11–Aug. 3**
  The Advanced Study of Khmer (ASK) Summer Abroad Program offers intensive eight-week training in Khmer language-culture for third-year students in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Applications due: April 6. Administered by the Khmer Language Program at the University of Hawaii in collaboration with the Royal University of Phnom-Penh, Cambodia. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright-Hays, and Group Projects. For details, see the [program website](#).

- **Summer Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), July 1–31**
  Study Lao, language, history and culture this summer in the Land of a Million Elephants during four-week program sponsored by the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. Program based at the Lao-American College in Vientiane, Laos. Applications due April 16. For details and application, see the [program website](#).

**NOTE:** Students interested in taking language or area studies abroad through non-NIU programs are advised to work through NIU’s Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall. By doing so, students can receive NIU credit and possibly have NIU financial aid apply, in addition to receiving liability and insurance protections.

### 13. Global security workshop offered at UI-UC in summer

Interested in a career in international security policy-making? Stretch your area studies education this summer at one-week workshop offered July 8-13 by the University of Illinois (Urbana)’s Program in Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security. Targeted to advanced undergraduates, the workshop will explore key global-security issues (terrorism, regional conflicts, disarmament) as well as careers in security policy making in private and public sectors, and offer participants the chance to become part of a self-sustaining network of interested students.

### 14. Relief efforts continue to aid flood victims in Cambodia, Thailand, Philippines

Monsoon and tropical storm flooding in mainland and island Southeast Asia, particularly in Cambodia, on Mindanao in the Philippines and Thailand, has displaced millions of people and put many others at risk of disease, injury and hardship as waters ebb. Rebuilding efforts and disaster relief will be ongoing
for months. U.S. embassies in both countries are providing aid and funds, coordinating with humanitarian assistance teams from the U.S. military and routing millions of dollars in U.S. assistance funds. To connect with assistance efforts, CSEAS offers this list:

- **International Red Cross**: The [Cambodian Red Cross](http://www.cambodianredcross.org), [Philippine Red Cross](http://www.redcross.org) and [Thai Red Cross](http://www.redcross.org) are accepting donations for relief efforts though their respective websites.

- **Royal Thai Embassy**: Donations to flood victims in Thailand are being accepted through the embassy. Send checks or money orders (payable to Royal Thai Embassy) to Consular Affairs Section, Royal Thai Embassy, 1024 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20007. See the embassy’s Facebook page (Royal Thai Embassy, Washington, D.C.) for donation updates or call 202-285-1547.

- **Save the Children**: International aid organization is accepting donations through its Thailand Floods Children in Emergency Fund. See the [Save the Children](http://www.savethechildren.net) website.

- **Royal Embassy of Cambodia**: Contact the embassy at 4530 16th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20011; phone 202-726-7742.

- **World Food Programme**: The food aid arm of the United Nations is offering assistance in affected countries. To view a list of current operations, see the [WFP](http://www.wfp.org) website; to donate, see the Fill the Cup section of the website.

- **World Vision Cambodia**: International aid group is distributing rice to affected communities where rice fields and other food sources have been compromised by flooding. See the [World Vision](http://www.worldvision.org) website (under Disaster Response Fund).

### 15. Money for study

**Center for Khmer Studies**

- **Summer junior resident fellowships**: Five undergraduate openings for six-week fellowship (June 18–Aug. 3) based at center in Siem Reap. Program intended for those with genuine interest in Cambodia and Southeast Asia and who may be considering graduate studies or careers in the region. Fellowship covers tuition, accommodation, local transport, study materials and some field trip expenses. Some grants available for international air fares, visas and medical insurance. **Deadline to apply: April 11.** See [program website](http).

**National University of Singapore — Stanford University**

- **Distinguished Fellowship on Contemporary Southeast Asia**: 2012–13 Lee Kong Chian fellowship open to applicants with social science or humanities backgrounds (one or two will be awarded). Fellowship will cover round-trip transportation and generous monthly stipend. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 10.** Results will be announced in March. Applications must be sent simultaneously to NUS and Stanford. For details, see [fellowship website](http).

**Harvard Kennedy School of Government**

- **Indonesia research fellowships**: Indonesian researchers, academics, and practitioners invited to pursue independent research projects as research fellows. Appointments will run from August 2012 to July 2013. **Deadline to apply: March 15.** For details, see [program website](http).

**Center for Citizenship, Civil Society and Rule of Law**

- **Three-year doctoral fellowships**: Interdisciplinary center at University of Aberdeen welcomes students from anthropology, cultural and literary studies, history, legal theory
and socio-legal studies, philosophy, politics, religious studies, sociology and theology for 2012–13 fellowships. Fellowship covers full fees and partial maintenance. **Deadline to apply: March 30.** See center website.

**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 Hawaii.

16. Job opportunities

**U.S. State Department**

- **Student Internships Program:** Fall 2012 internships open to full- or part-time undergraduate (juniors or above) or graduate students in good standing. **Deadline to apply: March 2.** See Student Internship Program website for details. To post questions or read discussions about the program, see program’s online forum.

**Center for Khmer Studies**

- **Summer Junior Resident Fellowship Program instructor:** Qualified person sought to lead and to develop a syllabus for intensive six-week study program, **June 18 to Aug. 3,** for Cambodian, French and U.S. undergraduates. Ph.D. required, along with teaching and research experience in Cambodia and Southeast Asian Studies. **Deadline to apply: April 30.** Send CV and cover letter msullivan@khmerstudies.org.

**Kenan Institute Asia**

- **Mainland Southeast Asia consultant:** Seeking experienced professional with some experience in the region with understanding or experience of private-sector development. Some language proficiency desired (Vietnamese best, but Thai, Lao, Khmer or Burmese acceptable). Position based in Bangkok with 50 percent travel time to Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. For details and contact information, see institute website.

**Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative**

- **2012 legal studies externship:** May 21–Aug. 12 program offers opportunity to work with community-based legal education clinics in local and rural communities alongside Bridges Across Borders team as well as local lawyers, legal educators, and community organizations in Southeast Asia. Some cost waivers available. **Deadline to apply: March 1.** For details, see program website.

**Cornell University**

- **Assistant professor:** Humanities specialist in literature and/or religion and/or culture of one or more SEA countries wanted for Department of Asian Studies to begin July 2012. Ph.D. required. Submit cover letter, statement of research and teaching, CV, a writing sample and three letters of recommendation online.

**Idealist.org**

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. For details, see the Idealist website.

17. Conferences and calls for papers

- **Cornell Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference,** March 2–4, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Graduate student papers welcome on any aspect of Southeast Asia for this annual spring symposium. For details, see symposium website.
4th International Conference on Hmong Studies, March 30–31, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN. For details, see conference website.

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


Between the Mountain and the Sea: Positioning Indonesia, July 9–10, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Fifth International Indonesia Forum, co-sponsored by Yale University and Gadjah Mada University. Call for papers. Deadline for submission: March 31. For details, see conference website.

Bali in Global Asia: Between Modernization and Heritage Formation, July 16–18, Universitas Udayana, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. Co-sponsored by Universitas Udayana, the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), and the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV). For details, see conference website.


9th International Conference on the Philippines, Oct. 28–30, 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, Northern Illinois University. Individual papers and suggestions for panel speakers and themes are invited. Deadline for abstracts March 15; deadline for papers June 15. Details posted on CSEAS website.

International Burma Studies Conference 2012, Oct. 5–7, Northern Illinois University. Proposals for papers or panels due: April 15. Email title, abstract and all queries to bsc2012@niu.edu. For details, see conference website.

Fourth Annual Conference on Lao Studies, April 19–21, 2013, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Details TBA. For information, see conference website.

Thailand in the World: Twelfth International Conference on Thai Studies, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. Call for papers scheduled for August 2012. To request being added to the conference email list or for other information, email brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au. The conference website will be launched in mid-2012.

18. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

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