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A look at a life spent studying Southeast Asia

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**See it now**
This is the last week to view the four Southeast Asia exhibits currently on display at the NIU Art Museum. All four will close Saturday, **Nov. 17**. The exhibits are Music for the Divine: Musical Instruments and Traditions of Burma; Current Views and Actions (contemporary Cambodian photography); Karen: A People on the Border; and Transnational Identity: Performing Arts of Southeast Asia.
1. Steinberg lecture caps International Education Week activities

Distinguished Southeast Asia scholar and Burma specialist David Steinberg of Georgetown University will look back on a lifelong career of study of and engagement with Southeast Asia in the center’s 50th Anniversary Fall Lecture, which will be presented Friday, Nov. 16, the last day of International Education Week at NIU. Steinberg will give his lecture, entitled “The Last Amateur: Reflecting on 50 Years of Engagement with Asia,” after a light lunch buffet beginning at noon in the Sky Room of the Holmes Student Center. CSEAS joins the Division of International Programs in observing International Education Week this week. In addition to international menus in the residence halls and Blackhawk Food Court, as well as displays in Holmes Student Center and Founders Library all week long, International Programs is offering a number of campus activities open to all (see calendar). These include:

- **Nov. 13:** Fulbright Specialist Award workshop from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Room 406 Holmes Student Center. Amy Levin, English Department chair, and Emily Prieto, director of the Latino Resource Center, will discuss how best to apply for, and experience, this short-term Fulbright appointment for NIU faculty and research associates to spend two to six weeks at universities abroad.

- **Nov. 14:** Student Fulbright workshop from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Sky Room, Holmes Student Center, and a minorities and study abroad session from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in 406 DuSable.

- **Nov. 15:** A scarf-tying demonstration with NIU art historian and French fashionista Catherine Raymond from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Sky Room and a facilitated screening of *Crossing Borders*, a 70-minute documentary about four Moroccan and four U.S. university students, at 7 p.m. in 148 DuSable.

- **Nov. 16:** Student International Dance and Global Village Potluck from 5:30 to 10 p.m. in the Barsema Hall atrium, sponsored by the College of Business, the Foreign Language Residence Program, the ELS Language Center, and the AIESEC student group. There will be dance performances, cultural displays, and an international food tasting followed by a dance from 8 to 10 p.m.

Also during the week International Programs is also hosting a number of invitation-only events, including receptions for local exchange program host families, study abroad program directors and alumni, Cobb Fellows, international students, and NIU’s outstanding international educator, department and student. Phi Beta Delta, the international honor society, will induct new members in a ceremony **Nov. 13**.
2. CSEAS students win International Ed awards
Two CSEAS students received the Outstanding Student Contribution to International Education awards from the Division of International Programs at its international recognition reception Monday in the Sky Room at the Holmes Student Center. Malay teaching assistant and former Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Jocelyn Sim (MA candidate, English) received the international student award and undergraduate Communications major and 2012–13 FLAS fellow Matthew Ropp received the U.S. student award. Professor Jeffrey Chown (Communications) was named Outstanding International Educator and the Department of Literacy Education received the Outstanding International Department award. The honors were presented by College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean Christopher McCord at the lunchtime ceremonies kicking off International Education Week at NIU.

3. Duckworth election to Congress makes the news in Thailand
CSEAS alumna Tammy Duckworth, a FLAS fellow in 1992–93 and 1996–97 while pursuing a PhD in political science at NIU, was elected to the 111th Congress from the Illinois 8th District on Nov. 6 and has been making the headlines in Thailand ever since (not to mention U.S. media from the Chicago Tribune to the Huffington Post). The first Thai-American to be elected to Congress, Duckworth was born in Bangkok and spent much of her childhood in Southeast Asia where she became fluent in Thai and Indonesian. Her election was jubilantly covered in The Nation and the Bangkok Post and she was interviewed on Thai TV, noted CSEAS associate John Hartmann, who knew Duckworth while she was at NIU. Duckworth, who left NIU to serve as a U.S. Army helicopter pilot in Iraq and lost both legs when her helicopter was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade in 2004, received an honorary doctorate from NIU in 2010. After losing her first bid for Congress in 2006, she was appointed director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs from 2006 and served until 2009, when she was confirmed as Assistant Secretary of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. She resigned that office in 2011 to begin her run for Congress.
4. New SEA film/literature class added to spring course list
Eleven courses, including a new course on Southeast Asia through film and literature, are on the spring Southeast Asian Studies course list now posted on the center website. CSEAS Foreign Languages and Literatures associates John Hartmann and Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail are introducing ILAS 490/590, Seeing Southeast Asia through Film and Media, which will be offered from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday in 106 Cole Hall. Through studying a sampling of Southeast Asia films, including the 1992 film *Indochine*, the three-credit course will explore cultural, historical, political and sociolinguistic issues in the region. Also on tap for spring is FLIN 421, Introduction to Indonesian Literature, which will be taught by Patricia Henry, time and location to be announced.

Other spring courses include HIST 469/569, The Vietnam War, taught by Assistant CSEAS Director Trude Jacobsen, which will examine U.S. involvement in Vietnam from 1940 to 1975, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. Three anthropology courses are on the list: Anthropology of Religion (ANTH 328/790, from 11 to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday) and Ritual and Myth (ANTH 428/528, from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday), both taught by Andrea Molnar, and Peoples and Cultures of Insular Southeast Asia (ANTH 407/507, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday) taught by Susan Russell.

Students interested in the art and architecture of Southeast Asia can sign up for ARTH 457/657 from 11 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. Thursday, taught by art historian and Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond. CSEAS associate Michael Buehler (political science) will teach POLS 365, Origins of Political Order, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and associate Jui-Ching Wang (music education) once again will offer Gamelan, her ensemble performance course, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Asian American families will be the topic of FCNS 384, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, taught by Kelly Champion (family, consumer and nutrition sciences).

ILAS 225, the center’s survey course on Southeast Asia, will be offered from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. Classes in Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Malay, Tagalog and Thai are also on the spring course list. Note that the list includes only those classes that can be used to fulfill the Southeast Asian Studies graduate concentration or undergraduate minor/contract major. Any questions, contact the center at 815-753-1771.

FLST 382/482, Censorship and Literature: State and Society in Authoritarian Countries, is also being offered by CSEAS associate Tharaphi Than (foreign languages and literatures) for three credit hours. The course will examine relations between state and society in a number of nations including two SEA countries, Burma/Myanmar and Vietnam. Meeting time and location are TBA.

5. Save the dates: last call for SEA exhibits at Art Museum, SEA Club games night
- Nov. 17: Last day for NIU Art Museum fall Southeast Asia exhibits–Music for the Divine: Musical Instruments and Traditions of Burma; Current Views and Actions: Contemporary Photography and Performance Documentation from Phnom Penh;
Karen: A People on the Border; and Transnational Identity: Performing Arts of Southeast Asia. See museum website for museum hours and details.

- **Nov. 20:** Southeast Asia Club games night, 6 to 7 p.m., 310 DuSable, featuring Durians to Durians (Southeast Asia-themed Apples to Apples) and Southeast Asia Jeopardy. Free fun, free snacks.

6. **News, notes and tidbits from all over**
The Council on Thai Studies voted to hold its 2013 conference at NIU at its business meeting during the 2012 COTS conference held Oct. 26–27 at Ohio University. The conference, which celebrated the 40th anniversary of COTS, attracted 90 participants from 23 countries . . . . CSEAS associate Susan Russell (anthropology) is a discussant on the “Organization of Work and Politics in Marine Fisheries” panel at the American Anthropological Association meeting this week in San Francisco . . . . Assistant CSEAS Director Trude Jacobsen spoke about sex trafficking at the Nov. 10 Aruna 5K run at NIU. The Mumbai-based Aruna group sponsors races around the world to raise funds for women and children affected by commercial sex trafficking. Aruna is a Hindi word meaning “bright morning sun” . . . . Former CSEAS graduate assistant Maria Hancock Nihei (MA history, 2011) has received a Critical Language Studies (CLS) Alumni Development grant from the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to continue her Indonesian language study and to develop a workbook of language materials for the Indonesian language program at NIU. Hancock received a CLS scholarship to do summer immersion-language training in Malang, Indonesia, in 2011.

7. **Coming up on the CSEAS 50th Anniversary Event Calendar**
- **Jan. 23:** Anniversary Film Series resumes with the musical-drama, The Overture (Thailand, 2004). Time and location TBA. **NEW**
- **Through May 15:** “Rarely Seen Southeast Asia: Art, Artifact, Ephemera,” curated by professor emeritus and retired CSEAS associate Richard Cooler, is on display at The Anthropology Museum at Fay-Cooper Cole Hall. For museum hours and other information, call 815-753-2520.
- **NEW** See the CSEAS website for a calendar of 2012–13 anniversary events and click through 50 years of CSEAS history on our new interactive timeline on the home page.

8. **Thai Studies: Awards for original paper, language study and student/faculty research**
- **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 April 13 at which the winning paper must be presented. **Deadline to apply: 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.
- **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 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. 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 to apply: April 5.** Email to Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu.

- **Faculty and student research travel:** Faculty and students are both invited to apply for grants supporting projects and initiatives involving research and training in Thai Studies. For example, students planning to present work at conferences related to Thai Studies may apply for funding to cover a portion of their costs (which could include travel, accommodations or conference registration fees). Applications should include a clear, concise description of the project’s purpose, a budget, and the ways in which the funds would be used to advance Thai Studies. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on **Feb. 28** and **Sept. 30**. Send applications to Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu.

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9. Summer FLAS information and applications posted

It’s not too early to start thinking about summer and immersing oneself in a language overseas. One way to get there is through a summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship through the center. Information and forms to apply are posted on the [CSEAS website](#); **deadline to apply is Jan. 1.** FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships. Each year the center selects a number of qualified undergraduate and graduate students to study Southeast Asian languages as summer FLAS fellows. These fellowships provide for the study of Southeast Asian languages at any U.S. Department of Education-approved educational institution, especially those in Southeast Asia, during the summer semester (list posted on the CSEAS website). Top priority will be given to students planning to study in a Southeast Asian country. Summer FLAS awards are expected to provide a stipend of $2,500. In addition, a FLAS fellow’s tuition at a Southeast Asia language program will be paid (up to $4,000). Any qualified undergraduate or graduate student is welcome to apply.

10. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs

- **Khmer Summer Abroad Programs, June 24–Aug. 2**
  The Khmer Language Program at the University of Hawaii-Manoa administers two summer abroad programs for Khmer language study in Phnom Penh. The **Advanced Study of Khmer** (ASK) program offers six weeks of intensive language training designed for third-year Khmer students. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 1.** The **Khmer Language and Culture** Summer Abroad Program offers six weeks of intensive training for beginning and intermediate students. **Deadline to apply: April 6.** Both programs are run by UH in collaboration with the Royal University of Phnom-Penh and the Center for Khmer Studies. Both programs include one-week home stays in rural Cambodia. For details, see individual program websites or email Chhany Sak-Humphry at sak@hawaii.edu.

- **Summer Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), June 21–July 31**
  The San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies administers five-week study abroad program based at the Lao-American College with private instruction from the national
University of Laos. Some scholarship support available. **Deadline to apply: April 1.** For details, see [program website](#). NEW

NOTE: Students interested in taking language or area studies abroad through non-NIU programs are advised to work through NIU’s Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall. By doing so, students can receive NIU credit and possibly have NIU financial aid apply, in addition to receiving liability and insurance protections.

11. Money for study

*American Institute for Indonesian Studies*
- **Research grants:** $5,750 grants available for graduate and postdoctoral students pursuing research in Indonesia. Program funded by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Forms are available at [AIFIS website](#); for info, email arkahin@yahoo.com or contact CSEAS associate Michael Buehler (political science) at mbuehler1@niu.edu. NEW

*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.

*Center for Khmer Studies*
- **Undergraduate fellowships:** Six-week summer junior resident fellowships in Siem Reap, Cambodia, available for five U.S., five Cambodian, and five French undergraduate students, June 24-Aug. 2. Partial stipend ($800) offered. **Deadline to apply: April 1.** See [CKS](#) website for details.

*East-West Center*
- **Graduate degree fellowships:** Funding for graduate students to participate in residential, educational and research programs for 2013 at [East-West Center](#) while pursuing degree at University of Hawaii.

*Harvard University*
- Indonesia Research Fellows 2013–14: Harvard Kennedy School Indonesia Program offering fellowships to Indonesia researchers, academics, and practitioners to pursue independent research at the Ash Center Aug. 2013 to June 2014. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 15.** See [program website](#) for details.

*Kyoto University Center for Southeast Asian Studies*
- **Visiting research fellowship:** Six-month fellowships to pursue research at Kyoto University. Stipend for travel and living expenses plus some research funding provided. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 30.** For details, see [program website](#).

*Queen Mary University*
- **PhD scholarships:** Funding for students beginning doctoral studies September 2013 at QMU School of Politics and International Relations in suggested subject areas of civil society/social movements; political transition in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America, critical approaches to theory of international relations; and practice of foreign policy and political theory and the history of ideas. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 31.** For details, email politics-pgresearch@qmul.ac.uk. NEW
University of Michigan

- **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](#).

12. Job opportunities

*University of Oxford—St. Anthony’s College*

- **Aung San Suu Kyi Senior Research Fellow:** Full-time, five-year senior research fellow position in modern Burmese studies to coordinate and develop interdisciplinary program at Oxford. Salary plus housing allowance and other benefits offered. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 28.** Interviews to be held at Oxford Jan. 30. For details, see [college website](#).

*Idealist.org*

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

13. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **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. For details, see [conference website](#).

- **12th International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region,** Feb. 14–16, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI. Limited number of travel grants available. For details, see [conference website](#).

- **2nd Southeast Asian Studies Symposium,** March 9–10, University of Oxford, U.K. Call for papers for “Southeast Asian Politics and History” panel. **Deadline: Dec. 15.** See [conference website](#) for details and for other panels.

- **Association for Asian Studies,** March 21–24, San Diego, CA. Call for papers is closed; registration opens in September. See the [conference website](#).

- **UCLA Indonesian Studies Conference,** April 13-14, Los Angeles, CA. Theme: Critical Histories of Activism: Indonesia’s New Order and its Legacies.” Call for papers. **Deadline: Jan. 7.** Participants with accepted papers will receive funding for transport and hotel accommodations. For details, email [cseas@international.ucla.edu](mailto:cseas@international.ucla.edu). **NEW**

- **4th International Conference on Lao Studies,** April 19–21, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Nov. 30. Early registration deadline: Jan. 15.** For details on article submission and registration, see the [conference website](#) or call 608-263-1755. **NEW**
▪ **(Re)Constructions: Researching and Rethinking Asia**, April 26–27, York University, Toronto Canada. York Centre for Asian Research Graduate Student Conference. Call for papers. **Abstracts due: Dec. 1.** For details, see [conference website](#).

▪ **5th SSEASR Conference**, May 16–19, Manila, The Philippines. Theme: Healing, Belief Systems, Cultures and Religions of South and Southeast Asia. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstract: Nov. 24.** For details, see [conference website](#) or email interasia@ssr.org.

▪ **8th International Convention for Asia Scholars (ICAS)**, June 24–27, Macao. See [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.

14. 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](#).

▪ The Friends of the Gamelan of Chicago Performance Ensemble meets Tuesday evenings at Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. Previous study of Javanese gamelan music or dance required. Modest class fee. For details on this and beginning classes offered, see Friends [website](#).

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