Captivated in Cambodia: Shay Galto (MA candidate, sociology) and Lauren Bell (MA candidate, anthropology), both recipients of summer 2011 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships, visit Angkor Wat in Cambodia during their Khmer language study program. CSEAS is hosting a summer FLAS mixer and orientation for this year’s batch of summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) recipients Thursday. See Save the Date below.

17 NIU students receive 2012–13 FLAS awards

No CSEAS lecture this week. The series will resume April 13 with UW-Madison language professor Ellen Rafferty

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1. CSEAS awards seventeen FLAS fellowships for 2012–13 academic year
Seventeen NIU students have been awarded Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships to pursue their study of Southeast Asian languages. Thirteen graduate students and four undergraduates received the awards, which are funded through a U.S. Department of Education Title VI grant. Graduate student recipients include Scott Abel (Malay), Ryan Broce (Malay), and Philip Cerepak (Tagalog) from history; Lauren Bell (Khmer), Emily Dow (Tagalog), Julien Ehrenkonig (Indonesian), and Colleen Gray (Malay) from anthropology; Robert Kollas (Tagalog), Nicole Loring (Burmese), Thomas Rhoden (Burmese), and Tiffanesha Williams (Indonesian or Malay) from political science; E. Peter Colina (Indonesian) from business; and Aboud Agha (Indonesian) from music. Undergraduate recipients include Gregory Kramer (Indonesian) from political science; Matthew Ropp (Malay) from communications; Elise Waite (Thai) from environmental studies and Glynnis White (Malay) from music education. Congratulations to this year’s round of academic-year FLAS students!

2. Philippines historian to lead off student conference set for Saturday
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. Best paper awards will be given for both undergraduate and graduate papers. Send abstracts to conference organizer Robert Kollas at rkollas@niu.edu.

3. Spring SEAYLP wants you: Three more families needed
CSEAS is urgently seeking three DeKalb or Sycamore households—one for girls and two for boys—to act as hosts April 12–25 for high school students 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). 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.

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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
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.

4. Cambodian-American composer to be honored at 2012 Cambodia Studies Conference
The 2012 Cambodia Studies Conference is gearing up for Sept. 13–16 at NIU. Nearly 50 abstracts and panel proposals have been submitted for consideration by 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. 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, who is being honored at the conference, and a field trip to the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial in Chicago.

5. Program set for April 28 Teaching SEA to Undergraduates conference
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, will lead off the day at the center’s April 28 conference for college-level instructors, Building Our Global Future: Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates. The conference program will focus on teaching Southeast Asian history and politics, current events, religions and cultures, human rights, arts and music or geography. See it on the center website, along with more detailed information about the keynote speakers and registration details. Registration ($25) deadline is April 20.

6. Save the dates: FLAS mixer, student conference, culture night, teaching conference
- April 5: Summer FLAS information evening and mixer for those headed to Southeast Asia this summer: 6–8 p.m., Sky Room, 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.
7. Two deadlines to apply this week for summer study abroad in SEA 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. A limited number of Provost’s Travel Grants for Study Abroad, ranging from $500 to $2,000 are available to students and honors students; apply by April 16.

- **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.**

8. Fall course list posted on CSEAS website
The fall semester course list for Southeast Asian Studies is now posted on the center website. The list includes only those courses that can be used to fulfill the Southeast Asian Studies graduate concentration or undergraduate minor/contract major. Any questions, contact CSEAS at 815-753-1771.

9. Kudos: CSEAS affiliate J. D. Bowers and NIU Phi Beta Delta chapter
Kudos to CSEAS affiliate J.D. Bowers (history), University Coordinator of Teacher Certification, who will receive the Yvonne Captain Faculty Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education from the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars at its annual conference April 12–14 in Kansas City. Congratulations, J.D.! Also being honored at the conference is NIU’s Zeta Gamma chapter of the organization, which has been chosen Outstanding Midwest Regional Chapter for the third time in its history.

10. 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. New deadline for proposals for papers or panels: 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.

11. 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.

12. 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](#).

**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-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](#).

**13. 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](#).

**Idealist.org**
- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. For details, see the [Idealist website](#).

**14. Conferences and calls for papers**
- **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](#).
- **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](#).
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
15. 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 Sutrison. Interested concertgoers will be invited to learn to play a simple gamelan piece at a hands-on workshop after the performance.

- “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. To no longer receive this bulletin, please reply to this e-mail with a request to remove your name. Thank you.