If it’s March, it must be time to seriously consider studying abroad in Southeast Asia for the summer, as anthropology graduate student Jordan York, right, did during the 2010 Cambodia Field School. Deadline to apply for the 2013 field school is April 1. See details on this program and other SEA study abroad opportunities below. (CSEAS photo)

Summer study in SEA beckons

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1. This week’s lecture: The political dimensions of religious violence in West Java

CSEAS associate Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) will present “Explaining Religious Violence in the Context of Democratic Consolidation: Comparative Cases from West Java, Indonesia” at noon Friday, March 29, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. In the context of increasing incidences of violence and intolerance against religious minorities in Indonesia (Muslim and non-Muslim), Hamayotsu discusses her recent research in West Java to discover the causes behind the rising violence. 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. Clark and Arlene Neher to receive NIU Alumni Association award

On April 19, former CSEAS Director Clark (professor emeritus, Political Science) and associate Arlene Neher (director emeritus of NIU External Programming) will receive the NIU Alumni Association’s F. R. Geigle Award for outstanding service and commitment to the university. The award will be presented by NIU President John G. Peters at the association’s annual awards dinner at the Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center. The Nehers are being honored as “distinguished alumni whose personal and professional accomplishments stand as testimonials to the caliber of individuals who have attended NIU,” according to the association. The Center extends its warmest congratulations to the Nehers, who continue to be active in CSEAS activities and are the founders of the Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia.

3. Center associates update: Engaging at the Thai embassy and the Art Institute

* CSEAS associate and Associate Provost for International Programs Deborah Pierce was in Washington, D.C., March 12 where she unexpectedly had lunch with Thailand’s Ambassador to the United States Chaiyong Satjipanon, who has made two visits to NIU in the past two months. “I had originally planned just on meeting with Khun Nicky [First Secretary Nilobol Pimdee] to discuss future cooperation between NIU and Thailand, but when the ambassador heard about our appointment, he asked Nicky to reschedule so we could all go to lunch together,” Pierce said. The three discussed the upcoming Chicago visit in September by Her Royal Highness Princess Sirindhorn and NIU’s Thai language
and studies offerings. “[The ambassador] noted that most institutions teaching Thai language focus on graduate students, but at NIU we especially provide this instruction to undergraduates,” Pierce said. “He emphasized the critical importance to area studies (including Thai studies) of learning the related language and he appreciates very much the strength of NIU in the area of teaching language proficiency.” After a brief visit to NIU Feb. 7, Satjipanon hosted a roundtable of U.S. Thai language instructors, including CSEAS associate John Hartmann, Feb. 8 in Chicago. The week after attending the Center’s 50th Anniversary gala dinner on March 5, he hosted a gathering of Thai studies instructors including associate Danny Unger (Political Science), March 8 at the embassy in Washington. Unger, along with representatives from American, Cornell, Georgetown, George Washington, Johns Hopkins, North Carolina, Ohio, and Wisconsin universities, attended the meeting. The sessions covered the nature of programs at different institutions, Thai government strategies to support programs, and possible future endeavors. “The ambassador had encouraging things to say about NIU’s use of past Thai government support, the upcoming [October] Council on Thai Studies meeting here, and a few other matters,” Unger said.

* Hours before departing for the Association of Asian Studies meeting in San Diego Wednesday, March 20, Center for Burma Studies Director and CSEAS associate Catherine Raymond (Art History) had the opportunity to guest lecture at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago for the school’s art history course, Buddhist Ideas in South and Southeast Asian Art. Raymond’s topic was the recent return of a lost Buddha image from Pagan, which was stolen from Burma, purchased by an American art dealer, and eventually came to NIU and the Center for Burma Studies. It was returned, and reunited with its missing base, in Myanmar/Burma in February during Raymond’s recent NIU trip to the country.

* John Hartmann (Foreign Languages and Literatures) will be presenting “The Expansiveness of SEAsite: A TAI (Technology Assisted Instruction) Solution to Learning Multiple Languages of Southeast Asia” April 27 at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages/National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages Conference April 25–28 in Chicago.

4. CSEAS seeking 2013–14 teaching assistant for Southeast Asia survey course
Pending funding, CSEAS is seeking a full-time (20 hours per week) teaching assistant for its Southeast Asia survey course, ILAS 225, for the 2013-14 academic year. The class meets from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Candidates must be a graduate student with knowledge and/or experience in Southeast Asia. Previous TA experience desirable. Preference will be given to those completing a graduate concentration in Southeast Asian Studies. Send completed application, cover letter, resume, two references with contact information to CSEAS, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115; email to Office Manager Nancy Schuneman at nschunem@niu.edu; or FAX to 815-753-1776. Deadline to apply: April 15.

5. Save the dates: Lectures, film and family-friendly Southeast Asia culture fest
   - March 30: Last day to see 50th Anniversary exhibit, “50 Years of CSEAS and the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection,” curated by Hao Phan, fourth floor, Founders Memorial Library.
April 2: Fulbright Day programs for students (National Security Program at 10 a.m. and Student Fulbright Workshop at 11:30 a.m.; lunch included) and faculty (Fulbright Scholar Program at 4 p.m.). All programs in Sky Room, Holmes Student Center.

April 4: Amy Levin (English Department chair), just back from a month as the first U.S. Fulbright scholar in a public university in Myanmar/Burma, will present “Teaching *Hamlet* in Myanmar,” from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in Reavis 211. For details, contact askenglish@niu.edu.

April 5: Professor emeritus Richard Cooler presents “The Emblem of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies: The Sarimanok – Hen’s Teeth and a Snake Bridge to the Sun” at the CSEAS brownbag, noon, Room 110, Campus Life.

April 12: Political scientist Allen Hicken, University of Michigan, presents “Late to the Party: The Development of ‘Partisanship’ in Thailand,” at the CSEAS brownbag, noon, Room 110, Campus Life.

April 13: Southeast Asia Student Conference, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Altgeld Room 315. Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club. Keynote speaker: Allen Hicken.

April 17: 50th Anniversary Film Series, *Yes or No* (Thailand, 2011), 6 p.m. Room 100, Campus Life. Hosted by the Southeast Asia Club; co-sponsored by PRISM.

April 19: Ellen Rafferty, Indonesian language specialist Ellen Rafferty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, presents “The Pre-Suharto Linguistic Landscape,” at the CSEAS brownbag, noon, Room 110, Campus Life.

April 20: Southeast Asia Culture Festival, 4 to 6 p.m. Anderson Hall 100 (gymnasium). Family-friendly afternoon of cultural performances, demonstrations, language lessons and light refreshments. Hosted by the Southeast Asia Club.

April 26: Update on NIU’s Myanmar/Burma initiative at CSEAS brownbag, noon, Room 110, Campus Life.

May 15: Last day to see 50th Anniversary exhibit, “Rarely Seen Southeast Asia: Art, Artifact, Ephemera,” curated by Richard Cooler, NIU Anthropology Museum.

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6. 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

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**Top 10 reasons to be a host family**

1. You can experience a different country without going through customs
2. You’ll be able to pick out Southeast Asia on a map
3. Your kids may start answering you in Tagalog
4. You could become an expert at making sticky rice
5. It’s something different to write about on Facebook
6. You’ll be the envy of family and friends
7. It’s a good excuse for spring cleaning
8. Your family portrait could replace the flying corncob as the international symbol of DeKalb County
9. Your family will make friendships of a lifetime
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.

7. NIU Press offers 50th Anniversary discount for its Southeast Asia titles in March
This month, 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 any of these books with the anniversary discount is March 31.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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 Chalermsee Olson (Founders Library) at eteolson@niu.edu.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs
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 protection.

- **Indonesian Arts and Culture Scholarship Program, May 25–Sept. 9**
  Deadline to apply for Indonesian Arts and Culture Scholarship offered by the country’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs is *March 31*. Indonesian Consulate in Chicago is accepting applications. See [program website](#) for details.

- **Payap University ‘Thailand and Her Neighbors’ program, June 10–July 19**
  New six-week program offered by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies combines four weeks of classes with field trips in Thailand and two final weeks at the University of Monywe in Myanmar. Classes cover Thai and ASEAN history, culture, politics, economics, art and dance, health, and religion. For details, contact Dr. Prathana Langkarpint at [prathana_l@payap.ac.th](mailto:prathana_l@payap.ac.th). **NEW**

- **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](mailto:sak@hawaii.edu). No direct funding available, but students may apply for [Gilman](http://www.bucknell.edu/gilman) and [Blakemore](http://www.bucknell.edu/blakemore) scholarships.

- **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](#).

15. Job/internships opportunities

**Walailak University**

- **Lecturer:** Position in PhD program in Asian Studies. Candidates should be able to speak Thai and English. **Deadline to apply:** *April 18*. For details about the position, contact Walailak lecturer Edwin Zehner at [zehner1234@aol.com](mailto:zehner1234@aol.com). **NEW**

**National University of Singapore**

- **Assistant/Associate professor:** PhD in sociology, anthropology or Malay Studies required for position specializing in Malaysian/Indonesian society, culture, socio-economic development or history. Appointment begins January 2014. **Apply by April 5.** For details, see [NUS website](http://www.nus.edu.sg). **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). 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](mailto:schultenordholt@kitlv.nl).

**Idealist.org**

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

16. Money for study

**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://www.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 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 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.

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.

17. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **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.

- **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.

- **5th South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion Conference**, May 16–19, Manila. Theme: Healing, Belief Systems, Cultures and Religions of South and Southeast Asia. For details, see conference website.

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

- **Dynamics of Religion in Southeast Asia**, June 26–29, University of Goettingen, Germany. For information, see conference website. NEW

- **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.

- **The Study of Southeast Asia Today: Dialogue at NUS**, Aug. 14–16, Singapore. Call for papers for this inaugural conference organized by the National University of Singapore’s Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Completed research as well as work in progress welcomed on topics of cultures, societies, politics and economies of SEA, past
8. 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 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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