Music in the library: The NIU Gamelan Ensemble breaks the “quiet” rule in the Rare Book Room at Founders Memorial Library where they were invited by Southeast Asia curator Hao Phan, top left, to play March 4 for the opening of the 50th Anniversary exhibit, “50 Years of CSEAS and the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia.” Details below. (CSEAS photo)

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1. This week’s lecture: Spirits, gender and childhood conceptions in Thailand

Associate Professor Megan Sinnott of the Women’s Studies Institute at Georgia State University will present “Kumanthong: Child Spirits, Gender and Middle-Class Conceptions of Childhood in Thailand,” at noon Friday, **March 22**, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. Childhood, a socially constructed concept that varies according to cultural and historical contexts, is framed by larger social processes, including emerging neoliberalism and transnational discourses of middle-class consumption and aesthetics. Sinnott’s project explores one set of images, discourses and practices that construct childhood in contemporary Thailand: the popular practice of propitiating, adopting, and raising fetal/baby/child ghosts, called *kumanthong*. To order an Indonesian lunch, please 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. Cost is $5 for students and $6 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. For details, e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. See spring lecture schedule on CSEAS website.

2. ‘50 Years of CSEAS and the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection’ exhibit opens

Being loud may not be in the nature of librarians, but when it came time to open the Center’s third 50th Anniversary exhibit on **March 4**, NIU Southeast Asia curator Hao Phan was determined to draw attention to the subject of the show, the Donn V. Hart Collection at Founders Memorial Library. And so it was at 4 p.m. on a sleepy winter afternoon, the sounds of NIU’s Balinese gamelan rang through the Rare Book Room to officially open “50 Years of CSEAS and the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection,” an exhibit of selected materials from the Hart Collection and CSEAS materials from the Regional History Archives on display through **March 30**.

After Dean of the Library Patrick Dawson welcomed faculty, staff and students at the opening, CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood presented the Center’s just-published book of early CSEAS history: *Rise of the Sarimanok, Volume 1* to him and Associate Dean and CSEAS associate
Chalermsee Olson. Recalling how work on assembling a Southeast Asia collection at the NIU library began within two years of the Center’s founding in 1963, Ledgerwood noted the energetic contributions of late anthropology professor Donn V. Hart, faculty and curators in building the collection, now considered one of the top five in the country today.

“Across the years since many dedicated librarians and faculty have worked to support and build the Hart Collection, including of course the collection curators: Carol Mitchel, May Kyi Win, Gregory Green and now Hao Phan,” Ledgerwood said. “For those of us who use the collection . . . we owe a great debt to professor Hart and the other founders who had the foresight to collect materials over the years, and to the dedicated staff who have worked to care for the materials and make them accessible.”

In his remarks, Phan described the still-challenging process of finding new materials for the collection and recalled how early acquisition efforts often fell to Southeast Asian Studies faculty, often at the behest of Hart. “As [political science professor emeritus] Clark Neher recalled in a recent interview,” Phan said, “back in those days, before leaving NIU for Southeast Asia faculty members were specifically asked by Dr. Hart to acquire books for the library. He would say something like this to Professor Neher: ‘Clark, now I want you to bring back forty-three books. Now here are the boxes and here’s the address, and if you don’t bring back those books, look for another job!’”

But Hart’s urgency and creativity in securing funds to purchase materials, and in cajoling NIU’s growing number of Southeast Asia specialists to help, have paid off in a collection containing thousands of books, periodicals, films, and photographs as well as rare antique maps, palm-leaf manuscripts, and original research materials, Phan said. “The strength of the Southeast Asia collection goes hand in hand with the strength of the program for Southeast Asian Studies at NIU,” he said.

The library exhibit is located primarily on the fourth floor of the library in the Hart Collection area and in the Rare Book Room, with more materials on display on the first floor. It may be viewed during regular library hours.

3. Russell to discuss peace-building NGOs in southern Philippines at NGOLD brownbag

CSEAS associate Susan Russell (Anthropology) will discuss her work with peace-building NGOs in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao in the conflict-torn southern Philippines at the Center for NGO Leadership and Development brownbag lunch at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, in the Blackhawk East Dining Room at the Holmes Student Center. Peace-building NGOs, according to Russell, focus on transforming relationships that prevent collaboration between antagonists and address strained interactions that exist among conflict-affected people. For the past 10 years, Russell has been involved in conflict-transformation efforts in the region through the U.S. State Department-funded Philippine Youth Leadership Program, which brings Muslim and non-Muslim youth to NIU for training in civic engagement and conflict resolution (the 10th PYLP program begins April 13; details below). Russell’s current research involves comparing the peace-building practices of indigenous, Muslim and Christian-run NGOs. Russell’s presentation, “Hybrid Peace-building: Ambiguities of NGOs in Southern Philippines,” is sponsored by NGOLD and the Department of Anthropology.
4. Philippine Youth Leadership Program seeking host families
The International Training Office is looking for four local families to act as hosts April 21–May 3 for two pairs of girls and two pairs of boys participating in the 10th Philippine Youth Leadership Program. PYLP is a U.S. State Department program that brings Muslim and non-Muslim high school-age students and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and surrounding provinces in the Philippines under the auspices of NIU’s International Training Office. It is directed by CSEAS associates Susan Russell (Anthropology) and Lina Ong (International Training Office). Students are placed in pairs and adults may be placed as singles. Host families provide a bed for each participant, breakfast each day and most dinners, all meals during any weekend days at home, and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. An orientation for host families is set for 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16. The weekend of April 27-28 is a free weekend for host families to enjoy with their guests. There will be a farewell reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 6. A host family application is available online. For more details, see the program website or contact NIU host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or email lshive@niu.edu.

5. Outreach: Teaching languages, making mandalas and krathongs at Globalfest 2013
If it’s March, it must be GlobalFest. Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb and Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (FLTA) Dyah Mitayani (Indonesian), Maryelle Macaptia (Tagalog) and Attapol Attanak (Thai), along with Malay teaching assistant Jocelyn Sim, packed up the Center’s language and cultural materials, along with kits to make Thai krathongs (lotus-shaped receptacles) and mandalas, and headed to Normal West Community High School in Bloomington-Normal March 8–9 for this year’s event, which is sponsored by the Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. About 650 middle and high school students and teachers from around Illinois were at this year’s GlobalFest. The FLTAs and Sim taught Indonesian, Malay, Thai and Tagalog language-immersion classes and with Lamb taught
participants about krathongs and mandalas, and helped them create their own. GlobalFest is co-sponsored by CSEAS, Rotary International, and the National Resource Centers at the University of Illinois.

6. Campus notes: Grad student travel, COTS online, International Programs on Facebook
Heads up, graduate students! The Grad School is offering travel grants of up to $500 for summer research transport. Contact the Dean’s office for information. . . . The Council on Thai Studies (COTS)’ call for papers for the Oct. 18-19 conference that will be held at NIU is now posted on its website currently under construction, www.thaistudies.org. **Deadline for abstracts: July 1.** Contact CSEAS associate Grant Olson for details at golson@niu.edu . . . The Division of International Programs is now on Facebook. Find it at [NIU International Programs](http://www.thaistudies.org). The International Training Office is at [International Training Office, NIU](http://www.thaistudies.org). The NIU chapter of the Phi Beta Delta international honor society is also now on Facebook; find it at [NIU Phi Beta Delta Zeta Gamma Chapter](http://www.thaistudies.org).

7. Center associates update: On the road to AAS
Five CSEAS associates are headed for San Diego to attend the **March 21–24** Association for Asian Studies annual conference. Danny Unger (Political Science) will the discussant and chair for the panel, “Building Trust on Democracy and Governance in Thailand,” on March 22, and Kikue Hamayotsu will chair the “Political Violence in Contemporary Southeast Asia” panel for which she will also present “Testing Religious Intolerance in Indonesia: Comparative Cases from West Java” on March 23. Assistant CSEAS Director Trude Jacobsen (History) will chair “Disciplining ‘les dingues’: Psychiatry, Madness and Mental Health in Asian History” and present “The Curious Case of Sherlock Hare: Race, Class and Mental Health in British Burma” on March 24. CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood (Anthropology) and Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond (Art History) will also be at the conference attending various meetings.

8. NIU Press offers 50th Anniversary discount for its Southeast Asia titles
NIU Press is observing the Center’s 50th anniversary with a 20 percent discount on its Southeast Asia offerings, including one new and one forthcoming volume. The new books are *Making Moros: Imperial Historicism and American Military Rule in the Philippines’ Muslim South* by Creighton University assistant professor of Asian history and NIU alumnus Michael Hawkins (PhD history, 2009) and *Bones Will Crow: An Anthology of Burmese Poetry*, edited by ko ko thett and James Byrne. The latter is the first anthology of contemporary Burmese poets published in the U.S. and will be available in May. The Press’s Southeast Asia titles total 15 volumes, including Clark Neher’s *Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World* and Vietnamese and Burmese language texts previously published by the Center. The deadline to [order](http://www.thaistudies.org) any of these books with the anniversary discount is **March 31**.

9. UM political scientist to keynote April 13 spring student conference
Abstracts are in and the game is on for the Southeast Asia Club’s spring 2013 student conference Saturday, April 13. The conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 315 Altgeld Hall. The theme of this year’s conference is “Growth and Development.” The conference keynote speaker will be University of Michigan political scientist and Michigan Center for Southeast Asian Studies Director Allen Hicken (PhD, University of California-San Diego, 2002). Hicken’s research interests are political party systems in developing democracies, particularly in Thailand and the Philippines. Best paper monetary awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers. The Thai Studies Committee will also present a monetary award for best Thai Studies paper. For conference details, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.

10. Summer Study Abroad in SEA: Cultural anthropology field methods in Cambodia

CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood (anthropology) will lead a four-week ethnographic field school this summer in Cambodia from June 15 to July 13. Focusing on the rebirth of Cambodian Buddhism, participants will study Cambodian culture, religion, and various field-study methods, including surveys, interviews and observation. A collaborative project with the Royal University of Fine Arts (RUFA) in Phnom Penh, the field school is open to both RUFA and American students from NIU and other U.S. institutions. Advanced undergraduate students or graduate students from all majors and colleges are welcome to apply. More details and online link to apply are available through NIU Study Abroad. Deadline to apply: April 1. Three to six hours of undergraduate or graduate credit will be awarded for satisfactory participation in the program. For details, email Ledgerwood at jledgerw@niu.edu. For information and applications, contact the Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. Learn more about studying abroad at Study Abroad 101, a one-time session that meets at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays in 417 Williston.

11. Summer Study Abroad in SEA: Health, environment, and culture project in Indonesia

CSEAS affiliate Tomoyuki Shibata, assistant professor in NIU’s Public Health Program and the Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability & Energy, is leading Global Health, Environments, and Cultures in Indonesia, a three-week program to South Sulawesi, Indonesia June 2–22. Participants will have to opportunity to establish their own academic goals while investigating the effects of different Indonesian environments (natural, living, and working) on human health. The program is being offered in collaboration with Hasanuddin University in Makassar. An
introductory class for program participants is scheduled for March 1. Deadline to apply: March 15. Undergraduate and graduate students from all majors and colleges are welcome to apply. Three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit will be awarded for satisfactory participation in the program. For details, see the program’s Facebook page at NIU Study Abroad in Indonesia, check out its YouTube video, or email Shibata at tshibata@niu.edu. For information and applications, contact the Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu.

12. Finding money to study abroad

Interested in studying abroad but don’t have the funding to do so? There are several avenues available through NIU’s Study Abroad Office, such as the Provost’s Travel Grant for Study Abroad. Provost travel grants range from $500 to $1,000. Deadline to apply: April 1. For details, email niuabroad@niu.edu or call Study Abroad at 753-0700. The Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society also offers $1,000 grants to study abroad. To apply, go to the society website for an online application. Deadline to apply: April 1. Winners will be announced June 1.

13. Thai Studies language scholarships for 2013–14 available to undergraduates

Undergraduates pursuing studies in Thai language, culture, history or politics are invited to apply to the NIU Thai Studies Committee for two advanced language study scholarships for the 2013–14 academic year totaling $500 per semester, funded by the Royal Thai government’s Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund at NIU. Advanced Thai language study is required. Applicants should submit one-page statement of interest, recommendations from their Thai language instructor and another faculty member, and a transcript. Deadline to apply: April 5. Email applications to CSEAS associate Chalermsee Olson (Founders Library) at eteolson@niu.edu.

14. 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 can pull a resumé up to the top of the pile. In a global marketplace, an internationally focused area of study can open more doors. To learn about NIU’s Southeast Asian Studies programs, visit the CSEAS website or stop by Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb at jlamb@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen at tjacobsen1@niu.edu.

15. Spend the summer learning Indonesian arts and culture

Interested in learning Indonesian arts and culture first-hand with experts in various Indonesian cities? The Indonesian Consulate in Chicago is seeking applicants for the May 25–Sept. 9 Indonesian Arts and Culture Scholarship offered by the country’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since the program began in 2003, 449 students from 47 countries have participated. Current NIU business graduate student E. Peter Colina (BA economics and Southeast Asian Studies minor, 2010) received the scholarship in 2011. Deadline to apply: March 31.
16. Study at the International Criminal Court this summer
NIU Honors Program is offering an engaged-learning opportunity June 2–14 to study international justice, conflict resolution, genocide studies, and history at The Hague in Amsterdam with CSEAS affiliate and history professor J.D. Bowers and professors from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. Provost Summer Travel Grants (up to $2,000 for Honors students; $1,000 for others) available; deadline to apply is April 1. See the program website.

17. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs
- **Khmer Summer Abroad Program, June 24–Aug. 2**
  Deadline to apply for the Khmer Language and Culture Summer Abroad Program offered by the University of Hawaii-Manoa is April 6. See program website or email Chhany Sak-humphry at sak@hawaii.edu. No direct funding available, but students may apply for Gilman and Blakemore scholarships.
- **Center for Khmer Studies Summer Junior Resident Fellowships June 24–Aug. 2**
  $800 stipend offered to students applying for six-week fellowship open to five American, five Cambodian, and five French students. Program intended for individuals with genuine interest in Cambodia and SEA and who may be considering graduate studies or careers in the region. Students will be based at CKS in Siem Reap. Deadline to apply: April 1. For details, see CKS website. NEW
- **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. Deadline to apply: April 1. For details, see program website.

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 protection.

18. Job/internships opportunities
**Mekong River Commission**
- **Three-month internship:** Work for MRC-GIZ Cooperation Programme on Transboundary Water Management in Vientiane, Laos, on research related to gender and water issues. Open to those with backgrounds in political science, gender studies, environmental studies or social sciences. Starts April 15. For details, email Ms. Anja Waldraff at Anja.Waldraff@giz.de. NEW

**KITLV (Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies**
- **Junior postdoctoral researcher:** One-year position starting in August or September (with option to extend six months) to conduct research in KITLV interest areas: history of ecology and economy, recent changes in state society relations, transnational aspects of cultural politics, postcolonial migrations, decolonization in comparative perspective. Affinity with new digital tools and research methods preferred. Deadline to apply: May 1. For details, email KITLV Professor Henk Schulte Nordholt at schultenordholt@kitlv.nl. NEW

**Idealist.org**
- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. For details, see the Idealist website.
19. 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](http://aifis.org).

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Undergraduate fellowships**: Six-week summer junior resident fellowships in Siem Reap, Cambodia, June 24–Aug. 2. Partial stipend ($800) offered. **Deadline to apply**: April 1. See [CKS website](http://cks.org) for details.

East-West Center, Hawaii

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

University of Leeds

- **Post-graduate Thai Studies research scholarships**: Funded by Royal Thai Embassy, London, for three 2013–14 scholarships at Leeds School of Modern Languages and Cultures with six months of field work in Thailand. Begins October 2013. **Deadline to apply**: July 1. For details, see [Leeds website](http://www.leeds.ac.uk).

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 relevant to Southeast Asian Studies. Offered by University of Michigan CSEAS and Library. **Deadline to apply**: May 31. For details, see [UM-CSEAS website](http://www.umcseas.org).

20. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 21–24, San Diego, CA. See [conference website](http://aas.edu).
- **10th Northeast Conference on Indonesian Studies**, March 29–30, Yale University. Yale Indonesia Forum (YIF) and Cornell Indonesian Association invite submissions from graduate and undergraduate students. YIF will provide one night’s accommodation in New Haven for presenters. For details, see [conference website](http://yif.yale.edu).
- **UCLA Indonesian Studies Conference**, April 13–14, Los Angeles. Participants with accepted papers will receive funding for transport and hotel accommodations. For details, email cseas@international.ucla.edu.
- **4th International Conference on Lao Studies**, April 19–21, University of Wisconsin-Madison. See [conference website](http://www.laoconference.org) or call 608-263-1755.
- **(Re)Constructions: Researching and Rethinking Asia**, April 26–27, York University, Toronto Canada. York Centre for Asian Research Graduate Student Conference. Call for papers. See [conference website](http://www.yorku.ca/craz/).
- **5th South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion Conference**, May 16–19, Manila, the Philippines. Theme: Healing, Belief Systems, Cultures and Religions of South and Southeast Asia. For details, see [conference website](http://www.sseas.org).
- **8th International Convention for Asia Scholars (ICAS)**, June 24–27, Macao. See [conference website](http://icas.org).
- **7th European Association of European Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) Conference**, July 2–5, School of Social and Political Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal. For details, see EuroSEAS website.

- **International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD)**, Aug. 22–23, Bangkok. Two-day conference at Chulalongkorn University. Call for papers on development, international relations and human rights in SEA. **Abstracts due: March 1.** Details forthcoming on conference website or email info@icird.org.

- **Framing the Global**, Sept. 26–28, Bloomington, Ind. Sponsored by the Indiana University Center for the Study of Global Change and Indiana University Press. Deadline for submissions: April 15. For details, see conference website. **NEW**

- **Inter-Asian Connections IV**, Oct. 2–5, Istanbul. For details, see conference website or email interasia@ssr.org.

- **Council on Thai Studies**, Oct. 18–19, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Call for papers posted at www.thaistudies.org. Send brief abstracts including contact information and institutional affiliation to golson@niu.edu. **Deadline for abstracts: July 1; deadline to register: Sept. 20. NEW**

- **Framing ‘Asian Studies’: Geopolitics, Institutions and Networks**, Nov. 18-19, Leiden, the Netherlands. Junior scholars encouraged to submit to this conference at the International Institute for Asian Studies. **Deadline for submission: April 30.** For details, see conference website or email Dr. Albert Tzeng at a.tzeng.iias@gmail.com. **NEW**

- **Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies**, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. For details, email brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au.

### 21. 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](http://www.cambodianassociation.org) 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.

- Chicago Friends of the Gamelan spring concert, featuring traditional and contemporary Javanese gamelan pieces, will be held May 4, Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. Time TBA. For details, see Friends website.

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