1. **This week’s lecture**: A trio of scholars on Bangkok’s Wat Phatumwanaram

CSEAS associates Catherine Raymond (art history) and John Hartmann (foreign languages and literatures) and CSEAS adjunct and independent scholar Alan Potkin will present “Wat Phatumwanaram: A Lao Cultural Transplant in Bangkok’s Siam Square,” three perspectives on a third-degree royal monastery in what is now an upscale Bangkok shopping district, at noon Friday, **Oct. 19**, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. Commissioned by King Mongkut, r. 1851–1868, the monastery is noted for its major murals illustrating the Sri Thanonchaid, trickster tales found throughout Buddhist Southeast Asia, rather than depictions of the life of the Buddha as is traditional. Raymond will examine the Pathum murals in light of the
monastery’s original bronze Buddha images, all of which were cast in Vientiane, Laos. Hartmann will discuss the subject of Lao dominance from the outset of Wat Pathum and possible motivations of Mongkut’s choice of the trickster tales for the interior murals. Potkin will present his new panoramic digital imaging of the murals. 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 $5 for students and $6 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. Email inquiries to seabrownbag@gmail.com. CSEAS is not responsible for taking or cancelling lunch orders.

2. Click through 50 years of CSEAS history on our interactive timeline

It all began . . . when? In 1903, when a group of Filipino students came to NIU to learn to be teachers? In 1961, when one of the first Peace Corps training programs was established at NIU to teach Malay to volunteers headed for then-Malaya, now Malaysia? In 1963, when the state approved a Southeast Asian Studies program at NIU and a center for Southeast Asian Studies was born? Learn more by clicking on a multimedia timeline of CSEAS history now posted on the Center website. The timeline is a CSEAS 50th Anniversary project produced by Communications Manager Liz Denius. With funding provided by the Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning, undergraduate Communications student and 2012–13 FLAS fellow Matthew Ropp created the framework and wrote a preliminary draft after combing through CSEAS files and archives at Founders Library. Research assistance was provided by CSEAS Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb, CSEAS associate and Southeast Asia curator Hao Phan (Founders Library) and alumna Maria “Rai” Hancock (MA history, 2011). The NIU web team’s Neil Colwell formatted the timeline using Adobe Flash Player, with troubleshooting assistance from Rachel Xidis and Jennice O’Brien. Media Services provided reprints of most of the photographs. The timeline background is that of an 18th-century map of Southeast Asia that can be found in the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection at Founders.

The timeline represents many highlights of the past 50 years of Center history, but not all. More will be covered in an anniversary book to be published in early spring before March 5, the Center’s actual anniversary date. If you have any anecdotes, photographs, or other items of historical interest, please contact CSEAS at 815-753-1771 or email Liz Denius at edenius@niu.edu.

3. Thai Studies Committee offers new student awards for original paper, language study

- **Original paper:** The Thai Studies Committee at NIU is announcing a $300 prize for an original research paper of outstanding merit dealing with any aspect of Thai Studies and written by an NIU student. The prize will be awarded at the Southeast Asia Club’s
annual spring student conference, which is set for April 13, at which the winning paper must be presented. **Deadline for consideration: Feb. 28.** Submissions should be sent as a PDF or Word document to CSEAS associate Grant Olson (foreign languages and literatures) at golson@niu.edu. The winner will be announced at the student conference.

- **Advanced Thai language study:** Through the Royal Thai government’s Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund at NIU, the Thai Studies Committee will award two undergraduate student academic-year scholarships. Each recipient is eligible to receive $500 per semester ($1,000 for the full year). Eligible undergraduates must be pursuing studies in Thai language, culture, history or politics. The study of advanced Thai language is a requirement, regardless of discipline. Applicants should have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and sufficient language standing to take advanced Thai. Applicants should submit a one-page statement of interest, letters of recommendation from the Thai language instructor and another faculty member addressing the applicant’s academic skill, and a transcript. Award recipients are expected to attend and participate in Thai Studies-focused events at NIU. **Deadline for consideration: April 5, 2013.** Send applications to Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu.

4. **Center associates update: North to Wisconsin, Mindanao in the news and London calls**

- Susan Russell (anthropology) traveled north to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Southeast Asian Studies to present “Civil Society and the Conflicts of Peacebuilding in Northern Mindanao” on Oct. 12, coincidentally the Friday before a recently negotiated framework agreement between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front was scheduled to be signed Oct. 15. Russell has been involved with peace-building outreach among youth and adult leaders in Mindanao for more than a decade with the Philippine Youth Leadership Program, which she has led with fellow CSEAS associate Lina Ong, director of the International Training Office. The tenth round of PYLP, which is funded by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is expected at NIU in spring.

- Michael Buehler (political science) was quoted in the Los Angeles Times this week, commenting on the potential for success for the groundbreaking Mindanao peace accords. “Mindanao is one of the most resource-rich parts of the country,” Buehler said, which bodes well for the province’s economic development, but could lead to conflicts in reaching the goal of self-rule for a yet to be established Moro territorial entity.

- Assistant CSEAS Director Trude Jacobsen (history) has been invited to be a visiting fellow at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine for the 2013–14 academic year. Jacobsen will be placed with two entities, the Global Mental Health Centre and the Centre for History and Public Policy, while conducting research for her new project, a cultural history of madness, psychiatry and mental health in mainland Southeast Asia between 1850 and 1950. “The history of medicine and psychiatry as aspects of colonialism is an important and growing field, but only a small number of studies have focused on Southeast Asia, and none on psychiatry and mental illness in mainland Southeast Asia specifically,” she said. Jacobsen will be based in London to use India
Office Records archives, but will also travel to Aix-en-Provence, Hanoi, Phnom Penh, Bangkok, Yangon and Paris for additional materials.

5. Student notes: At sea at UI-C
* Scott Abel (PhD candidate, history) presented “The Influence of the Indian Ocean Exchange on the Commercial Kingdoms of Southeast Asia 1400–1630” Oct. 13 at the 5th annual Windy City Graduate Student History Conference sponsored by the University of Illinois-Chicago’s History Graduate Society on the Chicago campus. Scott was one of 42 graduate students from as far away as Louisiana presenting at the conference, the theme of which was “Navigating New Worlds: Contact, Conflict and Conquest in the Modern Era.” Way to go, Scott!

6. ‘Rarely Seen Southeast Asia’ exhibit opens at Anthropology Museum
“Rarely Seen Southeast Asia: Art, Artifact, Ephemera,” an exhibition of more than 150 pieces curated by NIU art history professor emeritus Richard Cooler, opened Oct. 11 at The Anthropology Museum. About 80 people from campus and the community came for the opening program, which began with a short performance by the Marching Gamelan Ensemble, led by CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang. Remarks were made by College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Christopher McCord, Anthropology Museum Director Jennifer Kirker-Priest, CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood, and professor emeritus Richard Cooler, guest curator of the exhibit. Drawn from the museum’s Southeast Asia holdings and private collections, the exhibition celebrating the center’s 50th anniversary contains more than 150 sculptures, ceramics, textiles, rattan weavings, wood carvings, leather carvings, silver repousse work, mother-of-pearl inlay, and paper ephemera. The exhibit will be on display through May 15. For museum hours and other information, call 815-753-2520.

7. Coming up on the CSEAS 50th Anniversary Event Calendar
- 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.

8. 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 NIU’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.

9. 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 or other area hotels as there is a large university event also scheduled for that weekend. 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, 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 at the Pyle Center at UW-Madison. Abstracts due: Oct. 31. Early registration deadline: Jan. 15. For details on article submission and registration, see the conference website or call 608-263-1755.

10. 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 website for details.

**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.

**University of Michigan**
11. Job opportunities

**University of Dayton**

- **Assistant professor, Southeast or South Asian History:** Tenure-track position beginning Aug. 16, 2013. Candidates with ABD nearing completion may apply; PhD history or related field preferred. **Deadline to apply Nov. 1.** See [job listing](#) online.

**Walailak University**

- **Tenure-track positions in Asian Studies:** Two openings for post-docs or current scholars at this university in Southern Thailand. Applicants must have their PhD in any humanities or social sciences field and good Thai language skills. **Deadline to apply: Immediate.**

Wannasarn Noonsuk at wn35@cornell.edu (include Asian Studies Job Application in the subject line).

**Idealist.org**

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

12. 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](#).

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- **Four-week library fellowship for Southeast Asian scholars:** Provides reimbursement for international airfare, research funds, stipends and housing for students affiliated with an education institution in Southeast Asia and pursuing research on any topic relevant to Southeast Asian Studies. Offered by University of Michigan CSEAS and Library. **Deadline to apply: May 31.** For details, see [UM-CSEAS 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.

8th International Convention for Asia Scholars (ICAS), June 24–27, Macao. See the conference website.

Inter-Asian Connections IV, Oct. 2–5, 2013, Istanbul. 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. 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.

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 Cambodian Association of Illinois also holds free Cambodian music and dance lessons.
- The Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see consulate website.
- Beginning gamelan classes with Friends of the Gamelan of Chicago start Oct. 9 with a gamelan open house at Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. Fall class sessions are Oct. 16, 23, 30 and Nov. 6, 13, 20. For all gamelan events, see 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.