The Southeast Asia Club hosts its spring SEA Culture Night from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, in the Wirtz Hall Auditorium. Come for cultural entertainment and Southeast Asian food. Admission is free. (CSEAS file photo)

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Spring student conference Saturday, April 7
The Southeast Asia Club holds its spring student conference from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 7 in Altgeld Hall. Opening ceremonies are from 9 to 9:15 a.m. in Room 315, with morning panels from 9:20 a.m. to noon in rooms 203 and 225. Lunch is noon to 1:30 p.m. after which keynote speaker University of Wisconsin historian Michael Cullinane will speak until 2:30 p.m. in Room 315. The conference closing will be from 2:30 to 3 p.m., also in Room 315.
1. This week’s lecture: Ellen Rafferty on Indonesian language patterns

Ellen Rafferty, professor of languages and cultures of Asia at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will present “Indonesian Language Patterns in the Islamic Community in the Post-Suharto Era” at noon Friday, April 13, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Following the fall of the Suharto regime in 1998, the dramatic shifts in social, political, and cultural hegemonies ushered in a period of linguistic innovation. Rafferty will discuss how changes in language patterns reflect pride in the use of standard Indonesian and an openness to the inclusion of Arabic influences. 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 6 p.m. Thursday through Brown Bag Thai Lunch Reservations. Orders must be cancelled by 10 a.m. Friday 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. Ready to learn: Spring SEAYLP session begins this week

Twenty-five high school students and five adult leaders from Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar (Burma), the Philippines and Thailand land at O’Hare International Airport April 10 to begin the spring session of the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP), a three-week program funded by the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by CSEAS in cooperation with the Division of International Programs. This is the sixth such session hosted at NIU. Since January the center’s SEAYLP team—Scott Abel, Aaron Bender, Eric Boetje and Jordan York led by program manager and veteran SEAYLP staffer Maria “Rai” Hancock-Nihei—has been busy making reservations, scheduling speakers, organizing logistics, and preparing SEAYLP materials. Upon their arrival, the participants will spend two days on campus easing into the SEAYLP routine before being picked up Thursday evening by the host families with whom they will stay until April 24 before the group departs to Washington, D.C., for their final week in the U.S. Welcome to NIU, SEAYLPers!
3. Center associates update: Hartmann, Hamayotsu, Pierce

CSEAS associate John Hartman (foreign languages and literatures) has received a $1,000 award from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to work on an engaged learning project with undergraduate geography major Christopher Raufeisen on drawing a set of maps connecting the Tai Chiang stretching from Yunnan through northern Burma (Shan States), Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam. The completed project will be presented at the Oct. 5–7 International Burma Studies Conference at NIU.

Center associates Deb Pierce (Associate Provost for International Programs) and Kikue Hamayotsu (political science) attended a March 24 farewell get-together at the home of Indonesian Consulate General Benny Bahanadewa for Sylvia Shirley Malinton, outgoing consul for information, social and cultural affairs in Chicago. Pierce and Hamayotsu attended the gathering with NIU student Peni Hanggarini (PhD candidate, political science). Malinton has returned to Indonesia where she has taken a new assignment at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

4. Student notes: Nicole Loring, Joe Kinzer

- CSEAS graduate assistant Nicole Loring (PhD candidate, political science) presented “Political Opportunity in Conflict Transformation” with Gavan Duffy, her undergraduate advisor from Syracuse University, at an April 2 panel at the International Studies Association conference in San Diego.
- 2011–12 FLAS fellow Joe Kinzer (MA candidate, music) has been accepted into the PhD program for ethnomusicology at the University of Washington for fall 2012. Joe, who studied Malay while at NIU, says he will divide his time between cultural anthropology and ethnomusicology, focusing on Southeast Asia for his research. “Especially since making several contacts in Malaysia already, my research most likely will deal in some way with the Malay world,” Kinzer said.

5. 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 60 abstracts and panel proposals have been submitted so far. The conference is being sponsored 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. 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.

6. 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 keynote 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. Registration ($25) deadline is April 20.

7. Save the dates: Taste of Asia, SEA Culture Night, world music concert, teaching conference
- April 10: Taste of Asia, 6:30 p.m., Newman Center. Educational displays, performances, and food. Sponsored by Kappa Pi Beta and the Asian American Center.
- 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.

8. Still opportunities to study abroad in Malaysia, Thailand this summer
Applications are still open for two summer study abroad in Southeast Asia programs in Malaysia and Thailand. Both programs 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 niubroad@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.
- 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 May 1.

9. 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.
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

- **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

_Apia 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.

_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.

- **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 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 Sutrisno. 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.