If it’s spring, it must be SEAYLP

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1. **This week’s lecture: Anthropologist Kathleen Adams on Indonesian craft sellers**

Loyola University Chicago anthropologist Kathleen Adams will present “Indonesian Craft Sellers in the Post-Tourism Era: The View from Sulawesi” at noon Friday, **April 20**, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. See entire lecture series schedule on the [CSEAS website](#). To order a Thai lunch, 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](mailto:seabrownbag@gmail.com). The center provides plates and cutlery, but otherwise is not responsible for taking or cancelling lunch orders.

2. **Ready to learn: Class in session for spring 2012 SEAYLP**

When the morning bell rang **April 12** at Sycamore High School, twenty-five students from Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar (Burma), the Philippines, and Thailand picked up their book bags to shadow classes with twenty-five of their American counterparts. The group, along with five adult leaders, spent the day at SHS to get a firsthand lesson in American high school culture. “The kids had an immediate connection,” said SHS Principal Tim Carlson. “It was fun to watch. Teenagers are teenagers wherever they’re from.” Most of the SHS students participating were from the school’s Key Club, though other students were recruited to be “shadows,” too. The SEAYLP students followed their particular student’s schedule, from gym class to Chemistry, from choral music to Algebra. The five adult leaders got a chance to learn, too. Carlson took them on a detailed two-hour tour of the school—from the auditorium to shop class—before dropping them off for lunch with a group of teachers. “I had them eat lunch with the teachers without me so they could have an honest exchange,” Carlson said. After lunch, the adult leaders were free to visit any class they chose until the group left. Leaders and students were impressed, he said, by the number of electives, such as music and shop, offered by a typical American school. Before the last bell rang, students and adult leaders were exchanging contact information and farewells. “It made me proud of our school and our people,” Carlson said. Upon their return to NIU, the SEAYLP participants packed up their bags before being picked up by their host families, with whom they will stay for 12 days before going to Washington,
D.C., for the last week of the program. NIU officially welcomed the participants at a lunch April 13. Provost Raymond Alden and CSEAS Interim Director Trude Jacobsen welcomed the group and challenged them to make the most of their time in the United States. Participants from each country then gave a short presentation, ranging from traditional dance to Thai boxing and Indonesian shadow puppetry, which they reprised at Southeast Asia Culture Night April 14. After a planned free day with their host families April 15, the SEAYLPers will be occupied with workshops on civic engagement, effective communication, leadership, media, and action planning this week. This is the sixth SEAYLP session hosted at NIU. SEAYLP is 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.

3. Stipends offered for April 28 Teaching SEA to Undergraduates conference
The first 20 non-NIU college-level instructors to sign up for the center’s April 28 Building Our Global Future: Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates conference will receive a $75 stipend upon completion of the conference. Participants are asked to register this week by Friday, April 20; registration fee is $25. 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 conference. The conference program will focus on teaching Southeast Asian history and politics, current events, religions and cultures, human rights, arts and music. See it on the center website, along with more detailed information about the keynote speakers and registration details.

4. Four receive grants from Royal Thai Teaching and Research Fund
Three students and one scholar specializing in the Thai world have received travel awards from the Royal Thai Teaching and Research Fund for research travel in Southeast Asia. NIU freshman Elise Waite (environmental studies), a summer 2012 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellow studying Thai, received $2,500. Patcharara Boonteerarak (PhD candidate, literacy education), Siew Lian Lim (MFA candidate, School of Art and also a summer 2012 FLAS fellow), and independent scholar and CSEAS adjunct Alan Potkin each received $500 grants.

5. Student notes: Jenifer Puetz at URAP; best-paper winners at student conference;
Jenifer Puetz (political science) is presenting her research project, “Political Upheaval and Successful Women’s Movements,” at the 2012 Undergraduate Research and Artistry Day April 24. Undergraduate students who participated in a faculty-mentored creative or research endeavor were invited to showcase their research at the Holmes Student Center. In her project,
Puetz compared political upheaval and successful women’s movements in the United States in the 1960s and Indonesia in 1997; her faculty adviser for the project was CSEAS associate Kikue Hamayotsu (political science).

6. Students encouraged to attend student Fulbright workshop Wednesday
For students interested in conducting research abroad or teaching English abroad after graduation, applying for a U.S. Student Fulbright grant may be just the ticket. The Division of International Programs will hold an informational workshop from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, in the Illinois Room at the Holmes Student Center. Students unable to attend the workshop may also set up an appointment with International Programs to explore this prestigious funding option by contacting Sarah Lindell at 815-753-9526 or slindell@niu.edu. For more details, see the division’s website. The Fulbright program on campus is guided by Associate Provost for International Programs and CSEAS associate Deb Pierce and co-sponsored by the Zeta Gamma chapter of Phi Beta Delta.

7. 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 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.

8. Save the dates: Fulbright workshop, teaching conference
- **April 18:** U.S. Student Fulbright Workshop, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Illinois Room, Holmes Student Center. Sponsored by NIU Division of International Programs and the Zeta Gamma chapter of Phi Beta Delta.
▪ April 28: Building Our Global Future: Teaching Southeast Asian Studies to Undergraduates conference at NIU, sponsored by CSEAS.

9. Still time to apply for the Malaysia summer study abroad program
Applications are still open for the Malaysia summer study abroad, led by CSEAS associate Eric Jones (history). For details on the program, 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.

▪ 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.

10. 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. The list includes “Music of Southeast Asia” (MUHL 431/531) taught by CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang, an independent study course, “Specialized Readings in Burmese History” (HIST736J), taught by CSEAS Interim Director Trude Jacobsen, and a new anthropology course, “Current Topics: Religion and Civil Society in Southeast Asia” (ANTH 491/591), taught by CSEAS associate Kate Wiegele (anthropology). CSEAS associate Eric Jones is teaching an online course, “History of Burma” (HIST447), which will include three face-to-face meetings during fall semester at Waubonsee Community College in Sugar Grove. Any questions, contact CSEAS at 815-753-1771.

11. 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.

12. Money for study

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.

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 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. 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. 13–16, Northern Illinois University. 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 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.