Dancers and musicians from Thailand’s Khon Kaen University perform in the School of Music Recital Hall during an evening program on Sept. 20. Details below. (Photo / Matt Ropp)

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1. This week’s lecture: Kate Wiegele on the charismatic movement in the Philippines

CSEAS associate Kate Wiegele (anthropology) will present “Reshaping Philippine Civic Spaces: Charismatic Renewal in Politics, Gender and Citizenship” at noon Friday, Sept. 28, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. Wiegele will be discussing her research, which deals with charismatic organizations in the Philippines and their increasing political and civic involvement in the country. Wiegele’s research is part of a global study supported by the Institute on Culture, Religion and World Affairs at Boston University. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at CSEAS Brown Bag Lunch Order. Orders must be cancelled online by 10 a.m. Friday. 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 in cash or by check. For all inquiries, please e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. CSEAS is not responsible for taking or cancelling lunch orders.

2. Thai university signs memorandum of understanding with NIU

A delegation of top officials from Khon Kaen University (KKU), a public research university in northeastern Thailand and the first university established in the region, met with NIU administrators last week to sign a memorandum of understanding with NIU to establish a collaborative program between NIU’s Division of Public Administration and KKU’s College of Local Administration. The group arrived Tuesday, Sept. 18, and embarked on three full days of meetings with the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, the divisions of International Programs and Public Administration, the Center for Governmental Studies, CSEAS, and NIU’s Thai Studies faculty. The KKU visit culminated Thursday with the arrival of 18 students and faculty from KKU’s Fine Arts College, who performed various northeastern Thai folk dances in an evening concert performance for an audience of about 100 in the School of Music Recital Hall. At the end of their performance, the group invited audience members up to perform a dance with them. The KKU delegation included Kittichai Triratanasirichai, rector; Supawatanakorn Wongthanavasu, dean of the College of Local Administration; Peerasit Kammuansilpa, the dean’s advisor; and three instructors, Chatchai Kosavisut, Narongdet Mahasirikun and Tatchalerm Sudhipongpracha, an NIU alumnus (PhD political science, 2012) who facilitated the visit. The delegation departed DeKalb Sept. 21. NIU’s Thai Studies faculty includes CSEAS associates John Hartmann (foreign languages and literatures), Chalermsee Olson (University Libraries), Grant Olson (foreign languages and literatures), and Danny Unger (political science), as well as Andrea Molnar (anthropology).
3. More than 100 papers to be presented at upcoming Burma Studies conference

More than 100 papers in a wide variety of fields, including anthropology, art history, environment, health, history, literature, linguistics, music, political science, popular culture, religions, and area studies, will be presented during the 10th International Burma Studies Conference at the Holmes Student Center. Presentations will be devoted primarily to new research, including recent events in Burma, according to conference organizer and art historian Catherine Raymond, director of the Center for Burma Studies (CBS) and a CSEAS associate. The conference will also feature cultural events, including the exhibit, “Music for the Divine: Musical instruments and Traditions of Burma,” curated by Raymond, at the NIU Art Museum; the world premiere of “Five Pools,” an original work for Karen bronze drums by NIU assistant music professor Gregory Beyer; and the public screening Oct. 5 of the 2011 film, They Call It Myanmar: Lifting the Curtain, with remarks by film director Robert Lieberman. The conference is being presented by the CBS, the trustees of the Burma Studies Foundation and the Burma Studies Group. It is co-sponsored by NIU, CSEAS and the NIU Foundation. For details, see the conference website, email bsc2012@niu.edu or call CBS at 815-753-0512.

4. Burnish your resumé: Sign up for a SEA Studies minor or graduate concentration

Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate concentration to an advanced degree is one way to pull a resumé up to the top of the pile. In a global marketplace, an internationally focused area of study can open even more doors. To learn about the center’s Southeast Asian Studies programs, stop by the Center located in Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb by emailing her at jlamb@niu.edu. Graduate students may contact Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen at tjacobsen1@niu.edu.

5. Coming up on the CSEAS 50th Anniversary Event Calendar

- **Oct. 11:** Opening of “Rarely Seen Southeast Asia: Art, Artifact, Ephemera” exhibit, 4 to 6 p.m., The Anthropology Museum, Fay-Cooper Cole Hall. Co-sponsored by the Department of Anthropology.
- **Oct. 25:** Screening of Mr. Cao Goes to Washington, with remarks by film director Leo Chiang, 7 p.m., Fay-Cooper Cole Hall auditorium. Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club and the Department of Political Science.
- **Nov. 16:** CSEAS 50th Anniversary Fall Lecture by David Steinberg, Georgetown University professor of Asian Studies, noon, Sky Room, Holmes Student Center. An International Education Week event. Co-sponsored by the Division of International Programs.
- Find a full calendar of anniversary events on the CSEAS website.

6. Save the dates: Exploring majors, studying abroad, and prepping for grad school

- **Sept. 24:** Exploring Majors Fair, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center. For details, call Academic Advising Center, call 753-2577.
• **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.

• **Oct. 6:** Graduate School Prep Seminar, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Yordon Center-McCareins Classroom. Free lunch and prizes including test prep books, test vouchers and more. Register online at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/gradschoolprep](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/gradschoolprep). For details, email Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning at engage@niu.edu or call 753-8154.

7. 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. This is the first conference at Ohio; 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. Conference organizer Jeffrey Shane advises making hotel reservations early at the [Ohio University Inn](http://www.ohio.edu) or other area hotels as there is a large university event also scheduled for that weekend. **Register before Sept. 25 to receive discounted rate.**

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, see the conference program online or email 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](http://www.cseas.wisc.edu) or call 608-263-1755.

8. Money for study

    **Blakemore Foundation**

    - **Blakemore fellowships:** Applications now being accepted for 2013 Blakemore-Freeman fellowships and Blakemore refresher grants for advanced study of various languages including Indonesian, Thai, and Vietnamese. Grants cover tuition and stipend educational expenses, living costs and transportation. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 31.** See [Blakemore Foundation](http://www.blakemorefoundation.org) website for details.
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.

Lund University

Post-doctoral fellowship: Available for modern Southeast Asian Studies specialist for Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies, Lund, Sweden. **Deadline to apply: Oct. 1.** For details, see [Lund website](#). **NEW**

9. Job opportunities

Idealist.org

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

10. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **Council on Thai Studies Conference**, Oct. 26–27, Ohio University, Athens, OH. Conference will mark the 40th anniversary of COTS. For details, email Jeffrey Shane at shane@ohio.edu.
- **9th International Conference on the Philippines**, Oct. 28–30, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. For details, contact asiansc@msu.edu.
- **Religion in Southeast Asia**, Nov. 17–20, Chicago. Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **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](#).
- **10th 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. Abstracts due: Oct. 30. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **12th International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region**, Feb. 14–16, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI. Call for papers. Deadline: Oct. 15. Limited number of travel grants available. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 21–24, San Diego, CA. Call for papers is closed; registration opens in September. See the [conference website](#).
- **4th International Conference on Lao Studies**, April 19–21, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Call for papers. Abstracts due: Oct. 31. For information, see [conference website](#).
- **(Re)Constructions: Researching and Rethinking Asia**, April 26–27, York University, Toronto Canada. York Centre for Asian Research Graduate Student Conference. Keynote speaker: Vinay Gidwani, Department of Geography and Institute of Global Studies, University of Minnesota. Call for papers. Abstracts due: Dec. 1. For details, see [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **8th International Convention for Asia Scholars (ICAS)**, June 24–27, Macao. Call for institutional panel proposals. **Deadline: Sept. 15.** Submit to [ICAS 8 Secretariat](#). For details about ICAS 8, see the [conference website](#).

- **Inter-Asian Connections IV**, Oct. 2–5, 2013, Istanbul. Call for workshop proposals. Four-day conference focused on reconceptualization of the Asian expanse as a dynamic and interconnected historical, geographical, and cultural formation stretching from the Middle East through Eurasia to South Asia, Southeast Asia, and East Asia. **Deadline: Oct. 2.** For details, see [conference website](#) or email interasia@ssr.org.

- **Thailand in the World: 12th 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.

11. *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 [Cambodian Association of Illinois](#) also holds free Cambodian music and dance lessons.

- Chicago will hold a two-day Thai Festival extravaganza, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., **Sept. 20–21**, at the U.S. Post Office Loop Station on South Dearborn. Food, music, arts, dance, and more. Free. Sponsored by the Royal Thai Consulate, the Thai Department of International Trade Promotion, Singha beer and Amazing Thailand.

- The Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see [consulate website](#).

- [Friends of the Gamelan](#) will perform a 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 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.*

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