CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) is the picture of calm as members of the NIU Gamelan Ensemble ready their music and instruments at Southeast Asia Culture Night on April 14 in Wirtz Hall. The ensemble performed in the atrium as guests filtered into the auditorium for an evening of cultural performances. Details below. (Photo / CSEAS)

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**Director candidate talk Friday**

Professor Judy Ledgerwood (anthropology), candidate for the position of CSEAS director, will give a public talk about her vision for the center from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. Friday, **April 27**, in the Lincoln Room of the Holmes Student Center. Time has been allotted for audience members to pose questions after the presentation.
1. This week’s lecture: Christina Fink on civil society, human security in Burma/Myanmar

Christina Fink, professor of international affairs and cultural anthropologist at George Washington University, will conclude the center’s 2011–12 weekly seminar series with her presentation, “Civil Society and Human Security in Burma/Myanmar,” at noon Friday, April 27, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Ongoing reforms in Burma/Myanmar are likely to lead to a normalization of the country’s status, but to ensure the well-being of its citizens will require a supportive legal environment, pro-poor policy-making, and demilitarization. Fink will discuss some of the challenges that lie ahead for citizens and civil society organizations and some of the ways these might be addressed. Fink’s lecture is co-sponsored by the Center for Burma Studies and the Burma Interest Group-NIU. 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. The center provides plates and cutlery, but otherwise is not responsible for taking or cancelling lunch orders.

2. Springfield to the Mighty Miss: Just another SEAYLP week

The second week of the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) took participants on the road to the central and western parts of the state. After their first free day with their host families on April 15, the group loaded up an NIU Huskie bus the next day to make the trip to Springfield to learn about Abraham Lincoln as a young lawyer and eventual president of the country. The daylong trip included visits to the Lincoln Home, the State Capitol, and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. After seeing Lincoln’s hometown firsthand, participants were well-prepared to hear CSEAS graduate assistant Laura Iandola’s presentation April 17 on Lincoln’s record as a leader. SEAYLPers were kept busy the rest of the week with lunching with DeKalb Mayor Kris Povlsen, working on their action-plan projects, learning about media, and taking another road trip, this time to the National Mississippi River Museum where the group learned about river ecology and the history of the Mighty Miss. The group also worked on an Earth Day program of games and activities, which included skits, music, face painting, and birdhouse-painting. On the official Earth Day, April 22, the group gathered at Lions Park in DeKalb for the program, with some of the host families attending. Participants will be wrapping up their time with host families this week, with a farewell reception scheduled for Wednesday, April 25. The rest of their time at NIU will be spent working on a U. S. State Department
diplomatic simulation they will run in Washington, D.C., presenting their group action plans to each other, visiting language classes, and doing an environmental project at the Afton Prairie reserve. The group leaves for Chicago April 27, where they will spend two days before departing for Washington, D.C., the afternoon of April 28. They depart for their home countries on Friday, May 4. SEAYLP Spring 2012 is the sixth such 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. Faculty, staff, students invited to April 28 Teaching SEA to Undergraduates conference

NIU faculty, staff or students wishing to attend all or part of the center’s April 28 Building Our Global Future: Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates conference should contact the center by Thursday, April 26. 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 be the conference keynote speakers. The program will focus on teaching Southeast Asian history and politics, current events, cultures, human rights, arts and music. For conference details, see the CSEAS website.

4. Center associates update: Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail, Deb Pierce, Eric Jones

* Tagalog instructor Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail (foreign languages and literature) is celebrating her newly published books, now both available on Amazon and one in the Philippines. My First Webster’s English-Tagalog Dictionary (Harper Collins, 2012) is being distributed in the Philippines via the Philippines National Bookstore. Gallo-Crail and co-author Michael Hawkins, CSEAS adjunct and NIU alum (PhD history, 2009) now teaching Asian history at Creighton University, were consultants and translators on the project. The two, who earlier collaborated on Tagalog Verb Dictionary (NIU Press, 2011), also co-wrote the newly released Filipino Tapestry: Tagalog Language Through Culture (University of Wisconsin Press, 2012).
Deb Pierce (Associate Provost for International Programs) has had a banner couple of weeks. Earlier this month, she was in Kansas City, Mo., April 12–13 for the annual conference of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars, where the NIU Zeta Gamma chapter took home two major awards. CSEAS affiliate J. D. Bowers, president-elect of the NIU chapter, received the Yvonne Captain Faculty Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education. The chapter itself received the Eileen Evans Overall Outstanding Chapter Award. “Folks out there think we’re doing something right with Global NIU,” Pierce, who is also the chapter’s coordinator, told NIU Today. “It’s wonderful to see these efforts gaining national and international notice.” If that wasn’t enough, on April 17, Pierce received a Supportive Professional Staff Award of Excellence, which was presented by NIU President John Peters in a ceremony in the Ellington Ballroom of the Holmes Student Center. The center warmly congratulates Pierce and Bowers.

Eric Jones (history), who has been taking study-abroad students to Malaysia for the past six years and is going again this summer, is also taking his Malaysia show on the road for non-students for NIU External Programming’s Travel with the Professor program. Jones’s Aug. 10–23 tour, “In the Wake of the Spice Trade: Exploring the Malaysian Melting Pot,” will take in the cities of Kuala Lumpur and Melaka, and the agricultural Cameron Highlands. Initial deposit is due this week on Friday, April 27, with all payments due May 25. Cancellations also must be made by that time.

5. Apply for Malaysia summer study abroad by May 1
Applications will be accepted until May 1 for the July 22–Aug. 10 Study Abroad Malaysia: History and Culture of Southeast Asia program led by CSEAS associate Eric Jones (history). The 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. For program details, financial aid, travel grants, scholarships, and applications, email the Study Abroad Office at niuabroad@niu.edu.

6. 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 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.

7. Outreach: Southeast Asia at Southeast Elementary

Students at Southeast Elementary School in Sycamore, with “passports” in hand, took a virtual tour around the world, including stops in Southeast Asia, at the school’s first International Fair the evening of April 17. Center Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb visited the school with Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Nurul Azis, who shared information about Indonesia and demonstrated Indonesian martial arts; Sagung Mirah Kertayuda (M.A. candidate, political science), who performed an Indonesian dance; and Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program adult leader Medina Syahrani, a biology teacher at a Surabaya, Indonesia, high school, who also talked about Indonesia with kindergarteners through fifth-graders attending the fair with their families. Lamb, who spent three years in Thailand as an English instructor, shared some Thai language phrases and cultural information about the country. Rey Ty, of NIU’s International Training Office, was also on hand to share information about the Philippines.

8. Anybody who was anybody performed at SEA Club Culture Night

When the house lights went down, the auditorium at Wirtz Hall was nearly full of spectators at the Southeast Asia Club’s Southeast Asia Culture Night April 14. Preceded by a performance by the NIU Gamelan Ensemble in the atrium, the evening lineup on the auditorium stage featured thirteen acts, ranging from poetry, song, and dance by the Indonesian, Malay, Tagalog and Thai language classes (including an enterprising presentation on Thai cooking by Thai language student Johnathan Musgrove) to special performances by the individual country groups from the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). Opening remarks were made by anthropology professor Judy Ledgerwood and Michael Deinzer, outgoing Southeast Asia Club president.

9. Looking for a job? Get thee to the library

Founders Memorial Library is now accepting applications ONLINE for summer and fall semester for both graduate assistant and student worker positions, including some dealing with library’s Southeast Asia holdings. “Since we have the Southeast Asia Collection here in the
library, many of the departments would benefit from students that are familiar with the subject area and/or the languages of Southeast Asia,” says collection assistant Jessica Williams. Graduate students are encouraged to fill out both GA and student worker applications to increase their chances of finding a position, she said. Applications may be found here on the University Libraries’ website.

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. Please note that ARTH 378/698C “Indian and Southeast Asian Art,” is now ARTH 370/570. Any questions about these or other courses on the list, contact CSEAS at 815-753-1771.

11. Conferences on Burma, Thai and Lao studies paper call

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. Abstracts, panel proposals 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.

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 Hawai‘i.

*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.

*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 forum 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. 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

The Filipino opera, “Noli Me Tangere,” adapted by Felipe de Leon from the Jose Rizal novel by the same name, will be performed by the Da Corneto Opera at the Harris Theatre for Dance and Music at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 26, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 27, at the Harris Theatre, 205 E. Randolph St., Chicago. The opera will be conducted by Lucia Matos, director of the NIU Philharmonic Orchestra and music director of the NIU Opera Workshop. For details, call 312-334-7777. Student discounts with ID. Box office hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.
“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.