Up in the air: With members of the NIU Gamelan Ensemble looking on, graduate business student E. Peter Colina defies gravity during a performance of pencak silat (Indonesian martial arts) with Indonesian Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Nurul Azis at a March 21 reception for “Taming Training Balance,” a Master of Fine Arts thesis exhibit by FLAS fellow Siew Lian Lim at NIU Gallery 2215 North. (Photo / Chanida Phongnapharuk)

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1. This week’s lecture: Matthew Winters on improving wastewater sanitation in Indonesia

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, assistant political science professor Matthew W. Winters will present “The Twin Challenges of Infrastructure and Institutions: Improving Wastewater Sanitation in Indonesia,” at noon Friday, March 30, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Indonesia drastically lags behind other countries in Southeast Asia and countries at similar levels of development when it comes to supplying modern wastewater sanitation to its citizens. Economic losses due to poor sanitation and hygiene are equivalent to a staggering 2.3 percent of GDP. Yet there has been relatively little local-level political action on wastewater, despite pressure from the national government. Winters uses case studies from three cities in Indonesia to better understand why wastewater services are underprovided in urban Indonesia and to assess the likelihood of new infrastructure and institutions in this sector. See entire lecture series schedule on the CSEAS website. To order a Thai lunch, provided by Rosarin Adulseranee and Piyathida Sereebenjapol, submit a request by 10 a.m. the morning of the lecture (Friday) through Brown Bag Thai Lunch Reservations. Orders must be cancelled by the same time online. Lunches that are not picked up and have not been cancelled must still be paid for. Cost is $6 for faculty, $5 for students. Payment may be paid by cash or check. For all inquiries, please email seabrownbag@gmail.com. The center is providing plates and cutlery, but otherwise is not responsible for taking or cancelling lunch orders.

2. CSEAS awards seventeen FLAS fellowships to study SEA languages this summer

For the second year in a row, CSEAS is awarding a record number of summer Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships this summer to NIU students pursuing the study of Southeast Asian languages. Eight graduate students and five undergraduates received FLAS fellowships, which are funded through a U.S. Department of Education Title VI grant, to participate in immersion language programs in Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Thailand. Graduate students include Matthew Bakke (Indonesian) and Thomas Rhoden (Burmese) from political science; Robert Bulanda (Tagalog), Emily Dow (Tagalog), Colleen Gray (Malay), and Dustin Hume (Thai) from anthropology; Philip Cerepak (Tagalog) from history; and Siew Lian Lim (Indonesian) from the School of Art. Undergraduates include Derek Koegel (Malay) and Jennifer Puetz (Indonesian) from political science; Matthew Ropp (Malay) from communications; Robert Sabala (Thai) from English; and Elise Waite (Thai) from environmental studies. In addition, three graduate students and one undergraduate have also received summer FLAS fellowships to study Burmese, Indonesian, and Vietnamese at the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. They are graduate students Lauren Bell (Khmer) from anthropology; Sarah Lekberg (Vietnamese) from the School of Music; and Tiffanesha Williams (Indonesian) from political science; and undergraduate student Gregory Kramer (Indonesian) from political science. The center congratulates this year’s round of FLAS students and wishes them well in their studies this summer.
3. Last week for ‘Islamic Cultures in Reflection’ exhibit; Discover Islam Week at NIU
This is the last week for the center-sponsored exhibit, “Islamic Cultures in Reflection: An
Exhibition of Photographs from Southeast Asia,” on display until March 30 in the Gallery
Lounge in the Holmes Student Center. The exhibit of photographs is a traveling show
developed by the University of Hawaii’s Center for Southeast Asian Studies.
Southeast Asia is home to more than 250 million Muslims; Indonesia is the largest
Muslim-majority country in the world.
This is also Discover Islam Week at NIU, sponsored by the Islamic Circle of North
America and the Latino Resource Center. All events are at 7:30 p.m., Holmes Student
Faiths. March 29: Movie night, New Muslim Cool. March 30: Weekly prayer at 1:30 p.m.,
Room 110 Campus Life Building.

4. Get your paper on: Presentation papers due March 30 for student conference
Keynote speaker University of Wisconsin-Madison historian Michael
Cullinane will present “Anti-Colonial Rebels: Arenas of Conspiracy and
Revolution in the Philippines at the Turn of the 20th Century” at the Southeast
Asia Club’s spring student conference to be held April 7 in Altgeld Hall. 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 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.

5. Abstracts deadline extended to April 1 for 2012 Cambodia Studies Conference at NIU
The deadline for abstracts has been extended to April 1 for the 2012 Cambodia Studies
Conference set for Sept. 13–16 at NIU. 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 the conference. Papers due June 15. The conference theme is
“Imagining Cambodia.” 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 of works by renowned Cambodian-American composer Dr. Chinary Ung and a
field trip to the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial in
Chicago.
6. Alumni/student notes: Shaun Levine, Lindsey Watson

Kudos to Lindsey Watson, a master’s of public health student who accompanied CSEAS affiliate and assistant public health professor Tomoyuki Shibata to Makassar, Indonesia, last summer for Shibata’s study abroad research project, in cooperation with Hasanuddin University, examining the impact of environmental factors on children’s health. Watson will be presenting her own research, “Domestic Hygiene and Childhood Diarrhea: Perceptions and Practices of Mothers in Makassar, Indonesia,” at the April 21–22 Global Health and Innovation Conference at Yale University, one of seventeen students from around the country selected to speak as a “student leader in global health.” Shibata is reprising his Indonesia study abroad program this summer (more information below).

7. Noodles and more night: Southeast Asia travel at SEA Club meeting

Grab a free bowl of noodles and learn about what it takes to travel in Southeast Asia from undergraduate and graduate students who have done so at the Southeast Asia Club’s International Travels and Noodle Night this week from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 28 in 378 DuSable. For more information, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.

8. Spring SEAYLP wants you: Top 10 reasons to be a host family

CSEAS is still seeking six DeKalb or Sycamore households to act as hosts April 12–25 for high school students and adult leaders from Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar (Burma), the Philippines and Thailand participating in this spring’s session of the center’s Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). Students are placed in pairs and adults may be placed as singles. Needed are two families for girls, three families for boys, and one family for one or two

Top 10 reasons to be a host family

10. You can experience a different country without going through customs
9. It beats watching “NCIS” reruns
8. You’ll be able to pick out Southeast Asia on a map
7. Your kids may start answering you in Burmese, Khmer or Tagalog
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. It’s a good excuse for spring cleaning
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
male adult leaders. 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. An orientation for host families is set 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, this one bringing 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 and directed by CSEAS associates Susan Russell (anthropology) and Lina Ong (ITO). The home stay dates for PYLP are April 28–May 10 (orientation for families is 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 23). As with SEAYLP, contact Leslie Shive for details.

Want to read more about SEAYLP? The SEAYLP staff has posted Voices of SEAYLP, a newsletter of articles written by the fall 2011 batch of participants, on the center website.

9. Gearing up for April 28 Teaching SEA to Undergraduates conference
CSEAS is finalizing details for its April 28 conference for college-level instructors, Building Our Global Future: Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates, to be held at NIU. The program on teaching Southeast Asian history and politics, current events, religions and cultures, human rights, arts and music or geography will include keynote speakers NIU alumnus Robert Dayley (PhD political science, 1997), who teaches about Southeast Asia to undergraduates at The College of Idaho, and University of Kentucky theatre professor Jennifer Goodlander, who incorporates Southeast Asia into her theatre teaching. The full program will be posted shortly on the center website.

10. Save the dates: Islam exhibit closes, student conference, culture night, teaching conference

- March 30: Last day of “Islamic Cultures in Reflection: An Exhibition of Photographs from Southeast Asia,” in the Gallery Lounge, Holmes Student Center.
- April 7: Southeast Asia Club Spring Student Conference, Altgeld Hall, NIU.
- April 14: Southeast Asia Culture Night, sponsored by 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.

11. Apply now 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) is taking students to Malaysia for the seventh time. Andrea Katalin Molnar (anthropology) is reprising her 2011 Culture and Diversity in Thailand program. All offer undergraduate and graduate
course credit. For details on programs, financial aid, travel grants, scholarships, and applications, contact the Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu.

- **Public Health and Health Education in Indonesia, June 4–22:** Three-week program of interest to 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 Tomoyuki Shibata in cooperation with Hasanuddin University. **Deadline to apply: April 2.** 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: April 13.**

- **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 extended to April 2.**

12. **Conferences on Burma, Thai Studies, Lao Studies call for papers**

- **10th International Burma Studies Conference, Oct. 5–7, NIU**
  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. Submissions are 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 due: April 30.** Send the title, abstract and all queries to: bsc2012@niu.edu. The conference will feature academic presentations and cultural events. For details, call 815-753-0512.

- **Council on Thai Studies Conference, Oct. 26–27, Ohio University, Athens, OH**
  The Council on Thai Studies (COTS) welcomes students and scholars of Thailand and the broader Tai world to submit paper abstracts for the 2012 COTS conference. The gathering will mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Council on Thai Studies, which was founded at NIU in 1972 to bring Thai specialists in the Midwest together once a year. The keynote speech will be given by Charnvit Kasetsiri, Thai historian and former rector of Thammasat University. **Abstracts due: Aug. 3.** This year’s conference, which previously has been held at NIU and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will be sponsored this year by Ohio University Libraries, the OU Center for Southeast Asian Studies, the Contemporary History Institute, the Southeast Asian Student Association, and the Thai Student Association. For details, email Jeffrey Shane at shane@ohio.edu.

- **4th International Lao Studies Conference, April 19–21, 2013, Madison, WI**
  The Center for Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies are inviting papers for the 4th International Conference on Lao Studies. **Abstracts due: Oct. 31.** For details on article submission and registration, see the conference website or call UW-M at 608-263-1755.
13. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs

- **Advanced Study of Khmer (ASK) Summer Abroad Program, June 11–Aug. 3**
  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 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.

14. 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. 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](#).

*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.

*International Institute for Asian Studies*

- **Postdoctoral fellowships:** Seeking researchers focusing on Asian cities, Asian heritages, and global Asia to apply for fellowships based at institute in Leiden, the Netherlands. **Deadline to apply: April 1.** For details, see [institute website](#). Email inquiries to iiasfellowships@iias.nl.

*International Institute for Asian Studies-Institute of Southeast Asian Studies*

- **Postdoctoral fellowship:** Seeking researchers for one year. Project should relate to ways in which Asian politics and societies have interacted over time through religious, cultural, and economic exchanges and diasporic networks. Six months at IIAS in Leiden, six months at ISEAS in Singapore. **Deadline to apply: June 1.** For details, see [program website](#).
National University of Singapore

- **Postdoctoral fellowships**: Seeking two scholars with teaching and research interests in SEA, and regional expertise in the following areas in any combination: gender, literature, history, politics, economics, international relations, ecology and environment, Buddhism or Islam. Appointment to begin July 1. **Deadline to apply: March 31.** See [NUS website](http://www.nus.edu.sg). Email inquiries to seasec@nus.edu.sg.

15. Job opportunities

**Asia Society**

- **Bernard Schwartz Fellows Program**: Applications for one-year (summer 2012 to summer 2013) senior-level fellowships at Asia Society headquarters in New York or Washington, D.C., office are being accepted. Minimum 10 years experience required. Send CV, cover letter, and project proposal to [globalpolicy@asiasociety.org](mailto:globalpolicy@asiasociety.org).

**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–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](mailto:msullivan@khmerstudies.org).

- **Southeast Asian Studies Curricula Design Program instructor**: Qualified person to organize 13-week program of lectures, seminars and interactive group sessions, **July 2–Sept. 29**. PhD and experience teaching Southeast Asian studies at university level required. For details, contact [vong.sotheara@khmerstudies.org](mailto:vong.sotheara@khmerstudies.org) by **May 17**.

**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](http://www.cornell.edu).

**Idealist.org**

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. For details, see the [Idealist website](http://www.idealist.org).

16. Conferences and calls for papers

- **4th International Conference on Hmong Studies**, March 30–31, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN. For details, see [conference website](http://www.hmongstudiesconference.org).

- **4th International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences**, April 21, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand. Theme: “Humanities and Social Science Research Trends in the ASEAN Community and Beyond.” For details, see [conference website](http://www.siuate.org).

- **4th Khmer Studies Forum**, April 27–29, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. For information on the three-day event, which will feature panels, roundtable discussions, workshops, film screenings, and cultural performances, go to the [forum website](http://www.khmerstudies.com).

- **Methodology in Southeast Asian Studies: Grounding Research-Mixing Methods**, May 29-31, Freiburg, Germany. Sponsored by the University of Freiburg. For details, see [conference website](http://www.methodologyseas.org).

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.


International Conference on Language Proficiency Testing in the Less Commonly Taught Languages, Aug. 17–18, Imperial Queen’s Park Hotel, Bangkok. Hosted by the Sirindhorn Thai Language Center, Chulalongkorn University. Call for abstracts. Deadline for submission: April 30. For details, see conference website.

9th International Conference on the Philippines, Oct. 28–30, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. 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 April 1; 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 30. Email title, abstract and all queries to bsc2012@niu.edu. For details, see conference website.

4th Annual Conference on Lao Studies, April 19–21, 2013, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Details TBA. For information, see conference website.

Thailand in the World: 12th 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.

Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

Performers from Friends of the Gamelan and the University of Chicago will present a free concert from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the DePaul University Concert Hall, 800 W. Belden Ave., Chicago. The concert will be directed by Minneapolis-St. Paul
gamelan master Joko Sutrisno. Interested concertgoers will be invited to learn to play a simple gamelan piece at a hands-on workshop after the performance. **NEW**

- “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](#).

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](mailto:nschunem@niu.edu). To no longer receive this bulletin, please reply to this e-mail with a request to remove your name. Thank you.