Anthropology professor Judy Ledgerwood is the new director of CSEAS. See below.

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On a welcoming note, much to celebrate this year

Greetings! This is an exciting time to step into the directorship at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) at NIU. We are in the midst of celebrating fifty years of research, teaching, writing, outreach, and engagement in Southeast Asia and with Southeast Asian communities in the United States. The many activities for this celebration include museum exhibits, a film series, conferences and speakers, culminating in a gala dinner and cultural performances the weekend of March 1–3, 2013. Mark your calendars now to reserve that weekend, check the Center website’s anniversary page, and follow our online announcements for the full schedule of events. We look forward to welcoming back alumni and drawing in many friends from the northern Illinois region for these events.

This fall NIU will host two important international conferences, the Cambodia Studies Conference 2012: Imagining Cambodia September 13–16, hosted by CSEAS, and the 10th International Burma Studies Conference Oct. 5–7 hosted by the Center for Burma Studies and the Burma Studies Group. The Cambodia Studies conference features an evening of music by award-winning composer Chinary Ung, the screening of the new feature film Lost Loves followed by a discussion with the filmmaker, Chhay Bora, and an exhibit at the NIU Art Museum featuring some of Cambodia’s top young photographers. There is still time to register for both conferences. See details about this and the Burma conference below.

I welcome back all the faculty and students who have been off in Southeast Asia over the summer, and our new students beginning this fall. I look forward to serving as Center director; please contact me if you have comments or suggestions as I take on this new role.

—Judy Ledgerwood

Judy Ledgerwood is a cultural anthropologist and Cambodia specialist. A graduate of the University of Puget Sound, she received her master’s degree and PhD from Cornell University, the latter in 1990. Prior to coming to NIU in 1996, Ledgerwood taught at Cornell and the Royal University of Fine Arts in Phnom Penh. She has also been a research fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu and served as director of the Cornell University Conservation Project at several institutions in Phnom Penh, including the Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocide. Her current research focuses on Cambodian Buddhism, violence and ideas of cultural identity. She also serves on the board of the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial in Chicago. Ledgerwood is married to CSEAS associate and NIU political scientist Kheang Un. They have two children, Paul and Tony.
2. Word on the street: Food, fun and info at this week’s Area Studies Open House

If the flags of Southeast Asia are flying in front of Pottenger House, it must be Area Studies Open House Day. CSEAS and the centers for Burma Studies (CBS) and Latino and Latin American Studies (CLLAS) will be serving up food and information on opportunities for area studies at NIU Thursday, Aug. 30, from 11:00 to 2:30 p.m. under the shady trees of College View Court. Students from the Southeast Asia Club and the Burma Interest Group-NIU will be on hand, as well as affiliated student organizations from CLLAS. Faculty associates, visiting scholars, and undergraduate and graduate students pursuing area studies will also be there to meet and greet. There will be games and prizes, too. For details, see NIU Today.

3. Scholarship, artistry to come together at international Cambodia Studies conference

In less than three weeks, scholars and artists from around the world will convene at the Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center for Imagining Cambodia, NIU’s first international Cambodia Studies Conference on Sept. 13–16. Organized by NIU’s Cambodia Studies Working Group and sponsored by CSEAS, the conference will welcome eminent Cambodia historian David Chandler as keynote speaker, honor renowned Cambodian-American composer Chinary Ung in a special public concert of his music, and introduce Cambodian film maker Chhay Bora at a public screening of his critically acclaimed film, Lost Loves. The work of contemporary Cambodian photographers Khvay Samnang and Lim Sokchanlina will be featured in Current Views and Actions, an exhibit at the NIU Art Museum, part of a suite of exhibits focusing on Southeast Asia. More than 60 papers are scheduled to be presented at the conference, including a special-topics panel on Cambodian choreography in the O’Connell Theatre in the Stevens Building. The conference will close with a field trip to the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial in Chicago. Imagining Cambodia is co-sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ohio University, and the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. It is funded in part by grants from the Asian American Cultural Council, the Henry Luce Foundation, the NIU Foundation through its Venture Grant program, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, the Graduate Colloquium Series, and U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center support. The Cambodia Studies Working Group is composed of CSEAS associates Kenton Clymer (history), Kheang Leang (foreign languages and literatures), Kheang Un (political science), Judy

David Chandler

Chinary Ung
Ledgerwood (anthropology) and Trude Jacobsen (history). For conference details, see the CSEAS website or email CambodiaConf2012@niu.edu.

Mark your calendar for the 10th International Burma Studies Conference set for Oct. 5–7 at NIU. More than 100 papers have been submitted in a wide variety of fields, including anthropology, art history, environment, health, history, literature, linguistics, music, political science, popular culture, religions, and area studies. Panels and papers will be devoted primarily to new research, including recent events in Burma. The conference will also feature cultural events, including the exhibit, Music for the Divine: Musical instruments and Traditions of Burma, at the NIU Art Museum, and the public screening of the 2011 film, They Call It Myanmar: Lifting the Curtain, with remarks by the film’s director, Robert Lieberman. For details, see the conference website, email bsc2012@niu.edu or call the NIU Center for Burma Studies at 815-753-0512.

5. CSEAS welcomes new Burmese faculty member
There will be a new teacher in front of the class for NIU’s Burmese language students this fall. Tharaphi Than has been appointed assistant professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures to teach all levels of Burmese at NIU. Than received her PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at the University of London in 2010 and was a post-doctoral research fellow at the International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam in 2011. Prior to her PhD studies at SOAS, Than taught Burmese language, literature and texts at both undergraduate and graduate levels there in addition to teaching several area studies courses. She also served as a research assistant on a Wa-Burmese dictionary project and wrote more than 300 English lessons for BBC Radio broadcast inside Myanmar/Burma. Her office is in 122 Watson Hall. She can be reached by phone at 815-753-6453. The Center warmly welcomes her to DeKalb.

6. SEA FLTAs arrive at NIU: Four Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants will be teaching in the Southeast Asian languages program this year. They are: Attapol Attanak (Thai), Nor Afni Yusuff (Malay), Maryelle Macapia (Tagalog) and Dyah Mitayani (Indonesian). They will be assisting CSEAS associates John Hartmann, Patricia Henry, and Rhodalyne Crail and Malay teaching assistant Jocelyn Sim. (CSEAS photo)
7. **Save the dates:** Weekly CSEAS lectures begin Sept. 7 and more
   - **Sept. 7:** 2012–13 CSEAS weekly lecture series begins with tales of being a summer FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) student abroad. All lectures are at noon Fridays in Room 110, Campus Life Building. Lunches to resume with **Sept. 21** lecture.
   - **Sept. 20:** Northeastern Thai folk dancing performed by Khon Kaen University students, 8 p.m., School of Music Recital Hall.
   - **Sept. 21:** Deadline to submit 2013-14 applications for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program for graduating college seniors, graduate students, young professionals and artists to study abroad or to be an English teaching assistant for one academic year. Contact coordinator Jane Hathaway at the School of Music or Pam Rosenberg at International Programs. Details available [online](https://www.niu.edu).
   - **Sept. 27:** 20th annual Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center. For more information, email niuabroad@niu.edu.
   - **Nov. 12–16:** Mark your calendar for International Education Week sponsored by the Division of International Programs.
   - **Nov. 16:** CSEAS 50th Anniversary Fall Lecture: David Steinberg, Georgetown University professor of Asian Studies, will speak at the International Education Week Lunchtime Program at noon in the Sky Room, Holmes Student Center.

8. **Library notes:** Expand your personal SEA library; sharpen your research skills
   - Looking to add some new items to your personal library of Southeast Asia books? In February, NIU received 200 Vietnamese books and 720 Thai books from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which is no longer holding Southeast Asia materials. Almost all of the Vietnamese books and a small number of the Thai books are being added to NIU's Southeast Asia holdings in the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, says curator and CSEAS associate Hao Phan. The remaining materials are duplicates of items and are available, as are other duplicate items, in the collection’s office in 496 Founders. These books are available for free to NIU students and staff. Phan encourages anyone interested to stop by the newly renovated Hart collection area during office hours to take a look. While you’re there, say hello to the collection’s new student assistant Julien Ehrenkönig. Ehrenkönig is a master’s candidate in anthropology concentrating on Southeast Asia and a 2012-13 Foreign Language and Area Studies fellow; his specific research interest is in religions in Indonesia.
   - NIU is offering a one-credit course to students to help sharpen their library research skills. UNIV 105: Introduction to Library and Information Research will be available starting this fall. For details, see the [course description](https://www.niu.edu) online.
9. Fall Southeast Asian Studies course list posted on CSEAS website
There’s still time to register for Southeast Asia classes this fall. Look for the fall semester course list for Southeast Asian Studies posted on the center website. It lists only those courses that can be used to fulfill the Southeast Asian Studies graduate concentration or undergraduate minor/contract major. Fall offerings include “Music of Southeast Asia” (MUHL 431/531) taught by CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) and an independent study course, “Specialized Readings in Burmese History” (HIST736J), taught by CSEAS Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen (history). Associate Eric Jones (history) 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.

10. Burnish your resume: Sign up for a Southeast Asian Studies minor
Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree is one way to pull a resume up to the top of the pile. In a global marketplace, an internationally focused minor can open even more doors. To learn about the center’s Southeast Asian Studies minor program, stop in the center located in Pottenger House, 520 College View Court, and see outreach coordinator Julie Lamb. Email her at jlamb@niu.edu or call her at 815-753-1595.

11. Focusing on Thai or Lao studies? Two SEA conferences in the area coming up
Council on Thai Studies Conference, Oct. 26–27, Ohio University, Athens, OH
The Council on Thai Studies (COTS) will mark its 40th anniversary at this conference. COTS was founded at NIU in 1972 to bring together Thai specialists in the Midwest once a year. Previous conferences have been held at NIU and University of Wisconsin-Madison. The keynote speech will be given by Thai historian Charnvit Kasetsiri, former rector of Thammasat University. The guest lecture will be given by Chusak Pattarakulvanit, associate professor in Thammasat’s Department of English Language and Literature. The conference is being sponsored 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 608-263-1755.

12. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops
- 2nd International Conference on Political Science, Sociology and International Relations, Sept. 17–18, Bali, Indonesia. For details, see conference website.
- 61st Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Sept. 21–23, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. Theme: Global Education. Regional conference for Association of Asian Studies. Call for papers. For details, see conference website.
2\textsuperscript{nd} International Conference on Human Rights and Peace & Conflict in Southeast Asia, Oct. 17–18, Jakarta, Indonesia. Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Human Rights Studies Network. For details, see conference website.

\textbf{Council on Thai Studies Conference}, Oct. 26–27, Ohio University, Athens, OH. Conference will mark the 40\textsuperscript{th} anniversary of COTS. For details, email Jeffrey Shane at shane@ohio.edu.

\textbf{9th International Conference on the Philippines}, Oct. 28–30, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. For details, contact asiansc@msu.edu.


\textbf{Salvage and Salvation: Religion, Disaster Relief, and Reconstruction in Asia}, Nov. 22–23, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. What dynamics are in play at the intersection of religion and disaster relief in Asia? Call for papers. For details, see conference website.

\textbf{10\textsuperscript{th} ASEAN Inter-University Conference on Social Development}, Dec. 10–12, Universiti Brunei Darussalam. Theme: Southeast Asia and Human Insecurities: Causes, Costs and Challenges. Call for papers. \textbf{Abstracts due: Oct. 30}. For details, see conference website.

\textbf{Association for Asian Studies}, March 21–24, San Diego, CA. Call for papers is closed; registration opens in September. See the conference website.


\textbf{Thailand in the World: 12\textsuperscript{th} International Conference on Thai Studies}, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. To request being added to the conference email list or for other information, email brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au.

\textbf{8\textsuperscript{th} International Convention for Asia Scholars (ICAS)}, June 24–27, Macao. Call for institutional panel proposals. \textbf{Deadline: Sept. 15}. Submit to ICAS 8 Secretariat. For details about ICAS 8, see the conference website.

13. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit is on display at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The \textbf{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.

- \textbf{Friends of the Gamelan} is partnering with the \textbf{Old Town School of Folk Music} to offer an eight-week introductory course on central Javanese gamelan, beginning \textbf{Sept. 5}, at the school located at 4544 N. Lincoln Ave, Chicago. The class will meet 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays and will be taught by Andrew Mall and Nathaniel Braddock. Enrollment limited; registration required. See the Old Town School website. Friends of the Gamelan will perform an afternoon concert of traditional and modern Javanese gamelan music at 2 p.m., Oct. 6, in the A.F. Siebert Chapel at Carthage College in Kenosha, WI. The concert
is free and open to the public. For other Chicago-area gamelan events, see the Friends 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.