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1. This week’s lecture: Using oral history to document refugee experience

Poet, social activist and scholar Joanna Catherine Scott will present “Across Feats of Darkness and Turbulent Seas: Personal Accounts from Refugees Fleeing Oppression after the Communist Takeover of Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam” at noon Friday, Nov. 8, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. Scott is the author of the book *Indochina’s Refugees: Oral Histories from Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam* (McFarland, 1989), which is based on interviews Scott conducted between October 1985 and 1986 in a refugee camp in the Philippines. To order a Cambodian 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. Cost is $5 for students and $6 for others. Payments should be made in cash or by check. For details, e-mail [seabrownbag@gmail.com](mailto:seabrownbag@gmail.com). The last speaker in the fall lecture series will be Burma scholar Chie Ikeya during International Education Week (see details below).

Following the lecture, Scott will give a one-hour reading of prison poetry from her award-winning 2011 book *An Innocent in the House of the Dead*, also in Room 110, sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and the Center for Black Studies.

2. Burma scholar and Islamic finance expert to keynote International Ed Week

The Division of International Programs will host its annual International Education Week next week, Nov. 11–15. The week kicks off with an international cookie giveaway from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, in the MLK Commons, the Holmes Student Center, and Barsema and DuSable halls and a Minorities and Study Abroad workshop set for 7:30 p.m. in 212 DuSable. All week long international menus will be served in the residence halls and the Blackhawk Food Court and international displays will be set up outside the Blackhawk and in Founders Memorial Library. Highlights of the week include study abroad and Fulbright workshops, an international recognition reception, a screening of the documentary *The Dialogue* Thursday, Nov. 14, in 148 DuSable, an international careers panel, and two keynote lectures on Tuesday and Friday. On Tuesday, Nov. 12, the College of Business hosts Islamic finance expert and NIU management alumna [Datuk Noripah Kamso](#), who will speak about business and economic growth in Malaysia, at 6:30 p.m. in the Barsema Hall Auditorium. Her lecture will be preceded by a panel discussing international career options, a new event this year, at 4 p.m. in Room 300 Barsema Hall. On Friday, Nov. 15, the Center for Southeast Asian Studies and the Graduate Colloquium present Burma scholar Chie Ikeya, who will present “Intra-Asian Families and Conjugalities in Colonial Burma and Southeast Asia: A History of Intimacies in the Age of Global Empire” from noon to 2 p.m. in the Sky Room at the Holmes Student Center. A light lunch precedes the lecture. The week will end with a global village potluck and dance from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Barsema Hall Auditorium. See [International Programs](#) for dates, times and locations of all International Education Week activities. [NEW](#)
3. An official welcome for 2013 Overseas Postgraduate Fellows

NIU last week officially welcomed the eight participants in this year’s Overseas Postgraduate Fellowship program sponsored by the Indonesian Directorate General of Higher Education (DIKTI). Vice President for International Affairs Raymond Alden welcomed the group on behalf of NIU, then presented each of the students from Makassar State University (UNM) with an NIU-CSEAS book bag at a reception Oct. 31 at the Holmes Student Center. Since 2010, the OPF program, previously known as the Sandwich Scholar program, has brought Indonesian postgraduate students to NIU for two to three months to conduct research under the mentorship of NIU faculty. This year’s students (and mentors) are: Herminawaty Abubakar (Paul Prabhaker, College of Business), Nicodemus Bisse (Mayra Daniel, Literacy Education), Asri Kunda (Lisa Finkelstein, Psychology), Pariabti Palloan (Paul Kelter, Literacy Education), Andi Sadapatto (Carl Campbell, Economics), Hernita Sahban (Paul Prabhaker, College of Business), Nurming Saleh (Katharina Barbe, Foreign Languages and Literatures) and Siti Wardah (Abu Bakarr Bah, Sociology). NIU has been expanding its reach in Indonesia, recently signing an agreement with DITKI to begin offering dual degrees with UNM and the State University of Surabaya in teaching English as a second language. “Beginning in 2014 we hope to regularly receive cohorts of students from UNM,” said CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood in her introductory remarks. “We do indeed look forward to long-term cooperation between our institutions.”

4. Notes from all over: From Malta to Delhi to Dubai

After a successful appearance at Kishwaukee College in Malta last year, the NIU Gamelan Ensemble was invited to perform for the school’s annual fundraising banquet on Nov. 2 . . . CSEAS adjunct Alan Potkin has been invited to present “The Ramayana Mural Paintings at Wat Oup Mong, Vientiane
(Laos) Jan. 15 at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts in New Delhi. . . . Political science doctoral student Thomas Rhoden is on the road to the United Arab Emirates next week to participate in two literature forums, “Globalization: The Background and Confrontation” and “On India: A Contemporary Discussion,” at the Sharjah International Book Fair Nov. 6–16 in Dubai. The fair is sponsored by the UAR’s Department of Culture and Information. . . . More than 35 people attended the Southeast Asia Club’s first noodles and a movie night of the year on Oct. 16. NEW

5. Sign up for spring courses
The spring Southeast Asian Studies course list has been posted on the Center website. Under anthropology, Judy Ledgerwood will teach ANTH 302/790, Asian American Cultures, and Andrea Molnar will teach ANTH 421/521, Social Organization, and ANTH 426/526, Political Anthropology. In history, Eric Jones will teach HIST 343/HIST 736J, History of Southeast Asia Since Ca. 1800, and HIST 447, History of Burma. In political science Michael Buehler will teach Origins of Political Order. Tharaphi Than will teach FLST 482, Censorship and Literature: State and Society in Authoritarian Countries. Catherine Raymond will teach ARTH 457/657, Topics in Art History: Asian Art: Fashion, Gender, and Ethnicity in Southeast Asian Art, and I Gusti Kertayuda will teach gamelan in MUSE 370/670. Kelly Champion is offering FCNS 384, Asian American Families, and CSEAS graduate assistant Daniel Pojar will teach the Center’s Southeast Asia survey course, ILAS 225. For dates and times of classes, see the full spring schedule on the Center website. NEW

6. Gearing up for a summer study abroad in Southeast Asia
Examine NGOs in Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam. Explore cultural diversity in Thailand. Experience Balinese music, dance and culture in Indonesia. Learn Lao language and culture in Laos. Conduct clinical research on hearing loss in Cambodia or environmental research on public health in Indonesia. There are more choices than ever to study abroad in Southeast Asia next summer. NIU faculty will lead five of six study abroad programs to SEA offered through NIU’s Study Abroad Office.

- **Trude Jacobsen** (History) will take a group May 28–June 13 to Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam to study the growth of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in those countries. A new program, the course will look at how “development policy is imagined, produced, and received (or resisted) across multiple cultural contexts,” Jacobsen says.

- **Jui-Ching Wang** (School of Music) will introduce Balinese music, dance, theatre, architecture and crafts July 1–30 in her new program to Bali, Indonesia. “Students will experience these arts by interacting with the local people and gaining knowledge about the inseparable relationship of the arts, religion, and culture on Bali,” Wang says.

- **Andrea Molnar** (Anthropology) will reprise her 2012 program, “Cultural Diversity in Thailand,” May 16–June 14 in Thailand. Molnar’s program will introduce students to Thai culture and diversity, and examine the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country.

- **Tomoyuki Shibata** (College of Health & Human Sciences) returns to Indonesia June 1–21 to continue research activities on environmental factors and public health. Past program projects have examined the effect of indoor air quality or mothers’ behaviors on children’s health.
- King Chung (School of Allied Health & Communicative Disorders) is conducting a group June 1–14 to Cambodia for “Heart of Hearing Program in Cambodia,” a program to help students develop their clinical skills by working with hearing-impaired individuals and helping facilitate local programs. Geared to audiology students.
- Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), a program offered through the Center for Lao Studies in San Francisco and with credit from NIU, will run June 27–July 31. Based in Vientiane, Laos, the program offers students language and cultural lessons as well as exposure to Lao history and culture.

7. Summer FLAS applications up on the website

With fall semester winding down, students planning to apply for a summer 2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship should start getting their paperwork in order. Information and forms to apply are posted on the funding page at the CSEAS website and should be submitted to the Center by Jan. 1. FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships. The fellowships provide for the study of Southeast Asian languages at any U.S. Department of Education-approved educational institution, especially those in Southeast Asia but also including the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, during the summer. Priority will be given to students planning to study in a Southeast Asian country. A list of currently approved programs is posted on the CSEAS website; you can also contact the Center for details on other possible study locations in Southeast Asia. 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 is covered up to $4,000.

8. Focus on Indonesia Nov. 12 at Asian American Center

Indonesia will be the order of the day at the Asian American Center on Nov. 12. “Celebrating Indonesia’s Bhinneka Tunggal Ika: Unity in Diversity,” a display of artifacts from ethnic groups across Indonesia, will be on display from noon to 3 p.m. at the center located at 429 Garden Road. Anthropology graduate student Anthonie Tumpag will give a talk about the exhibit at 12:30. Indonesian instructor Rahmi Hartati will be conducting a book drive for rural libraries in Indonesia through the Chicago-based organization, Books for Indonesia. Visitors are invited to bring a fiction or nonfiction book for readers young or old. An Indonesian box lunch (yellow rice with fried chicken, spicy tempe and steamed vegetables with grated coconut) will be offered for sale; $5 for students and $7 for others. Lunches must order in advance; email shill1@niu.edu.

9. Burnish your resumé: Sign up for SEA Studies minor or grad 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. 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 jlam@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at eajones@niu.edu.
10. Call for papers: International Burma Studies Conference 2014
The 2014 International Burma Studies Conference will be Aug. 1–3 in Singapore by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) and the National University of Singapore’s Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The conference theme is “Envisioning Myanmar: Issues, Images, Identities.” Conference organizers are accepting proposals for papers or panels; deadline for submission is Dec. 31. Email to bsc2014@iseas.edu.sg. For details, see the conference website.

11. Applications open for Indonesian language and culture program
The American Councils for International Education is accepting applications to its Indonesian Overseas Program for fall semester 2014 and the 2014–15 academic year. The program offers intensive training in Indonesian language and culture at the University of Malang located in Malang, the second largest city in Java. Participants receive academic credit (approximately 15/semester) through Bryn Mawr College. The deadline for both the Aug. 25–Dec. 19 2014 and the Aug. 25, 2014–mid-May 2015 programs is March 15. NIU students are encouraged to inquire at the NIU Study Abroad Office for financial aid, scholarship opportunities and academic-credit acceptance eligibility. These and other services (including health insurance) are provided by Study Abroad for an extra fee, starting at $750 for the semester program. The cost of the semester program is $12,100 and $22,500 for the academic-year program.

12. Ohio to host 6th Khmer Studies Forum in March
“Cambodia at a Crossroads” will be the theme for the 6th annual Khmer (Cambodian) Studies Forum March 14–16 at Ohio University. The conference will focus on the impact of rapid change on all levels of Cambodian society today, including rapid urbanization, land-use policies, environmental destruction among others. Scholars, filmmakers, artists, and community members are invited to submit abstracts for papers or proposals for panels and roundtable discussions by Nov. 15 to cseas@ohio.edu. Homestays are available for a limited number of participants. For more information, see conference website.

13. Theravada Civilizations Project to host dissertation workshop at Penn March 25
The Theravada Civilizations Project, an interdisciplinary and international group of scholars studying all aspects of Theravada Buddhism, is holding an intensive dissertation workshop March 25 at the University of Pennsylvania preceding the March 27–30 Association for Asian Studies conference in Philadelphia. This workshop is intended to bring together doctoral students and/or post-doctoral academics in the humanities and social sciences who are developing dissertation proposals or are in early phases of research, dissertation writing, or revising dissertations for publications; and who are engaging some aspects of Theravada classical and/or vernacular literature and/or researching aspects of Theravada history and cultural practice among South or Southeast Asian communities. The workshop will be limited to six doctoral students and/or post-doctoral academics. Deadline for dissertation research proposals for consideration: Jan. 1. For further information about the workshop, or eligibility, please contact Professor Steven Collins at s-collins@uchicago.edu.

14. Job/internships opportunities
University of Sydney
- Deputy Director: PhD required for this position assisting the director of this interdisciplinary Southeast Asia Centre. Deadline to apply: Nov. 17. Preferred start...
date: first half of 2014. See job posting on this [website](#); reference 2230/1013 for more information and to apply. **NEW**

**El Colegio de Mexico**
- **Assistant Professor:** Tenure-track position in Southeast Asian social science; fluency in one Southeast Asian language and Spanish required (Indonesian or Malay encouraged). **Apply by Jan. 14.** Contact Dr. Hilda Varela Barraza, director Centro de Estudios de Asia y Africa, El Colegio de Mexico, Camino al Ajusto 20, Mexico D.F. 10740, Mexico.

**Eurasia Group**
- **Political risk analyst (Southeast Asia):** In-country experience (priority Thailand-Philippines) desired for position based in New York or Washington. See [job posting](#).

**University of Ohio**
- **Assistant Professor of Southeast Asian History:** Tenure-track position. **Deadline to apply:** Dec. 1. For details, see [job posting](#).

**University of Utah**
- **Assistant Professor of Southeast Asian History:** Tenure-track position. **Deadline to apply:** Nov. 8. For details, see [job posting](#).

**Asia Society**
- **Career opportunities:** Internships and jobs posted regularly on [website](#).

**World Health Organization**
- Global public health nonprofit based in Geneva, Switzerland, encourages online applications for potential employment. See [WHO website](#).

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

**15. Money for study**

**American Institute for Indonesian Studies**
- **Research grants for graduate students, postdocs:** $5,750 Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) grants available for research in contemporary and traditional Indonesian studies. **Deadline to apply:** Dec. 15. Forms at [AIFIS website](#).

**Blakemore Foundation**
- **Advanced language study:** Grants for study of Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai and Vietnamese by scholars and mid-career professionals. Applications for the 2014 Blakemore Freeman fellowships and Blakemore refresher grants are now being accepted. Awards cover cover tuition and stipend, educational expenses, living costs and transportation. For more information, see the [Blakemore Foundation website](#). **Deadline to apply:** Dec. 30.

**Boren Awards**
- **Foreign language study grants:** Applications open for 2014–15 Boren scholarships (for undergraduates) and fellowships (for graduate students) are now available on the [Boren website](#). Undergraduate awards up to $20,000 for an academic year’s study abroad; $30,000 awards for graduate students. For application help, see Anne Seitzinger at Study Abroad, 417 Williston Hall (email [aseitz@niu.edu](mailto:aseitz@niu.edu)). **Graduate fellowship applications due Jan. 28; undergraduate scholarship applications due Feb. 5.**

**Center for Khmer Studies**
Fellowships: Applications open for PhD students and senior scholars to conduct research in Cambodia. PhD fellowships are for a maximum of 11 months; senior scholar fellowships are for 4 to 6 months. Open to U.S. citizens only. See CKS website.

Chulalongkorn University Institute of Thai Studies

Thai studies scholarships: Empowering Network for International Thai Studies (ENITS) scholarships for master’s graduates or doctoral students in Thai studies. Both scholarships require submission of original unpublished research by April 30. Deadline to apply: Dec. 25. See ENITS website.

Council of American Overseas Research Centers

Research fellowship: Multi-Country Research Fellowship Program offers support in humanities, social sciences or allied natural sciences for doctoral candidates and post-doc scholars. Research must be carried out in two more countries outside of U.S. Funding provided by U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Deadline to apply: Jan. 13. See CAORC website.

East-West Center

Graduate fellowships: Applications for 2014 fellowships now being accepted. Fellowships run up to 24 months. Application due: Nov. 1. See East-West website.

National University of Singapore/Stanford University

Fellowship: Applications are open for 2014 Lee Kong Chian NUS-Stanford Distinguished Fellowship on Southeast Asia. Open to all nationalities with backgrounds or positions in the social sciences or humanities. See fellowship website.

16. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

Framing ‘Asian Studies’: Geopolitics, Institutions and Networks, Nov. 18–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. See conference website.


Oxford Women’s Leadership Symposium, Dec. 5–6, Oxford University, UK. Call for papers. Cultural, religious, social, and economic conditions topics. See symposium website.


Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. See conference website.


17. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

“A Journey to Indonesia,” an evening of Indonesian performing arts celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago, will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at Northeastern Illinois University, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago. Free admission; free parking in Lot F. NEW

“Siam: The Queen and the White City” is on display in the Costume and Textile gallery at the Chicago History Museum. The exhibition features textiles, photographs and other
items from Thailand that were collected by Queen Savang Vadanafor for display in the exposition’s Women’s Building. Through **March 2.** For details, see the [museum website](#).

- Learn about the history of Laotian immigration to Elgin, which began in the 1970s at the Vietnam War, in long-running exhibit at the [Elgin Area Historical Society and Museum](#), 360 Park St., Elgin.

- “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. Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance is offered 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. For details, see consulate [website](#).

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